

Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre  
Online Research Seminar

# Newcomb Problems and Unstable Decisions

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There has recently been a surge of interest in a new kind of decision theory, which we can call *Hindsight Decision Theory* (HDT). Its proponents include Ralph Wedgwood, J. Dmitri Gallow, Abelard Podgorski, and David James Barnett. They argue that HDT avoids problems with both *Evidential Decision Theory* (EDT) and *Causal Decision Theory* (CDT). I here argue that the main problem with EDT, known as the *Newcomb Problem*, also applies, with no less force, to HDT. I then offer a novel defence of CDT, and I end by clarifying the relationship between my defence and the idea of *deliberation dynamics*.

## Venue: Zoom Seminar



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