THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Explore exploit dilemmas in a complex environment

Participant Selection and Purpose of Study

You are invited to participate in a study of how people make decisions. We hope to learn what information people use to guide their choices when faced with an uncertain world. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you accepted our HIT on Amazon Mechanical Turk.

Description of Study and Risks

If you decide to participate, we will present you with a series of decisions that takes the the form of a simple guessing game. Detailed instructions will be provided once the task begins. The exact number of choices you need to make depends on which version of the task the computer assigns you to, but the on-screen display will inform you of how much further you have to go. The task should take approximately 10 minutes to complete including reading time.

No discomforts or inconveniences besides some boredom are reasonably expected. No risks are reasonably expected as a result of your participation in this study. We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study.

Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or except as required by law. If you give us your permission by clicking on the “I agree” button below, we plan to publish the results in academic journals and discuss the results at scientific conferences. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

Recompense to participants

As stated on the Amazon Mechanical Turk page, the pay for completing this HIT is US$1.70

Your consent

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with The University of New South Wales. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

Inquiries

If you have any questions or concerns following your participation, Associate Professor Daniel Navarro (+61 4 2148 8402, email. dan.navarro@unsw.edu.au) will be happy to address them. Complaints about the study may be directed to UNSW’s Research Ethics & Compliance Support, (phone +61 2 9385 4235 or +61 2 9385 4958, email. humanethics@unsw.edu.au).