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# EADM'S COMMITMENT TO BUILDING CAPACITY IN DECISION SCIENCE

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**Mandeep K Dhami - Professor in Psychology, Middlesex  
University, London, UK**

I am pleased to announce that the EADM board has sponsored three Workshops and a Summer School. Details of each are in this Newsletter.

I view these important career development opportunities not as a generic add-on to our scientific work, but as something deeply embedded in the advancement of our field. This is especially evident in the kinds of initiatives we have supported, namely, workshops on specific research ideas and practices such as process tracing methods, implementing Brunswik's representative design, decision making across the lifespan, and our upcoming summer school on behaviour change.



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I also recognize that designing and delivering these workshops is itself a form of scientific contribution. It requires scholars to translate complex theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches into forms that are understandable and usable. Those who design and deliver such initiatives also help shape research agendas by foregrounding particular methods or substantive areas, and equipping

others with the competencies needed to pursue these directions. This is a powerful form of academic influence and leadership—one that extends beyond publications and into the cultivation of collective capability within our community.

I find the breadth of coverage of the forthcoming initiatives encouraging. The organisers of these initiatives have tapped into issues that sit at the heart of decision science. For example, a workshop on process tracing is not merely about tools, it is about sharpening how we conceptualise cognitive processes and how we infer them from data. Similarly, a workshop on representative design forces us to confront fundamental questions about the external validity and generalizability of our research findings.

Attending these workshops is not a passive exercise. Participants are not simply recipients of knowledge, but active evaluators of how these methods, theories, or areas fit with their own research questions and constraints. A workshop on decision making across the lifespan, for instance, may prompt researchers to reconsider assumptions about generality in their findings, or to incorporate developmental perspectives into existing paradigms. Likewise, training in behaviour change can open translational pathways, connecting basic research to real-world impact.

These initiatives also provide a rare opportunity to engage with other scholars in a focused, interactive way. Unlike in the formal, large-scale setting of conference presentations, participants in workshops and summer schools are encouraged to interrogate concepts, test ideas, and give/receive feedback from experts and peers. This fosters not only skill acquisition, but also critical reflection.



**Mandeep K Dhani**

**EADM President**

For EADM, investing in such targeted career development initiatives is integral to our mission. A field concerned with how decisions are made must also support

better decisions about how research is conducted and how careers are shaped. By both contributing to and engaging with these workshops and summer schools, our members help to build a more methodologically sophisticated, theoretically I encourage all members—whether by leading a session or participating in one—to take full advantage of these opportunities. Their value lies not only in what we learn individually, but in how, collectively, we move our science forward.

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# EADM-FUNDED SUMMER SCHOOL AND WORKSHOPS

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Behavioural Science Summer School: Understanding and Influencing Decisions

**Date:** 22-23 June 2026 | **Location:** WBS London Campus at The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG

**Funding:** University of Warwick's Behaviour Interdisciplinary Research Spotlight; European Association for Decision Making (EADM); Warwick Business School



This Summer School focuses on the behavioural science of understanding and influencing human decisions. It will dive into why people make certain judgements and how to guide those choices more effectively, using ideas and methods based on hard empirical evidence. Topics include honesty, cooperation, risk, patience, healthy choices, greener habits, and other everyday decisions and social behaviours.

The programme features expert talks from research scientists and practitioners, group discussions, and poster sessions. By exploring the science behind judgment and decision-making, participants will learn how to initiate changes that benefit

individuals and groups, and gain confidence in applying these principles in scientific and practical settings.

The Summer School is targeted at doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, and junior faculty in the behavioural and decision sciences, as well as industry professionals from the private and public sectors who are eager to learn about novel approaches to applying decision science in policy and business settings.

The programme will also offer plenty of opportunities to chat to the speakers and other participants over coffee and lunch.

Places are limited. To register, please send a brief summary (up to 100 words) of your academic or professional background to [summer.school@wbs.ac.uk](mailto:summer.school@wbs.ac.uk).

**Learn more about prerequisites and registration fees - [WBS Summer School Website](#)**

**Organiser:** Redzo Mujcic, Associate Professor of Behavioural Science, Warwick Business School

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## Decision Making across the Lifespan: Judgments and Preferences

**Website:** [tinyurl.com/aging-decisions](https://tinyurl.com/aging-decisions)

**Email:** [agingdecisions@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:agingdecisions@tilburguniversity.edu)

**Location:** Tilburg University, Netherlands | **Date:** TBD [2 days in September or October 2026]

**Funding:** Co-funded by the European Association for Decision Making (EADM) and the International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (IAREP)

This free, two-day workshop held at Tilburg University in the Netherlands will feature two keynote speakers and an opportunity for attendees to receive feedback on their own research talk or poster presentations. In addition, participants will come together for a *'Research Harmonization Workshop'* to identify chances for cross-laboratory collaborations or for ways to extend and access panel studies that investigate the intersection of aging and decision research. We welcome submissions on all topics of judgment and decision making (e.g., preferences, valuation over time, decision making across contexts) that explore age-related differences and similarities.



Tilburg University

The workshop is geared at PhD students, postdocs, professors and policy-makers spanning the fields of Decision Science, Psychology, (Behavioral) Economics, Human Development, Gerontology, and Business.

**Organizers:** Julia Nolte (Tilburg University); Sebastian Horn (University of Zurich), Yaeji Kim-Knauss (FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg), Salima Douhou (Centerdata)

## Overcoming the ‘Double Standard’ in Decision Research: How can we achieve representative sampling of stimuli and tasks?

This international one-day workshop on decision research is organized by **Gijs Holleman** (Tilburg University, NL) and **Esther Kaufmann** (University of Konstanz, Germany) at Tilburg University (NL).

**The workshop will take place on Feb. 4/5, 2027.**

In recent decades, researchers have increasingly emphasized the importance of more diverse and representative sampling of research participants. By contrast, much less emphasis has been placed on the representative sampling of research stimuli and tasks. This problem was referred to by Kenneth Hammond (1998)<sup>1</sup> as the ‘double standard’. He asked: “Why is it that psychologists scrutinize subject sampling procedures carefully but cheerfully generalize their results – without any logical defense – to conditions outside those used in the laboratory?” (p. 2). This double standard has been present in psychological science (and decision research) for decades. In this Workshop, we will consider two questions (1) “Why is representative sampling of stimuli and tasks important? (2) How can representative design be achieved?” These questions will be addressed via a combination of guest speakers, discussion panels, and practical demonstrations.



Tilburg University

The Workshop will be hosted at Tilburg University, the Netherlands. Although the Workshop will be an in-person event, we have limited spaces for online participation. If you are interested in either (self-funded) in-person or online participation, then please contact the organizers.

***Look out for further information (e.g., invited speakers, program) on the EADM emailing list.***

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<sup>1</sup> Hammond, K. R. (1998). Ecological validity: Then and Now. Brunswik Society. Retrieved 8-3-2023 from <https://brunswiksociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/essay2.pdf>

## European Group of Process Tracing Studies (EGPROC) Conference

**Website:** [EGPROC 2026](#)

**Location:** University of Warwick, UK | **Date:** 16–17 July 2026

**Funding:** European Association for Decision Making (EADM) and Warwick's Behaviour Spotlight

The upcoming **European Group of Process Tracing Studies (EGPROC) conference** will be hosted at the University of Warwick on 16–17 July 2026. The event is co-organised by **Lukasz Walasek** (Psychology) and **Tim Mullett** (WBS).



Submissions are currently open, and researchers are invited to share their latest work on process tracing methods. Proposals for both talks and presentations are welcome, and full submission guidelines and important deadlines are available on the [conference website](#).

For any questions about the event, please contact the organisers at [EGPROC@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:EGPROC@warwick.ac.uk).

***Please feel free to forward this announcement to any colleagues or students who might be interested in participating.***

**Do you have input for future news bulletins? Do you want to get involved and help EADM in its activities? Feel free to reach out: [secretary@eadm.eu](mailto:secretary@eadm.eu).**