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**Investigating the effect of attitudes towards cheating on the
relationship between performance goals and cheating behavior**

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Abstract: Theoretical models posit that cheating behavior can serve as a strategy to achieve performance goals. However, mixed empirical findings suggest the need to identify additional moderators to better understand this relationship. In this presentation, I will report the findings of an online experiment in which we investigated attitudes towards cheating as one such moderator. Utilizing a 2x2 factorial design ($N = 256$), we examined the impact of an attitude change intervention and performance goal induction on participants' propensity to cheat in a test. Although no significant interaction between attitude shifts and performance goal induction was found, a strong association between test performance and paradata (i.e., tab-switching during the test) in the experimental group indicated an increase in cheating behavior. In light of these findings, potential future applications of the paradigm will be discussed.

All colleagues, doctoral researchers and students are cordially invited.