

## **Social Psychology and Economics : Research on Games in Social Psychology**

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This seminar will deal with the role of psychological processes in basically economic situations and how they affect judgements and behaviour. More specifically the seminar is about situations in which the behaviour and goals of individuals are interrelated.

The seminar is supposed to give a review of the history of research on games in experimental social psychology, illustrated by examples of the broad literature on economic games. The structure of the seminar is therefore based on two concepts: First it chronologically follows the research on experimental research situations of interdependence since the early 1960s up to recent publications. Second, while following the chronological path starting with the mere concept of social dilemmata and basic payoff-matrices, we will have a look at additional psychological variables and concepts that have been introduced to explain patterns of behaviour in social dilemmata. Some examples for these psychological variables are social intentions of others, gender, value orientations, groups and experiences in iterated games.

It is an additional aim of the seminar to illustrate the possibility of fitting existing games or even designing payoff-matrices to experimental needs and using them as a methodological instruments ("experimental frame for interaction").