



Reasons, Decisions & Society

PHILO 305

We make choices everyday. Some are small (paper or plastic?), some are big (what career should I pursue?), some require coordination (what laws to pass?), and some are just for fun (rock, paper, or scissors?). In this class, we explore what it is to choose rationally, namely, which decisions yield the most expected good by the standards of the people making them. We will first survey insights from decision theory, social choice theory, and game theory. Then, we will consider some specific decisions where it is controversial how to choose rationally.

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