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Expert on improving collective performance and decision making through diversity

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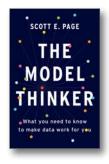
Scott Page researches how diversity improves performance and decision making, when 'diversity' means not what we look like on the outside, rather than what we look like within — the tools and abilities that make each of us unique. Scott's key insight:

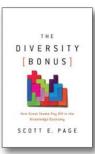
Groups made up of intelligent people who are inwardly diverse — that is, who have different perspectives, mindsets and ways of solving problems - can make more accurate predictions and solve problems more effectively than groups of 'experts.'

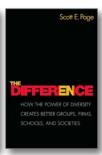
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In his new book, *The Model Thinker: What You Need to Know to Make Data Work For You* (November 2018), Scott shows us the mathematical, statistical, and computational models — from linear regression to random walks and far beyond — that can turn anyone into a genius.

He is also the author of *The Difference: How the Power of Diversity Creates Better Groups, Firms, Schools, and Societies,* about how we think in groups and why collective wisdom works. Scott's book, *Diversity and Complexity* provides an introduction to the role of diversity in complex adaptive systems. He explains how diversity underpins system level robustness, allowing for multiple responses to external shocks and internal adaptations. And in his book, *The Diversity Bonus: How Great Teams Pay Off in the Knowledge Economy,* Scott presents overwhelming evidence that teams that include different kinds of thinkers outperform homogenous groups on complex tasks, producing what he calls "diversity bonuses." The book draws on research in economics, psychology, computer science and other fields.

Scott also studies complex systems. He is the author of *Complex Adaptive Systems* and is on the external faculty of the Santa Fe Institute, the world-renowned research center dedicated to using complexity science to solve human problems.

Scott Page is director of the Center for the Study of Complex Systems at the University of Michigan where he serves as Leonid Hurwicz Collegiate Professor of Complex Systems, Economics, and Political Science.

He consults with corporations and nonprofits on market performance and organizational performance.

He is currently teaching two online courses, Understanding Complexity and The Hidden Factor: Why Thinking Differently Is Your Greatest Asset.

