

Math, Productivity, Happiness & Decision-making

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Formulating our beliefs and values

In response to people's wish last week to "understand what we want in life", Nisan will kick-off a conversation about what we mean by beliefs and values, and how to better understand what our own beliefs and values are. We'll try to establish a common language for talking about them for the remainder of the semester, e.g. using Korzybski's "map and territory" heuristic for assessing whether a belief is accurate. Hopefully by the end we'll learn something about our own or other people's values. Psychologists are invited to please attend and share any expert knowledge of human values they have!

This week (and every second week) we'll go out for dinner after the seminar.