

2026 Workshop on Cognitive Economics

NOMIS Center for the Cognitive Foundations of Economics

University of Zurich · Schönberggasse 1, 8001 Zürich · **SOF Building, Room G-21 (3rd floor)**

Organized by Alex Imas, Andrei Shleifer, Ernst Fehr & Thomas Graeber

Sessions: 35 min presentation, 25 min discussion

Sunday, May 31, 2026

19:00 Welcome Dinner at Fischerstube on Lake Zurich

Monday, June 1, 2026

9:00 – 10:00 *Light breakfast and coffee, registration*

10:00 – 11:00 **Jessica Wachter**
"Navigating Through Fear and Greed: The Experience-Driven Disposition Effect"
Discussant: Ian Krajbich

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:30 **Sudeep Bhatia**
"Reasons and Decisions"
Discussant: Nicola Gennaioli

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch at Dozentenfoyer*

14:00 – 15:00 **Thorsten Pachur**
"Beyond Lotteries: Affect Guides and Modulates Nonmonetary Risky Choice"
Discussant: Kirby Nielsen

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30 – 16:30 **Ben Enke**
"Comparisons"
Discussant: Benedetto de Martino

16:30 – 17:00 *Afternoon refreshments*

17:00 – 18:00 **Keynote: George Loewenstein**

18:00 – 19:30 *Break*

19:30 Apéro at Uniturm, followed by dinner

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

8:30 – 9:00 *Light breakfast and arrival*

9:00 – 10:00 **Josh Schwartzstein**
"The Universal Pursuit of Safety and the Demand for (Lethal, Non-Lethal or No) Guns"
Discussant: Colin Camerer

10:00 – 11:00 **Rava Azeredo da Silveira**
"Decision by Efficient Sampling"
Discussant: Valentin Wyart

11:00 Farewell and lunch boxes

Participants

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