

Propositions

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Wait for Others?

Social and Intertemporal Preferences in Allocation of Healthcare Resources

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- I. In dictator games, allocation strategies for time and money are similar. This is also the case in ultimatum games. (Chapter 2)
- II. The allocation of waiting time for the payoffs in intertemporal dictator and ultimatum games depends on the inequality in payoffs. (Chapter 2)
- III. When distributing reductions in waiting time for surgery, people focus on final waiting times, not the reductions of waiting time. (Chapter 3)
- IV. Social preferences are a better predictor of behavior in the context of social dilemmas than temporal preferences. (Chapter 4)
- V. According to the public, decisions about how to allocate scarce ICU beds should be left to experts. (Chapter 5)
- VI. Interpreting observations of fully selfish behavior in an experiment should be done cautiously, as it may be a result of the design.
- VII. Although often experienced as challenging and negative, crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, stimulate academic development.
- VIII. Universities should put more effort in preparing PhD students for a career outside academia.
- IX. The primary contribution of academic research is not in statistically significant findings.
- X. The analysis of complex societal problems requires interdisciplinary collaboration, but also creates the need for a common language and comes at the risk of comparing apples to oranges.
- XI. Just as one can proofread a manuscript a dozen times and still find a typo in the first print, there will always be design flaws in an experiment that only become visible once it has been conducted.