**Screen 1**

The following questionnaire serves as an evaluation instrument. Please answer all questions honestly and accurately. Your answers will stay anonymous. Your payment will be prepared while you fill up the questionnaire. You will be paid in private once everybody has finished the questionnaire. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Screen 2** - LOT (Life Orientation Test; Scheier, Carver, Bridges, 1994)

*The answers are on a scale from 0 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). The measure of dispositional optimism is calculated as the sum of the scores in the 6 no-filler items, with the score of the negatively worded items reversed.*

1. In uncertain times, I usually expect the best.

2. It's easy for me to relax. *(Filler item)*

3. If something can go wrong for me, it will.

4. I'm always optimistic about my future.

5. I enjoy my friends a lot. *(Filler item)*

6. It's important for me to keep busy. *(Filler item)*

7. I hardly ever expect things to go my way.

8. I don't get upset too easily. *(Filler item)*

9. I rarely count on good things happening to me.

10. Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad.

**Screen 3**

How did you choose your numbers? (open question)

Did the smallest numbers in your group influence your subsequent decisions? If so, how and why? (open question)

Did the news report influence your decision about the numbers? If so, how and why? (open question)

How much do you feel you know about economics? (on a scale from 0 to 100)

Do you often read news report on economic topics? (on a scale from 0 to 100)

**Screen 4**

How old are you?

Gender

What is your major field of study?

What is your native language?

In which country is your hometown?

How many economics experiments have you participated in before this one? (0; 1-3; more than 3)

Do you have any other comments or feedback regarding this experiment? (open question)