

The 32nd International Seminar on Experiments and Surveys in Economics and Related Social Sciences

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Title: The Somatic Marker Revisited: Roles of Emotion and Body in Decision Making

Venue: W9 Building, 6th floor, Room #625north, Ookayama campus, Tokyo Institute of Technology

Abstract: The somatic marker hypothesis (Damasio, 1994) has argued that bodily states are represented in specific brain regions such as the insula and the anterior cingulate cortex, and further would play critical roles in conscious emotional experiences and in decision making. However, it still remains unclear what causal roles bodily states would play in decision making, and how the bodily states would change accompanying decision making. Thus, the aim of this talk is to reconsider roles of emotions and bodily states in decision making based on recent findings. Questions for future research are proposed based on such findings.

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