
Moral behavior and calculated ambiguity

Workshop, University of Amsterdam
October 18, 2017

Ethical decision-making is crucial for the functioning of societies and organizations. Recent evidence shows that such behavior suffers in ambiguous contexts that allow people to construct self-serving moral interpretations and excuses. It also suggests that people will seek out such ambiguity in order to license themselves to behave unethically. In this workshop, expert researchers in the field of behavioral economics will discuss these and other cutting edge advances in behavioral ethics. Central topics include the ambiguous communication of ethically relevant information, denial and willful ignorance, the attribution of responsibility, and the effect of competition on ethical behavior and discrimination.

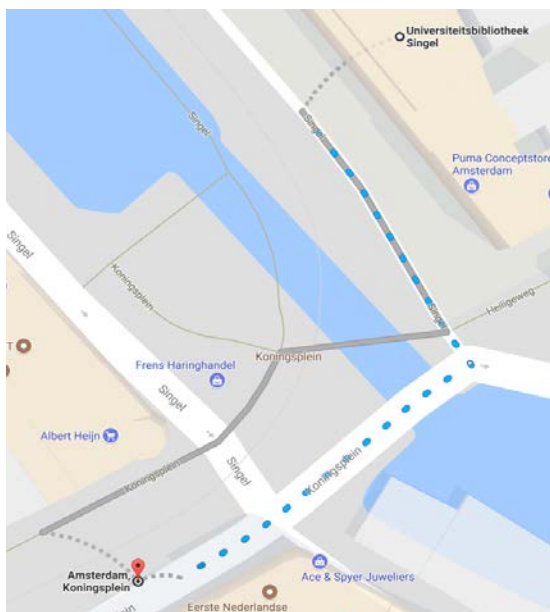
Date and time: 18 October 2017, 8:30 – 18:00, Reception till 19:30

Location: Doelenzaal, Universiteitsbibliotheek, Singel 425

Attendance: free but requires registration via [this link](#) (max. capacity 80 people)

Directions to venue (by public transport):

From the central station of Amsterdam you can take either Tram 1, 2 or 5 and get off at the stop called Koningsplein. From the tram stop it is a short walk to the University Library located at Singel 425. From the tram stop walk back over the bridge you have just crossed with the tram. Once over the bridge turn left (Singel) and the University Library will be on your right hand side.



Program

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:10 Opening

Session 1 Chair: **Theo Offerman**

9:10 – 9:50 *Evasive lying in strategic communication*
Kiryl Khalmetski, University of Cologne

9:50 – 10:30 *A theory of causal responsibility attribution*
Florian Engl, University of Cologne

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2 Chair: **Giorgia Romagnoli**

11:00 – 11:40 *Do people avoid morally relevant information? Evidence from the refugee crisis*
Eleonora Freddi, Tilburg University

11:40 – 12:40 *The limits to moral erosion in markets: social norms and the replacement excuse*
Björn Bartling, University of Zürich

12:40 – 13:50 Lunch

Session 3 Chair: **Silvia Dominguez-Martinez**

13:50 – 14:30 *Denial and alarmism in public good games*
Joël van der Weele, University of Amsterdam

14:30 – 15:10 *Shooting the messenger*
Ivan Soraperra, University of Amsterdam

15:10 – 15:40 Coffee Break

Session 4 Chair: **Matthijs van Veelen**

15:40 – 16:40 *The better is the enemy of the good*
Christine Exley, Harvard University

16:40 – 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 *Giving vs. giving in*
Jason Dana, Yale University

18:00 – 19:30 Reception
