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Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach
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Social Cognition – Phylogeny, Ontogeny and Pathology

Human beings are characterized by a unique propensity to cooperate and coordinate, which is crucial for our survival, flourishment and ability to live and thrive in extended social groups. Complex behaviors like cooperation and coordination rely on equally complex social-cognitive processes, studied by the aid of numerous theoretical instruments, among which a proeminent role is played by the theory of mind and especially by the study of our evolved capacity to accurately understand and predict others' mental states. Despite their obvious importance, the complex cognitive features involved are not yet fully understood. The current presentation will focus on the conceptual debates in the theory of mind on this capacity to accurately understand and predict others' mental states and also on the ontogenetic and phylogenetic development of the processes underlying it. Finally, the seminar will also address questions related to the modalities in which the brain implements this cognitive ability and, most importantly, on what happens when it goes awry, resulting in the development and persistence of clinical disorders.