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Social Cognitive Processes in Legal Decision Making

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The legal system makes countless assumptions about how people think and act (e.g., jurors are able to set aside their biases, eyewitness memory acts as a videotape). But when those assumptions are erroneous, the consequences can be life-changing. Thus, it is critical for researchers to empirically examine how and when social cognitive processes can challenge and inform the legal system's assumptions about human behavior. In this Special Issue, we seek research examining the role of social cognitive processes in legal decision making, broadly construed. We welcome all submissions related to decision making in legal contexts, including but not limited to decision making among eyewitnesses, judges, attorneys, jurors and juries, police officers, and forensic examiners. We also welcome submissions from a broad range of disciplines, including psychology, law, criminal justice, criminology, sociology, and political science, among others.

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