

UTS Behavioural Laboratory Conference 2022

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About the UTS Behavioural Laboratory

The UTS Behavioural Lab is a hub for research, teaching, networking and engagement in the area of behavioural and experimental research

Who We Are

The UTS Behavioural Lab is devoted to theoretical and empirical research related to human judgments, preferences, and decisions. The lab consists of a group of 20+ talented and passionate multi-disciplinary academics from the UTS Business School with expertise in economics, marketing, psychology and finance. The lab is a part of the Centre for Behavioural Science and Policy Design.

Our Goals

The goal of the UTS Behavioural Lab and its members is to use their theoretical, empirical, behavioural, and experimental expertise to solve real-world problems. The applied work conducted by members of the lab aims to bring social impact and transform society via research connected with industry and government.

Our Facilities

We have state-of-the art equipment and technologies for cutting-edge research. This includes a dedicated research space in the Business School equipped with computers, projectors, and partitions.

We also have access to a database of thousands of participants who are keen to participate in both online and in-person research studies.



About the Conference

The impact of public and private sector policies depends critically on the behaviour of individuals, groups, and organisations. A clear understanding of the power of behavioural science research and interventions can provide innovative solutions for addressing challenges faced by policymakers and practitioners. This understanding can only be achieved by bringing together those who research behavioural science and those who apply it. The purpose of this conference is to bring these two groups together.

UTS Centre for Policy and Market Design (CPMD) and the UTS Behavioural Lab, in partnership with the Global Association of Applied Behavioural Scientists (GAABS), presents the 2022 conference.





11:30am - 12:30am	Registration and lunch	Conference Program
12.30pm – 12:45pm	Welcome Dr Adrian Camilleri, UTS Behavioural Lab Directo Nathalie Spencer, GAABS Asia Pacific Chapter L	r
	Conference Opening Professor Carl Rhodes, UTS Business School Dean	
12:45pm – 1:10pm	Professor Loretti Isabella Dobrescu (UNSW) STEP UP: What works in education?	
1:10pm – 1:40pm	Blitz Presentations (UTS Economics) Associate Professor David Goldbaum: The origins of influence Associate Professor Jun Zhang: Real-estate sales star contest Dr Elif Incekara-Hafalir: Incentives to persevere Dr Nathan Kettlewell: Behavioural biases and choosing health insurance Maximilian Reisner: Autonomy and delegation in the age of digital banking disruption	
1:40pm – 2:05pm	Professor Rebekah Russell-Bennett (QUT) The BEST of both worlds: The story of how behavioural economics met social marketing (and lived happily ever after)	
2:05pm – 2:15pm	Break	
2:15pm – 2:45pm	 Blitz Presentations (UTS Marketing) Associate Professor Natalina Zlatevska and Aimee Smith: Near, far, wherever you are - Understanding the optimal distance for consumer engagement with social cause marketing: A meta analysis Dr Geetanjali Saluja: A tale of two "ideologies": Differences in consumer response to brand activism Dr Adrian Camilleri: Nudging sustainable diets Dr TaeWoo Kim: The changing business landscape: Recent behavioral research on AI and their findings Dr Jake An: Motivating consumers via goal enabling technology: The role of goal setting characteristics 	
2:45pm-3:10pm	Professor Ben Newell (UNSW): Reducing wagering in online gambling: A case study in applying behavioural science to public policy	
3:10pm-3:35pm	William Mailer (CBA) Lab to field – Towards better collaboration models	
3:35pm-3:40pm	Conference Closing Dr Elif Incekara-Hafalir	
3:40pm-4:30pm	Networking with drinks and nibbles	



Our Conference Speakers



Guest Speaker

Loretti Isabella Dobrescu, PhD

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Loretti Dobrescu is a Professor of Economics at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). Her interests are in labour, public finance, health and applied econometrics. She has primarily focused her structural work on topics related to consumption and saving dynamics, as well as studying risk-taking and cognition via nonparametric partial identification methods. More recently, she combines theory, empirical analysis and randomised controlled trials to help design interventions that aim to improve educational outcomes using technology. Isabella is also the Deputy Head of the School of Economics, co-chair of the STEP UP initiative in Education, a CEPAR Associate Investigator, and an editor of the Journal of Pension Economics & Finance (JPEF).

Conference Talk

"STEP UP: What works in education"



B.A. – Economics (Nottingham Trent University, 2003)
B.A. – Finance (West University of Timisoara, 2003)
M.Sc. – Economics Mathematical Modelling (West University of Timisoara, 2003)

Representative Publications

Dobrescu, L. I., Faravelli, M., Megalokonomou, R., & Motta, A. (2021). **Relative performance feedback in education: Evidence from a randomised controlled trial.** The Economic Journal, 131(640), 3145-3181.

Thorp, S., Bateman, H., Dobrescu, L. I., Newell, B. R., & Ortmann, A. (2020). Flicking the switch: Simplifying disclosure to improve retirement plan choices. Journal of Banking & Finance, 121, 105955.

Christelis, D., & Dobrescu, L. (2019). **The causal effect of social activities on cognition: Evidence from 20 European countries.** Available at SSRN 2141386.

Dobrescu, L. I., Fan, X., Bateman, H., Newell, B. R., Ortmann, A., & Thorp, S. (2018). Retirement savings: A tale of decisions and defaults. The Economic Journal, 128(610), 1047-1094.

Christelis, D., Dobrescu, L. I., & Motta, A. (2020). **Early life conditions and financial risk-taking in older age**. The Journal of the Economics of Ageing, 17, 100266.



David Goldbaum, PhD

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David Goldbaum joined UTS in 2007. His primary appointment is in the Economics Discipline Group. His research interests include economic models with learning and adaptation, financial markets, information, and rational choice. His most recent research examines social network formation and the emergence of leaders as a social phenomenon.

Conference Talk "The origins of influence"





- B.A. Economics (Oberlin College, OH, 1989)
- M.S. Economics (University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1994)
- Ph.D. Economics (University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1996)

Representative Publications

Goldbaum, D. (2021). The origins of influence. Economic Modelling, 97, 380-396.

Goldbaum, D. (2018). **Conformity and influence.** The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, 19(1).

Goldbaum, D., & Zwinkels, R. C. (2014). An empirical examination of heterogeneity and switching in foreign exchange markets. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 107, 667-684.

Goldbaum, D., & Panchenko, V. (2010). Learning and adaptation's impact on market efficiency. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 76(3):635–653.

Goldbaum, D. (2008). **Coordinated investing with feedback and learning.** Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 65(2), 202-223.



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Jun Zhang is an Associate Professor at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Australian Research Council Research Fellow (DECRA). Before joining UTS, he was an Associate Professor at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. He received his PhD in Economics from Queen's University, Canada. His publications appear in Journal of Economic Theory, Economic Journal, Games and Economic Behavior, European Journal of Operational Research, International Journal of Production Economics, etc.

Conference Talk

"Real-estate sales star contest"



- B.A. Economics (Huazhong University of Science and Technology, 2003)
- B.A. Mathematics (Huazhong University of Science and Technology, 2003)
- M.A. Economics (University of Guelph, 2004)
- Ph.D. Economics (Queen's University, Kingston, 2010)

Representative Publications

Shi, S., Zhang, H. & Zhang, J. (conditionally accepted). **The Impact of a Home Purchase Restrictions (HPR) Policy on the Distressed Property Market in Beijing,** Journal of Housing Economics.

Chen, Y., & Zhang, J. (2020). **Signalling by bayesian persuasion and pricing strategy.** The Economic Journal, 130(628), 976-1007.

Liu, B., Lu, J., Wang, R., & Zhang, J. (2018). **Optimal prize allocation in contests: The role of negative prizes.** Journal of Economic Theory, 175, 291-317.

Zhang, J., & Zhou, J. (2016). **Information disclosure in contests: A Bayesian persuasion approach.** The Economic Journal, 126(597), 2197-2217.

Cadsby, C. B., Du, N., Wang, R., & Zhang, J. (2016). **Goodwill Can Hurt:** A theoretical and experimental investigation of return policies in auctions. Games and Economic Behavior, 99, 224-238.



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Elif Incekara-Hafalir is a Behavioural Economist using experimental methods to study individual decision-making. Her research interests include time and risk preferences, and social norms. She is interested in applying her skills in Behavioural Economics to practical problems in areas such as financial decision-making, education, and human capital accumulation. Her work has been published in top economics and management journals.

Conference Talk

"Incentives to persevere"



B.S. – Industrial Engineering (Bilkent University, Turkey, 2001) Ph.D. – Economics (Penn State University, June 2007)

Representative Publications

Incekara-Hafalir, E., Lee, G., Siah, A., & Xiao, E. (forthcoming). **Incentives to persevere.** Management Science.

Incekara Hafalir, E., Kumar, R., & Silva Goncalves, J. (2022). **The effect of payment medium on effort.** Economic Inquiry, 60(3), 1111-1126.

Incekara-Hafalir, E., Kim, E., & Stecher, J. D. (2021). Is the Allais paradox due to appeal of certainty or aversion to zero?. Experimental Economics, 24(3), 751-771.

Incekara-Hafalir, E., & Linardi, S. (2017). **Awareness of low self-control: Theory and evidence from a homeless shelter.** Journal of Economic Psychology, 61, 39-54.

Incekara-Hafalir, E. (2015). **Credit card competition and naive hyperbolic consumers.** Journal of Financial Services Research, 47(2), 153-175.



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Nathan Kettlewell is a Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Economics Discipline Group at the University of Technology Sydney and a research affiliate of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course and the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA). Nathan's research falls primarily in the areas of health and wellbeing, policy evaluation and behavioural decision making. His research has appeared in journals such as Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization and Health Economics, among others.

Conference Talk

"Behavioural biases and choosing health insurance"



B.Com. – Honours (UOW, 2010) M. – Economics (UNSW, 2013)) Ph.D. – Economics (UNSW, 2017))

Representative Publications

Cobb-Clark, D. A., Dahmann, S. C., & Kettlewell, N. (2022. **Depression, risk preferences, and risk-taking behavior.** Journal of Human Resources, 57(5, 1566-1604.

Cobb-Clark, D. A., Kettlewell, N., Schurer, S., & Silburn, S. (2021. **The effect of quarantining welfare on school attendance in indigenous communities**. Journal of Human Resources, 1218-9909R2.

Kettlewell, N., Morris, R. W., Ho, N., Cobb-Clark, D. A., Cripps, S., & Glozier, N. (2020. **The differential impact of major life events on cognitive and affective wellbeing.** SSMpopulation health, 10, 100533.

Kettlewell, N. (2020). **Policy choice and product bundling in a complicated health insurance market do people get it right?.** Journal of Human Resources, 55(2), 566-610.

Kettlewell, N. (2019). **Risk preference dynamics around life events**. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 162, 66-84.



Maximilian Reisner

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Max has become fascinated by behavioural economic thinking since the early stages of his career. Since then, he views his world through the lens of behavioural and experimental economics. His research interests range from how to minimise gambling harm in the age of cashless payment methods, to whether consumers are willing to delegate decision-making to their banks.

Max is extensively working within the industry using psychological and behavioural insights to help organisations design better human decision making and behavioural frameworks. His work covers topics such as the impact corporate culture has on employee motivation and performance. A career goal of Max's is to help bridge the gap between industry and academia.

Conference Talk

"Autonomy and delegation in the age of digital banking disruption"

Qualifications

B.Sc. – Economics (LMU Munich, 2016) M.Sc. – Economics (LMU Munich, 2019)





Guest Speaker

Rebekah Russell-Bennett, PhD

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Rebekah Russell-Bennett is a Professor of Marketing at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). She is also the co-director of the QUT Centre for Behavioural Economics, Society and Technology (BEST). Her work is situated within the social marketing domain and in particular social services provided by the government and non-profit organisations where she facilitates the design of innovative services to improve wellbeing, the environment, and society. She has attracted more than \$20m in funding from the ARC, industry, and government organisations. She has more than 300 peer-reviewed publications and was The Australian's 2019 top researcher in the field of marketing.

Conference Talk

"The best of both worlds: the story of how behavioural economics met social marketing (and lived happily ever after)"



B.A. – Marketing and HRM (Griffith University)B.Com. – Honours (Griffith University, 1995)Ph.D. – Marketing (University of Queensland, 2001)

Representative Publications

Russell-Bennett, R., Raciti, M., Letheren, K., & Drennan, J. (2022. Empowering lowsocioeconomic status parents to support their children in participating in tertiary education: Co-created digital resources for diverse parent personas. Higher Education Research & Development, 41(2, 527-545.

Whittaker, L., Russell, Bennett, R., & Mulcahy, R. (2021. **Reward based or meaningful gaming? A field study on game mechanics and serious games for sustainability.** Psychology & Marketing, 38(6, 981-1000.

Glavas, C., Mathews, S., & Russell-Bennett, R. (2019). **Knowledge** acquisition via internet-enabled platforms: Examining incrementally and non-incrementally internationalizing SMEs. International Marketing Review, 36(1), 74-107.

French, J., & Russell-Bennett, R. (2015). **A hierarchical model of social marketing.** Journal of Social Marketing, 5(2), 139-159.

Zainuddin, N., Russell-Bennett, R., & Previte, J. (2013). **The value of health and wellbeing: an empirical model of value creation in social marketing.** European Journal of Marketing, 47(9), 1504-1524.



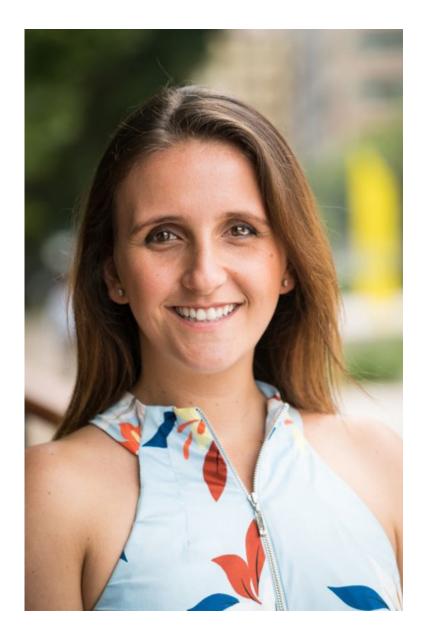
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Conference Talk

"Near, far, wherever you are – Understanding the optimal distance for consumer engagement with social cause marketing: A meta analysis"



B.Com. – Honours (University of Sydney, 2004) Ph.D. – Marketing (University of Sydney, 2008

Representative Publications

Barton, B., Zlatevska, N., Oppewal, H. (forthcoming. **Scarcity Tactics in Marketing: A Meta-Analysis of Product Scarcity Effects on Consumer Purchase Intentions.** Journal of Retailing.

Belli, A., Carrillat F., Zlatevska N., Cowley E., (forthcoming. **The Wellbeing Implications of Maximizing: A Conceptual Framework and Meta-Analysis.** Journal of Consumer Psychology.

Zlatevska, N., Neumann, N. and Dubelaar, C. (2018. **Mandatory calorie disclosure: a comprehensive analysis of its effect on consumers and retailers.** Journal of Retailing, 94(1, 89-101.

Zlatevska, N. and Spence, M (2016). **Parsing Out the Effects of Personal Consumption Norms and Industry Influences on Food Consumption Volume.** European Journal of Marketing, 50(3-4), 377-396.

Zlatevska N., Dubelaar C. and Holden S., (2014). **Sizing up the Effect** of Portion Size on Consumption: A Meta-Analytic Review. Journal of Marketing, 78(3), 140-154.



Aimee Smith

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Aimee Smith (she/her) is a Higher Degree by Research (Ph.D) student in the Marketing Discipline at UTS Business School. Her research interests are in consumer ethics, ethical decision making and prosocial marketing. Aimee is currently researching the effectiveness of humour and self vs. other oriented appeals on prosocial behaviour and distance effects in public sector and non-for-profit marketing.

She was enrolled in the Ph.D programme at UTS Business School in February 2021 and is under the principal supervision of A/Prof. Natalina Zlatevska (UTS Business School) and co-supervision of A/Prof. Rafi M. M. I. Chowdhury (Bond University), Prof. Valentyna Melnyk (University of New South Wales) and Dr. Alex Belli (The University of Adelaide).

Conference Talk

"Nudging sustainable diets"

Qualifications

B.A. – English Language and Spanish (Honours) (University of Manchester, 2018)M.Sc. – International Marketing Management (University of Leeds, 2019)





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Geetanjali Saluja is a senior lecturer in marketing at the UTS Business School, University of Technology Sydney. She is Associate Head (Education) and Deputy Head of the Marketing Discipline Group. She earned her Ph.D in marketing from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. She also has a post-graduate management degree from the Indian School of Business.

Her research interests include brands and activism; culture; moral decision-making; consumer social impact. Her research has been published in the Journal of Consumer Psychology and Organizational Behaviour and Human Decision Processes.

Conference Talk

"A tale of two 'ideologies': Differences in consumer response to brand activism"



B. Business – (Delhi University)
MBA – (Indian School of Business)
Ph.D. – Marketing (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2016)

Representative Publications

Adaval, R., Saluja, G., & Jiang, Y. (2019. Seeing and thinking in pictures: A review of visual information processing. Consumer Psychology Review, 2(1, 50-69.

Saluja, G., & Adaval, R. (2019, January. Seeing more in less: How connecting and separating mindsets affect the process and outcome of product customization. In Asia Pacific ACR Conference.

Saluja, G., & Adaval, R. (2018, July. **The moral imperative: How malleability of moral standards affects judgment and behavior.** In 47th European Marketing Academy Conference.

Saluja, G., Adaval, R., & Wyer Jr, R. S. (2017). Hesitant to label, yet quick to judge: How cultural mindsets affect the accessibility of stereotypic knowledge when concepts of the elderly are primed. Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, 143, 23-38.

Kwon, M., Saluja, G., & Adaval, R. (2015). Who said what: The effects of cultural mindsets on perceptions of endorser–message relatedness. Journal of Consumer Psychology, 25(3), 389-403.



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Adrian Camilleri uses experimental and survey research methods to understand, explain, and predict the cognitive processes underlying judgment and decision-making, and the application of this knowledge to environmental, financial, health, managerial, and consumption contexts. His interdisciplinary research has been published in a broad range of top academic journals in the fields of psychology, marketing, economics, and management.

Adrian has consulted for companies such as Netflix, The Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and Boehringer Ingelheim.

Conference Talk

"Nudging sustainable diets"



B. Psychology – Honours (UNSW, 2008)M. Psychology – Organisational (UNSW, 2012)Ph.D. – Psychology (UNSW, 2012)

Representative Publications

Camilleri, A. R. & Sah, S. (2021). Amplification of the status quo bias among physicians making medical decisions. Applied Cognitive Psychology, 35(6), 1374-1386.

Camilleri, A. R. & Larrick, R. P. (2019). **The collective aggregation effect: Aggregating potential collective action increases prosocial behavior.** Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 148(3), 550-569.

Camilleri, A. R., Cam, M., & Hoffmann, R. (2019). Nudges and signposts: The effect of smart defaults and pictographic risk information on retirement saving investment choices. Journal of Behavioral Decision Making, 32(4), 431-449.

Camilleri, A. R., Larrick, R. P., Hossain, S., & Patino-Echeverri D. (2019). Consumers underestimate the emissions associated with food but are aided by labels. Nature Climate Change, 9, 53–58.

Camilleri, A. R. & Larrick, R. P. (2014). **Metric and scale design as choice architecture tools.** Journal of Public Policy & Marketing, 33(1), 108-125.



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TaeWoo Kim's research focuses on how new technologies, such as AI or robots, influence consumer decision in various marketing and consumer decision contexts and provides managerial insights to the companies and managers.

Conference Talk

"The Changing Business landscape: My Recent Behavioral Research on AI and Findings"



M.S. – Economics (Purdue University Krannert School of Management)
M.S. – Statistics (University of Iowa)
Ph.D. – Marketing (Indiana University-Kelley School of Business)

Representative Publications

Kim, T., & Duhachek, A. (Forthcoming). **Artificial intelligence and consumer behavior.** Cambridge Handbook of Consumer Psychology.

Kim, T., Usamn, U., Garbey, A., & Duhachek, A. (Forthcoming). **The Influence of New Technology on Consumer Decisions.** Foundations and Trends in Marketing.

Garvey, A. M., Kim, T., & Duhachek, A. (2022). **Bad news? Send an Al. Good news? Send a human.** Journal of Marketing.

Kim, T. W., Lee, H., Kim, M., Kim, S., & Duhachek, A (2022). **Not Feeling Guilty When Cheating on Alexa: Al Increases Consumer Dishonest Behavior Due to Reduced Guilt.** Journal of Academy of Marketing Science,

Kim, T. W., & Duhachek, A. (2020). Artificial intelligence and persuasion: A construal-level account. Psychological Science, 31(4), 363–380.



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Jake An is Lecturer at UTS Business School since April 2022. After receiving a Ph.D and a B.Com (1st Class Honours) in Marketing at UNSW, he led research and development at Raiz Invest, a fintech company with over 600,000 active customers, between 2017 and 2022. His research focuses on enhancing new technologies that multiply social impact such as goal enabling technology, social investing technology, and carbon offset program technology. His works have been published in international peer-reviewed academic journals such as Management Science and Journal of Marketing. His works have been cited in media including AdvisorVoice, Business Think, and Finder. One of his works received the Finalist for Best Communications Campaign in the Australian FinTech Awards 2018. He taught Digital Marketing at UNSW, and Customer Analytics and CRM at the University of Sydney as a lecturer and unit coordinator, where he received the Dean's teaching award.

Conference Talk

"Motivating consumers via goal enabling technology: The role of goal setting characteristics"



Qualifications B.Com (Honours) – Marketing (UNSW, 2013) Ph.D. – Marketing (UNSW, 2018)

Representative Publications

An, J., Briley, D., Danziger, S., & Levi, S. (2022). **The Impact of Social Investing on Charitable Donations.** Management Science.

Liu, Z., Wang, X., Li, Y., Yao, L., An, J., Bai, L., & Lim, E. P. (2022). Face to purchase: Predicting consumer choices with structured facial and behavioral traits embedding. Knowledge-Based Systems, 235, 107665.

Golder, P. N., Dekimpe, M. G., An, J. T., van Heerde, H. J., Kim, D. S. U., & Alba, J. W. (2022). **EXPRESS: Learning from Data: An Empirics-First Approach to Relevant Knowledge Generation.** Journal of Marketing, forthcoming.

An, J., Do, D. K. X., Ngo, L. V., & Quan, T. H. M. (2019). **Turning brand credibility into positive word-of-mouth: integrating the signaling and social identity perspectives.** Journal of Brand Management, 26(2), 157-175.

Septianto, F., An, J., Chiew, T. M., Paramita, W., & Tanudharma, I. (2019). **The similar versus divergent effects of pride and happiness on the effectiveness of loyalty programs.** Journal of Business Research, 99, 12-22.



Guest Speaker

Ben Newell, PhD

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Professor Ben Newell's research focuses on the cognitive processes underlying judgment, choice and decision making, and the application of this knowledge to environmental, medical, financial and forensic contexts. Since 2005, Ben's research has been supported by 14 highly competitive Australian Research Grants. He is the lead author of the book Straight Choices: The Psychology of Decision Making. He is also a member of the inaugural Academic Advisory Panel of the Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government.

Conference Talk

"Reducing wagering in online gambling: A case study in applying behavioural science to public policy"



B. Science (The University of Nottingham, 1995) Ph.D. – Psychology (UNSW, 2001)

Representative Publications

Wang-Ly, N., & Newell, B. R. (2022). Allowing early access to retirement savings: Lessons from Australia. Economic Analysis and Policy, 75, 716-733.

Szollosi, A., & Newell, B. R. (2020). **People as intuitive scientists: Reconsidering statistical explanations of decision making.** Trends in Cognitive Sciences, 24(12), 1008-1018.

Luckman, A., Donkin, C., & Newell, B. R. (2020). An evaluation and comparison of models of risky intertemporal choice. Psychological Review, 127(6), 1097.

Newell, B. R., & Shanks, D. R. (2014). **Unconscious influences on decision making: A critical review.** Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 37(1), 1-19.

McDonald, R. I., Chai, H. Y., & Newell, B. R. (2015). **Personal** experience and the 'psychological distance' of climate change: An integrative review. Journal of Environmental Psychology, 44, 109-118.



Guest Speaker

William Mailer

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William Mailer leads the CBA Behavioural Science Team, a multi-disciplinary unit working across the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's business lines to improve the financial wellbeing of customers and communities. Prior to joining CBA, Will established and led the PwC Behavioural Economics team. He has over 20 years of experience in consulting and applied behavioural science roles, working across finance, health, government and not for profit sectors. Will has a Masters of Behavioural Economics from the Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics (CeDEx) in Nottingham, UK. He has guest lectured at various UK, Australian and US universities, and speaks regularly on applied behavioural science in Australia.

Conference Talk

"Lab to Field - Towards Better Collaboration Models"



M.Sc. – Behavioural Economics (University of Nottingham, 2011) Bachelor's Degree – Economics (Macquarie University, 2002)

Career Experience

Chief Behavioural Scientist (Commonwealth Bank)

Feb. 2016 - Present

Co-founder

Sydney Behavioural Economics and Behavioural Science Network

Sept. 2014 - Present

Head of Behavioural Economics (PwC)

Feb. 2012 - Feb. 2016

Behavioural Economics (MSc) Research

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Sept. 2010 - Dec 2011

National People & Performance Manager (Colliers International)

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Consultant – Retail Economics & Demographics (Dimasi Strategic Intelligence) July 2003 – June 2005







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