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DR@W Forum Presents:

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Mapping repugnant market transactions

Joint work with Lasare Samartzidis and Ralph Hertwig

Many people consider it morally impermissible to trade body parts such as kidneys; civil duties such as buying out of jury duty or permits for having children on the free market. All of these are examples of repugnant transactions (Roth, 2007; Sandel, 2013). Why does repugnance arise, and what makes some of these transactions more repugnant than others? We asked respondents to evaluate 51 disputed market transactions; and to characterize them on various properties (e.g., to what extent does the transaction pose a risk to the seller?). A factor analysis revealed that many properties were correlated and could be assigned to five distinct factors—*Moral outrage*, *Need for regulation*, *Incommensurability*, *Exploitation*, and *Unknown risk*. These factors can be used to identify mismatches between peoples' assessments and current regulations; and help anticipate responses to novel markets that have not been scrutinized in public debate yet.

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2.30 pm – 3.45 pm

Location

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