

# ADR LUNCHTIME SERIES PRESENTATION

## How Do You Make Decisions?

The study of NeuroEconomics is an emerging, interdisciplinary field that works to explain how humans make decisions. People in conflict may respond by working towards resolution, avoiding conflict, or becoming entrenched in their positions. The Speaker will discuss how the brain decides which way to respond and will offer language and tools to use in conflict resolution. Participants will learn new communication skills to promote flexible and respectful thinking. Topics include: Thinking Fast and Slow, Flexible and Inflexible Thinking, the Role of Cognitive Bias, as well as common obstacles to understanding another's point of view.

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Presented by the Interagency ADR Working Group, Workplace Conflict Management Section in coordination with the Department of Energy

**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2015  
**Time:** Noon - 1:30 pm EST *(Please allow extra time for security procedures)*  
**Location:** U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave, SW, Room GJ-015  
(DOE Forrestal Small Auditorium)  
Washington, D.C. 20585

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