Topics in Behavioral Economics of Strategy and Organizations (RSM 3091H)

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Description

This doctoral course covers research in behavioral economics that is of relevance to understanding managerial and strategic decisions as well as the heterogeneous performance of companies and other organizations. As such, this class complements other courses, in particular Economics of Strategy, Economic of Innovation, Industrial Organization, and Organizational Economics. The course also naturally relates to other classes that treat the application of psychology to economics and management, offered at Rotman and elsewhere; examples include Judgment and Decision Making, Experimental Economics, and Behavioral Economics. In fact, one could see these three classes as forming a nice, although informal, "field" together with our course. Students interested in research topics and methods at the intersection of psychology and economics should consider taking at least two of these four courses.

Approach

This is a "topics" course. It is not comprehensive of all possible theories and applications (nor do the papers listed below are exhaustive of a literature); it rather focuses on a few arguments that I feel are particularly relevant (and, let's be honest, it mostly covers stuff that I personally find interesting, I want to learn more about, and feel more prepared to talk about).

Prerequisites

Another implication of this course being focused on topics is that, except for rare exceptions, we will not delve too much into the formal aspects of the underlying theoretical foundations of the studies that we will consider. Familiarity with advanced (graduate-level) economic theory or econometrics does help but is not needed. What is needed is confidence with standard economic concepts such as intertemporal utility, discounting and decisions, expected utility and decision making under uncertainty, and the basics of the economic theory of production; and with econometric analysis at the intermediate/advanced undergraduate level.

Desired outcomes

The main goal of this class is to provide you with novel insights and methods that may help you interpret the literature in your fields of interest, explore new areas of research, and

eventually build your second-year paper, your dissertation work, and research beyond the dissertation. I also hope that reading the assigned papers and discussing them with your classmates and me will lead some of you to engage in collaborative projects.

Organization

We will meet 11/12 times, on **Fridays from 10am to 1pm, starting September 11**. In each class, I will present three or four studies, and I expect you to "interject" often to ask questions, propose alternative explanations, provide overall evaluations of the studies and their implications, relate them to other work, and so on.

I will also leave time for you to comment on the additional papers that you read (see below for details).

In the last one or two meetings, we will leave some time for the students to briefly **present their final project** (again, more details on this below).

In addition to these synchronous online component of the course, there will also be a smaller, asynchronous part. I will post four videos, each of about 30 minutes, of podcast-like conversations with four scholars working on various topics within behavioral economics of strategy and organizations. There is no specific format or structure for these conversations, but in general, I will ask my guest about a research paper or research agenda of theirs. The conversation will not be about just the content of a study, but also about how the researchers came up with the idea, why they adopted a particular research strategy, what they see as the major implications of their work, and what they think the most promising directions of research in that space are. The four scholars are Jana Gallus (UCLA), Florian Englmeier (LMU Munich), Trang Nguyen (Northwestern University) and Alessandra Gonzalez (University of Chicago).

I will let you know the posting dates of the four videos in due course.

Assignments and grading

Four types of assignments will make up the final grade:

- *Participation* (20%): In-class discussion is crucial to fully understand the papers and the overall lines of research that they represent.

For each meeting there are three or four "required" readings, which I will discuss during the class. I expect you to **read** <u>at least one</u> of these papers, and <u>at least one</u> of the "additional" readings that I list for a session. I look forward to your comments on both the required and the additional reading that you will choose to prepare.

With the online delivery of this course for this year, there will be multiple ways to participate – from the speaking up to leaving comments in the chat box.

- Weekly write-ups (30%): To help make the in-class discussion more insightful and as a commitment device to come to class prepared, you will write a ~500-word essay for classes 2 through 10. More precisely, you will write up three types of essays.
 - 1. For four classes (of your choice), the essay will be a discussion of the required paper that you read in preparation of that class. Your discussion of the paper will be about, for example, alternative explanations for the findings, suggestions for further inquiry on the topic, and relations with other papers and literatures— in other words, a typical (but concise) academic discussion.
 - 2. For three other classes, you will look for case-based evidence about the relevance of the topic that a paper of your choice (assigned for that class) treats. The evidence may come, for example, from newspaper/magazine articles about a particular company, managers, or sectors; you can also consider historical cases and examples. The objective of this exercise is to make an effort to connect an academic study to real-world events, applications, scenarios.
 - 3. Finally, you will write two 500-words essays to comment on two of the four podcast-like conversations that I will post. The deadlines for these two essays will be one week after I post the video.
- *Final project* (50%): There are three options for your final assignment:
 - 1. Write a **research proposal** (10-15 pages) based on the topics and insights that you learned in class (but also extending beyond them). If you have a specific interest for the topics and the approaches discussed in this course as well as in the related courses mentioned above, I would encourage you to consider this option as a good opportunity to begin some research and have feedback on it.
 - 2. **Replicate the empirical results of a paper of your choice**, related to the topics discussed in class and for which data are available. The goal of this exercise is for you to test, for example, a behavioral explanation that we saw in class as it applies to a study that did not consider that potential explanation, or to explore further explanations in a "behavioral" study. To some extent, you can combine options 1 and 2.
 - 3. Perform a **literature review** on a topic of your choice, related to the ones discussed in class. A requirement for the review is to go beyond the papers listed in this syllabus; in particular, I expect you to expand beyond the economics-oriented literature that we will treat, by considering work in psychology and sociology on related topics.

The final project is due by **January 4**, **2021**. For those who choose options 1 or 2, we will dedicate some time in the last couple of meeting for short presentations.

Schedule and readings

All readings are available through the library portal. A simple search via Google Scholar, while connected to the U of T network, is often the fastest way to get a paper.

Class 1 (Sept. 11): Introduction and organization of the course

Background/review reading:

- DellaVigna, S., 2009. Psychology and economics: Evidence from the field. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47(2), pp.315-372.
- Pope, D.G. and Sydnor, J.R., Behavioral Economics: Economics as a Psychological Discipline. *The Wiley Blackwell Handbook of Judgment and Decision Making*, pp.800-827.
- Pope, D.G., 2016. Exploring Psychology in the Field: Steps and Examples from the Used-Car Market. *Topics in cognitive science*, 8(3), pp.660-669.
- Sampson, A, 2014: An Introduction to Behavioral Economics [and references therein].
- Fox, J. 2015: From "Economic Man" to Behavioral Economics: A Short History of Modern Decision Making. *Harvard Business Review*, May 2015.

Class 2 (Sept. 18): "Behavioral" incentives and production in organizations

Required readings:

- Nagin, D.S., Rebitzer, J.B., Sanders, S. and Taylor, L.J., 2002. Monitoring, motivation, and management: The determinants of opportunistic behavior in a field experiment. *The American Economic Review*, 92(4), pp.850-873.
- Hanna, Rema, Sendhil Mullainathan, and Joshua Schwartzstein. 2014. "Learning Through Noticing: Theory and Evidence from a Field Experiment," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(3): 1311-1353.
- Hossain, T. and List, J.A., 2012. The behavioralist visits the factory: Increasing productivity using simple framing manipulations. *Management Science*, 58(12), pp.2151-2167.
- Englmaier, F., Roider, A. and Sunde, U., 2017. The role of communication of performance schemes: Evidence from a field experiment. *Management Science*, 63(12), pp.4061-4080.

- Della Vigna, S. and Pope, D., 2018. What motivates effort? Evidence and expert forecasts. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 85(2), pp.1029-1069.
- Fehr, E. and Goette, L., 2007. Do workers work more if wages are high? Evidence from a randomized field experiment. *The American Economic Review*, 97(1), pp.298-317.
- Muralidharan, K. and Sundararaman, V., 2011. Teacher performance pay: Experimental evidence

- from India. Journal of political Economy, 119(1), pp.39-77.
- Shearer, B., 2004. Piece rates, fixed wages and incentives: Evidence from a field experiment. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 71(2), pp.513-534.
- Kocher, M.G., Lenz, M.V. and Sutter, M., 2012. Psychological pressure in competitive environments: New evidence from randomized natural experiments. *Management Science*, 58(8), pp.1585-1591.
- Pierce, L., Rees-Jones, A. and Blank, C., 2020. The Negative Consequences of Loss-Framed Performance Incentives (No. w26619). National Bureau of Economic Research.
- Kosfeld, M. and Neckermann, S., 2011. Getting more work for nothing? Symbolic awards and worker performance. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *3*(3), pp.86-99.
- Gallus, J., 2017. Fostering public good contributions with symbolic awards: A large-scale natural field experiment at Wikipedia. *Management Science*, 63(12), pp.3999-4015.
- Imas, A., 2014. Working for the "warm glow": On the benefits and limits of prosocial incentives. *Journal of Public Economics*, 114, pp.14-18.
- Kirgios, E.L., Chang, E.H., Levine, E.E., Milkman, K.L. and Kessler, J.B., 2020. Forgoing earned incentives to signal pure motives. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
- Abeler, J., Falk, A., Goette, L. and Huffman, D., 2011. Reference points and effort provision. *American Economic Review*, 101(2), pp.470-92.
- Kaur, S., Kremer, M. and Mullainathan, S., 2010. Self-control at work: evidence from a field experiment. *Journal of Political economy*, 2015.
- DellaVigna, S. and Malmendier, U., 2004. Contract design and self-control: Theory and evidence. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119(2), pp.353-402.
- Augenblick, N., Niederle, M. and Sprenger, C., 2015. Working over time: Dynamic inconsistency in real effort tasks. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. *130*(3), pp.1067-1115.
- Allen, E.J., Dechow, P.M., Pope, D.G. and Wu, G., 2017. Reference-dependent preferences: Evidence from marathon runners. *Management Science*, 63(6), pp.1657-1672.
- Weber, R.A., 2006. Managing growth to achieve efficient coordination in large groups. *American Economic Review*, 96(1), pp.114-126.
- Amodio, F. and Martinez-Carrasco, M.A., 2019. Workplace Incentives and Organizational Learning.

Reviews/background/reflections:

- Rebitzer, J.B. and Taylor, L.J., 2011. Extrinsic rewards and intrinsic motives: standard and behavioral approaches to agency and labor markets. *Handbook of labor economics*, 4, pp.701-772.
- Kamenica, E., 2012. Behavioral economics and psychology of incentives. *Annu. Rev. Econ.*, 4(1), pp.427-452.
- Camerer, C. and Malmendier, U., 2012. Behavioral economics of organizations. *Behavioral Economics and Its Applications*, 235.
- Camerer, C. and Weber, R., 2013. Experimental organizational economics. *The handbook of organizational economics*, 2013, pp.213-262. eds. R. Gibbons and J. Roberts.

<u>Class 3 (Sept. 25): The social determinants of individual incentives: Social preferences and social pressure in organizations</u>

Required readings:

- Bandiera, O., Barankay, I. and Rasul, I., 2010. Social incentives in the workplace. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 77(2), pp.417-458.
- Mas, A. and Moretti, E., 2009. Peers at work. The American Economic Review, 99(1), pp.112-145.
- Hjort, J., 2014. Ethnic divisions and production in firms. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(4), pp.1899-1946.
- Breza, E., Kaur, S. and Shamdasani, Y., 2018. The morale effects of pay inequality. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 133(2), pp.611-663.

- Gneezy, U. and List, J.A., 2006. Putting behavioral economics to work: Testing for gift exchange in labor markets using field experiments. *Econometrica*, 74(5), pp.1365-1384.
- Englmaier, F., Kolaska, T. and Leider, S., 2016. Reciprocity in Organizations Evidence from the UK. *CESifo Economic Studies*, 62(3), pp. 522 446.
- Gilchrist, D.S., Luca, M. and Malhotra, D., 2016. When 3+ 1> 4: Gift structure and reciprocity in the field. *Management Science*, 62(9), pp.2639-2650.
- DellaVigna, S., List, J.A., Malmendier, U. and Rao, G., 2016. Estimating social preferences and gift exchange at work (No. w22043). National Bureau of Economic Research.
- Englmaier, F. and Leider, S., 2012. Contractual and organizational structure with reciprocal agents. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 4(2), pp.146-183.
- Yenkey, C.B., 2015. Mobilizing a market: Ethnic segmentation and investor recruitment into the Nairobi Securities Exchange. *Administrative Science Quarterly*, 60(4), pp.561-595.
- Carrell, S.E., Sacerdote, B.I. and West, J.E., 2013. From natural variation to optimal policy? The importance of endogenous peer group formation. *Econometrica*, 81(3), pp.855-882.
- Lyons, E., 2014. Team production in international labor markets: Experimental evidence from the field. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.
- Bernhard, H., Fehr, E. and Fischbacher, U., 2006. Group affiliation and altruistic norm enforcement. *The American Economic Review P&Ps*, 96(2), pp.217-221.
- Card, D., Mas, A., Moretti, E. and Saez, E., 2012. Inequality at work: The effect of peer salaries on job satisfaction. *The American Economic Review*, 102(6), pp.2981-3003.
- Encinosa III, W.E., Gaynor, M. and Rebitzer, J.B., 2007. The sociology of groups and the economics of incentives: Theory and evidence on compensation systems. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 62(2), pp.187-214.
- Gartenberg, C. and Wulf, J., 2017. Pay Harmony? Social Comparison and Performance Compensation in Multibusiness Firms. *Organization Science*, 28(1), pp.39-55.
- Azmat, G. and Iriberri, N., 2016. The provision of relative performance feedback: An analysis of performance and satisfaction. *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*, 25(1), pp.77-110.
- Bursztyn, L. and Jensen, R., 2015. How Does Peer Pressure Affect Educational Investments?. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

- Bursztyn, L., Egorov, G. and Jensen, R., 2019. Cool to be smart or smart to be cool? Understanding peer pressure in education. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 86(4), pp.1487-1526.
- Ben-Ner, A., 2013. Preferences and organization structure: Toward behavioral economics microfoundations of organizational analysis. *The Journal of Socio-Economics*, 46, pp.87-96.
- Englmaier, F. and Gebhardt, G., 2016. Social dilemmas in the laboratory and in the field. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 128, pp.85-96.
- Lacetera, N., Macis, M. and Slonim, R., 2014. Rewarding volunteers: a field experiment. *Management Science*, 60(5), pp.1107-1129.
- Ashraf, N., Bandiera, O., Davenport, E. and Lee, S.S., 2020. Losing prosociality in the quest for talent? Sorting, selection, and productivity in the delivery of public services. *American Economic Review*, 110(5), pp.1355-94.
- Friebel, G., Kosfeld, M. and Thielmann, G., 2019. Trust the Police? Self-Selection of Motivated Agents into the German Police Force. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 11(4), pp.59-78.

- Ashraf, N. and Bandiera, O., 2018. Social incentives in organizations. *Annual Review of Economics*, 10, pp.439-463.
- Dawes, R.M. and Thaler, R.H., 1988. Anomalies: cooperation. *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2(3), pp.187-197.
- Malmendier, U., te Velde, V.L. and Weber, R.A., 2014. Rethinking reciprocity. *Annu. Rev. Econ.*, 6(1), pp.849-874.
- Camerer, C.F. and Fehr, E., 2004. Measuring social norms and preferences using experimental games: A guide for social scientists. *Foundations of human sociality: Economic experiments and ethnographic evidence from fifteen small-scale societies*, 97, pp.55-95.
- Bursztyn, L. and Jensen, R., 2017. Social image and economic behavior in the field: Identifying, understanding, and shaping social pressure. *Annual Review of Economics*, 9, pp.131-153.

Class 4 (Oct. 2): Trust, contracts and cooperation

Required readings:

- Fehr, E., Hart, O. and Zehnder, C.A., 2011. Contracts as reference points—experimental evidence. *The American Economic Review*, 101(2), pp.493-525.
- Peysakhovich, A. and Rand, D.G., 2015. Habits of virtue: Creating norms of cooperation and defection in the laboratory. *Management Science*, 62(3), pp.631-647.
- Finseraas, H., Hanson, T., Johnsen, Å.A., Kotsadam, A. and Torsvik, G., 2019. Trust, ethnic diversity, and personal contact: A field experiment. *Journal of Public Economics*, 173, pp.72-84.
- Weber, R., Camerer, C., Rottenstreich, Y. and Knez, M., 2001. The illusion of leadership: Misattribution of cause in coordination games. *Organization science*, 12(5), pp.582-598.

Additional readings:

- Rand, D.G., Peysakhovich, A., Kraft-Todd, G.T., Newman, G.E., Wurzbacher, O., Nowak, M.A. and Greene, J.D., 2014. Social heuristics shape intuitive cooperation. *Nature communications*, 5.
- Rand, D.G., Nowak, M.A., Fowler, J.H. and Christakis, N.A., 2014. Static network structure can stabilize human cooperation. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 111(48), pp.17093-17098.
- Gneezy, U., Leibbrandt, A. and List, J.A., 2016. Ode to the sea: Workplace Organizations and Norms of Cooperation. *The Economic Journal*, *126*(595), pp.1856-1883.
- Guiso, L., Sapienza, P. and Zingales, L., 2015. The value of corporate culture. *Journal of Financial Economics*, 117(1), pp.60-76.
- Makridis, C.: Does Culture Pay? Evidence from Crowdsourced Employee Engagement Data. Working paper.
- Weber, R.A. and Camerer, C.F., 2003. Cultural conflict and merger failure: An experimental approach. *Management science*, 49(4), pp.400-415.
- Martinez, E.A., Beaulieu, N., Gibbons, R., Pronovost, P. and Wang, T., 2015. Organizational culture and performance. *The American Economic Review P&Ps*, 105(5), pp.331-335.
- Kosfeld, M. and von Siemens, F.A., 2011. Competition, cooperation, and corporate culture. *The RAND Journal of Economics*, 42(1), pp.23-43.
- Cronqvist, H., Low, A. and Nilsson, M., 2007. Does corporate culture matter for investment and financial policies? *Ohio State University Fisher School of Business Working Paper*, *3*, p.001.
- Kessler, J.B. and Leider, S., 2012. Norms and contracting. *Management Science*. 58(1), pp.62-77.
- Danilov, A. and Sliwka, D., 2017. Can contracts signal social norms? experimental evidence. *Management Science*, 63(2), pp.459-476.
- E., 2016. Identity Economics 2016: Where Do Social Distinctions and Norms Come From? *The American Economic Review*, 106(5), pp.405-409.
- Halonen-Akatwijuka, M. and Hart, O.D., 2013. More is less: why parties may deliberately write incomplete contracts (No. w19001). National Bureau of Economic Research.
- Hart, O. and Moore, J., 2008. Contracts as reference points. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123(1), pp.1-48.
- Falk, A. and Kosfeld, M., 2006. The hidden costs of control. *American Economic Review*. 96(5), pp.1611-1630.
- Gürerk, Ö., Irlenbusch, B. and Rockenbach, B., 2006. The competitive advantage of sanctioning institutions. *Science*, *312*(5770), pp.108-111.
- Cappelen, A.W., Reme, B.A., Sørensen, E.Ø. and Tungodden, B., 2015. Leadership and incentives. *Management Science*, 62(7), pp.1944-1953.

Background/review/reflections:

- Kreps, D.M., 1990. Corporate culture and economic theory. *Perspectives on positive political economy*, 90(109-110), p.8.
- Hermalin, B.E., 2000. Economics & Corporate Culture. *University of California, Berkeley*.
- Hermalin, B.E., 2012. Leadership and corporate culture. *Handbook of organizational economics*, pp.432-78.

<u>Class 5 (Oct. 9): Behavioral views on performance heterogeneity: "Behavioral" managers and firms</u>

Required readings:

- Goldfarb, A. and Xiao, M., 2011. Who thinks about the competition? Managerial ability and strategic entry in US local telephone markets. *The American Economic Review*. 101(7), pp.3130-3161.
- Malmendier, U. and Zheng, H., 2012. Managerial duties and managerial biases. *University of California at Berkeley Working Paper*.
- List, J.A., 2003. Does market experience eliminate market anomalies? *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 118(1), pp.41-71.
- DellaVigna, S. and Gentzkow, M., 2019. Uniform pricing in US retail chains. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 134(4), pp.2011-2084.

- Hjort, J., Iyer, V. and de Rochambeau, G., 2020. Informational Barriers to Accessing Demand: Experimental Evidence from Liberian Firms.
- Malmendier, U. and Tate, G., 2008. Who makes acquisitions? CEO overconfidence and the market's reaction. *Journal of financial Economics*, 89(1), pp.20-43.
- Malmendier, U., Tate, G. and Yan, J., 2011. Overconfidence and early-life experiences: the effect of managerial traits on corporate financial policies. *The Journal of finance*, 66(5), pp.1687-1733.
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- Rotemberg, J.J. and Saloner, G., 2000. Visionaries, managers, and strategic direction. *RAND Journal of Economics*, pp.693-716.
- Englmaier, F., 2010. Managerial optimism and investment choice. *Managerial and Decision Economics*, 31(4), pp.303-310.
- Kim, H. 2020. The Value of Competitor Information: Evidence from a Field Experiment. Job market paper.
- Guiso, L. and Rustichini, A., 2011. Understanding the size and profitability of firms: The role of a biological factor. Working paper.
- Lacetera, N., Larsen, B.J., Pope, D.G. and Sydnor, J.R., 2016. Bid Takers or Market Makers? The Effect of Auctioneers on Auction Outcome. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 8(4), pp.195-229.
- Hoffman, M. and Burks, S.V., 2013. Training contracts, worker overconfidence, and the provision of firm-sponsored general training.
- Pope, D.G. and Schweitzer, M.E., 2011. Is Tiger Woods loss averse? Persistent bias in the face of experience, competition, and high stakes. *The American Economic Review*, 101(1), pp.129-157.
- Warglien, M., 2010. Seeing, thinking and deciding: some research questions on strategy and vision. In *Academy of Management Meeting, August 6th, Montreal*.
- Smith, V.L., Suchanek, G.L. and Williams, A.W., 1988. Bubbles, crashes, and endogenous expectations in experimental spot asset markets. *Econometrica*, pp.1119-1151.

- Dufwenberg, M., Lindqvist, T. and Moore, E., 2005. Bubbles and experience: An experiment. *The American Economic Review*, 95(5), pp.1731-1737.
- Cheung, S.L. and Palan, S., 2012. Two heads are less bubbly than one: team decision-making in an experimental asset market. *Experimental Economics*, 15(3), pp.373-397.
- Moinas, S. and Pouget, S., 2016. The bubble game: A classroom experiment. *Southern Economic Journal*.
- Levine, S.S., Apfelbaum, E.P., Bernard, M., Bartelt, V.L., Zajac, E.J. and Stark, D., 2014. Ethnic diversity deflates price bubbles. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 111(52), pp.18524-18529.
- DellaVigna, S. and Pollet, J.M., 2007. Demographics and industry returns. *The American Economic Review*, 97(5), pp.1667-1702.
- Gabaix, X. and Laibson, D., 2006. Shrouded attributes, consumer myopia, and information suppression in competitive markets. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 121(2), pp.505-540.
- Mullainathan, S. and Shleifer, A., 2008. The market for news. In *Economics, Law and Individual Rights* (pp. 90-122). Routledge.
- Lacetera, N., Piga, C. and Zirulia, L. 2020. Sticky prices for declining risk? Cancellation premia in the hotel industry. Working paper.

- Guenzel, M. and Malmendier, U., 2019. Behavioral Corporate Finance: The Life Cycle of a CEO Career. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*.
- Malmendier, U. and Tate, G., 2015. Behavioral CEOs: The role of managerial overconfidence. *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 29(4), pp.37-60.
- Armstrong, M. and Huck, S., 2010. Behavioral economics as applied to firms: a primer.
- Garbuio, M., Lovallo, D. and Ketenciouglu, E., Behavioral Economics and Strategic Decision Making, *The Oxford Handbook of Managerial Economics*.

<u>Class 6 (Oct. 16): Behavioral views on performance heterogeneity: Groupthink, inertia, and</u> systematic behavioral tendencies in strategy formulation

Required readings:

- Bénabou, R., 2013. Groupthink: Collective delusions in organizations and markets. *Review of Economic Studies*, 80(2), pp.429-462.
- Caplin, A., Dean, M. and Martin, D., 2011. Search and satisficing. *The American Economic Review*, 101(7), pp.2899-2922.
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- Gershoni, N., 2019. Individual vs. Group Decision-Making: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Arbitration Proceedings. Working paper.

Additional readings:

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- Blader, S., Gartenberg, C. and Prat, A., 2020. The contingent effect of management practices. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 87(2), pp.721-749.
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- Zimmermann, F., 2020. The dynamics of motivated beliefs. *American Economic Review*, 110(2), pp.337-61.
- Wang, L. and Cotton, R., 2018. Beyond Moneyball to social capital inside and out: The value of differentiated workforce experience ties to performance. *Human Resource Management*, 57(3), pp.761-780.
- Chen, X., Hong, F. and Zhao, X., 2019. Concentration and variability of forecasts in artificial investment games: an online experiment on WeChat. *Experimental Economics*, pp.1-33.

Background/reviews/reflections:

- Powell, T.C., Lovallo, D. and Fox, C.R., 2011. Behavioral strategy. *Strategic Management Journal*, 32(13), pp.1369-1386.
- Sibony, O., Lovallo, D. and Powell, T.C., 2017. Behavioral strategy and the strategic decision architecture of the firm. *California Management Review*, 59(3), pp.5-21.
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Class 8 (Oct. 30): Behavioral economics of entrepreneurship

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Classes 11-12 (Nov. 20, Nov. 27): Student presentations

Depending on how many of you chose options 1 or 2 for your final projects, we will have one or two meetings for you to present your proposal.