Are people with autism spectrum conditions more resistant to context effects in preference?

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Research has suggested that people with autism spectrum conditions (ASC) are often less influenced by context and distractors in perceptual and cognitive tasks (Behrmann, Thomas, & Humphreys, 2006; Happe & Frith, 2006). Does this reduced sensitivity to context extend into decision making as well, and what can differences in preference between ASC and non-ASC individuals tell us about the underlying cognitive processes? In this talk I will discuss recent studies on the attraction and compromise effects with an ASC sample and their implications for existing models of the construction of preference.

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