

## Departmental Seminar

# Justice Motive in the Chinese Context: From the Self and Others' Perspectives

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#### Abstract

Justice is fundamental motive of human beings. However, it still remains unclear how justice motive play its role, especially in the Chinese context in which harmony rather than justice is prized. Here we argue that Chinese people hesitate to take considerations justice from their own perspective, although justice for self is common and culturally universal in previous literatures. Our recent studies on just-world beliefs and justice sensitivity, via implicit, explicit, implicit, and neuroscientific approaches, offer evidence that justice for others (vs. self) prevail and facilitate subjective wellbeing and prosocial behaviors among Chinese. These results suggest that a complex set of culture influences how justice processes play out, although justice concerns are universal in human lives.

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