ABSTRACT:

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Are individuals less fair in a foreign language?

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Against the background of recent evidence for a “Foreign Language Effect” on decision-making, we studied language-dependent differences in individual inequity aversion. In a controlled and monetarily incentivized laboratory experiment in Germany, we implemented two treatments in a between-subject design. One treatment was computerized and conducted in the participants’ native, the other treatment in the participants’ foreign language. Both treatments had in common that the participants could give up money to move in the direction of more equitable outcomes.