

Simple heuristics meet massive modularity

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This chapter investigates the extent to which claims of massive modular organization of the mind (espoused by some members of the evolutionary psychology research program) are consistent with the main elements of the simple heuristics research program. A number of potential sources of conflict between the two programs are investigated and defused, including the claim that the simple heuristics program undermines one of the main arguments in support of massive modularity. Nevertheless, the result of the discussion will be to force us to re-examine the way in which the notion of *modularity* in cognitive science should best be understood.