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The Neuroscience of Unconscious Bias

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Social Neuroscience of Intergroup Bias

Currently and historically, there exists an inequitable and unfair division of burdens and rewards based on social group membership. Major barriers that contribute to these disparities include prejudice and stereotyping. In this talk, I will focus on factors that give rise to these disparities and a potential mechanism for intervention, drawing from research in affective science, social psychology, and neuroscience. Using EEG, I discuss the timecourse of intergroup impression formation, providing evidence that individuals process social group membership quickly even when other socially relevant information is available. Next, I discuss intergroup decision-making, demonstrating that individuals punish negative behavior of minority members even when doing so comes at a personal cost. Given that social group membership influences impression formation and our decisions about others, it becomes paramount to address potential ways to mitigate intergroup disparities via intergroup contact.

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