# De-Biasing Contactless Shopping

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#### **Themes**

PRIVACY & PERSONALIZATION

SUSTAINABILITY

COMMERCE

CONTEXT
OF THEME

BIASES

SOCIAL
COMMERCE

DIRECTION OF
FUTURE RESEARCH

**Order of Discussion** 

# **Privacy & Personalization**

"It's hard to search for other things. I see items that are great for me, but it's hard to find gifts."

--- Gina

#### **CONTEXT**



## **Privacy Concerns**

- Information seeking
- Skepticism



#### **Personalized Service**

- Recommending products
- Increasing revenue



#### **Tradeoff**

Less exploration

**BIASES** 



## **Cognitive Dissonance**

- Disclosing information
- Product recommendations
- Conflicting attitudes → ignoring



## **Privacy Fatigue**

- Feeling of resignation
- Lack of control
- Give up finding a solution

#### **FUTURE RESEARCH**

#### Consumers are...

 Retreating from website/apps

 Developing negative impressions of brands

## Companies should...

 Be slow, cautious to collect information

 Understand different perspectives to PII

 Enable exploration, the shopping treasure hunt

# Sustainability

"Sustainability sometimes matters. But price, quality, and convenience always matter."

--- Ray, HXL

#### CONTEXT



# **Mindful Shopping**

- Prosocial companies
- Value-based purchase
- Responsible buying



# **Green Buying**

• Intention-action gap

**BIASES** 



#### **Present Bias**

 Abstract and uncertain future costs & benefits



#### **Salience Bias**

- Highlight price, brand, ratings
- Ignore sustainability

#### **FUTURE RESEARCH**

#### Consumers are...

 Unable to grasp abstract future consequences

- Unable to easily explore sustainable products
- Unable to get introduced to sustainable products

## Companies should...

- Provide concrete, relatable information
  - direct comparison between products
- Increase consumers' exposure to sustainable products
  - product labeling
  - filter
  - sustainability-only sections

# **Social Commerce**

"I don't partake because I don't think [social commerce] is popular."

--- JNY

CONTEXT



**Social Networking** 



**Instant Experiences** 



**Privacy Concerns** 

**BIASES** 



## **Status Quo Bias**

 Resist innovative ideas and products



#### **Social Influence**

- Empirical expectations
- Normative expectations
- Reference network

#### **FUTURE RESEARCH**

#### Consumers are...

 Resisting to adopt the new shopping method of social commerce

 Constrained by their reference network

#### Companies should...

- Identify the gap of perceived use and actual use
  - Severity of the gap
  - Who holds the gap

- Norms messaging
  - Change empirical expectations

# Overall, we can improve three themes with two action items:

#### **Privacy & Personalization**

- Meet customer at their privacy goals
- Provide personalization
   AND enable exploration

#### Sustainability

- Concrete, relatable information
- Optimized exposure

#### **Social Commerce**

- Update users' empirical expectations
- Engage their reference networks



# Thank you!

Does anyone have any questions?

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