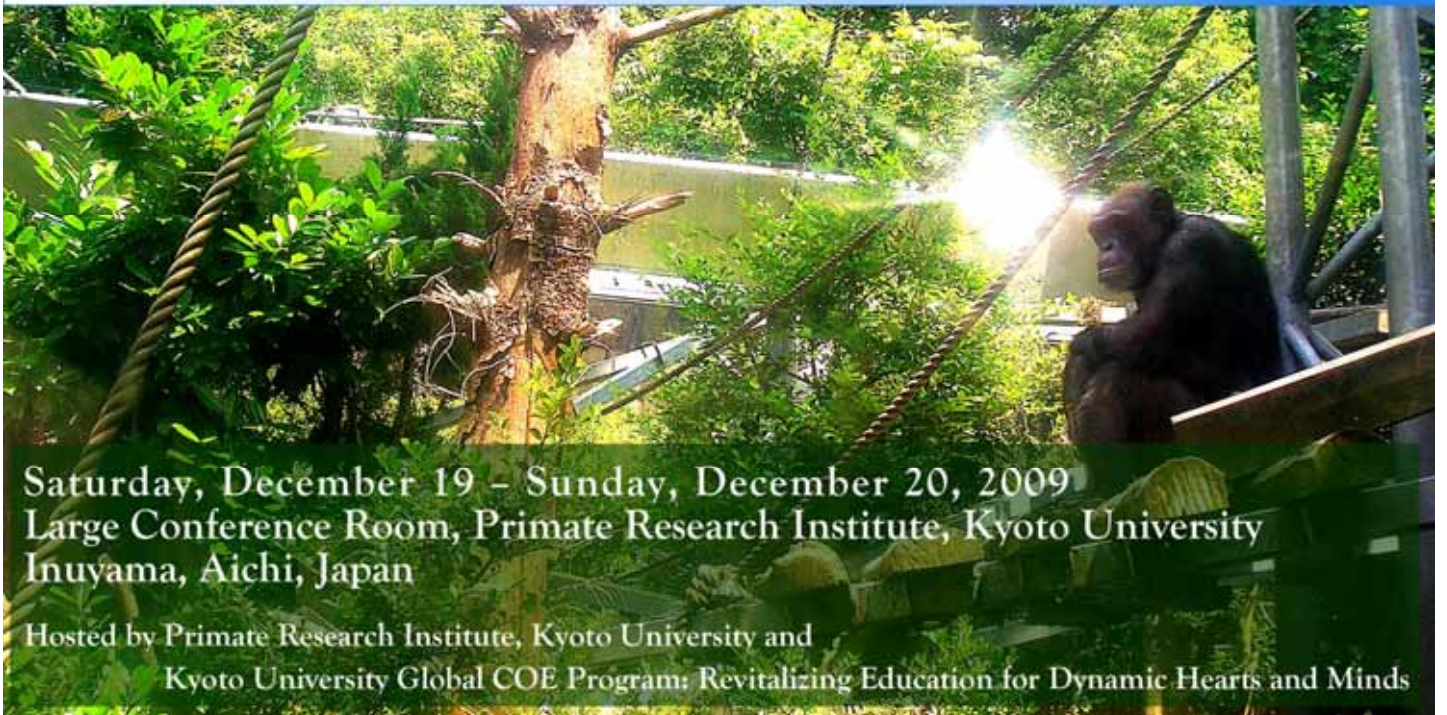




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これまで 4 回にわたって、社会的認知の比較研究とその関連領域に関する共同利用研究会を開催してきました。はじめの 3 回は個別の大きなテーマを設定しての研究会でしたが、昨年度はより多くの方々による幅広い研究成果を発表していただき、議論を行うという形式をとりました。関連する領域とはいえ手法も対象も異なる研究者が一堂に会して議論と交流を深める本研究会は着実に学界にも認識される存在として成長しつつあります。そこで、今回も第 5 回という形で特に限定的なトピックを設定することなく、比較社会認知研究および関連する多様な研究領域から幅広く講演者を募り研究会を開催することとなりました。なお、今回は海外からも 5 名の研究者にご参加いただくことになり、第 1 回以来の英語による国際シンポジウムとなります。

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P1 Jane Doe<sup>1,2</sup>; John Smith<sup>1</sup> (1 University; 2 Institute)

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## Abstracts

O1 Hyun-joo Song  
Department of Psychology, Yonsei University

### Psychological reasoning in infancy

A series of my experiments have revealed some evidence for infants' ability to reason about others' psychological processes. First, by 9.5 months, infants can reason about others' dispositions to do a particular action. Second, by 12 months, infants can use verbal information when inferring others' goals. Third, 14.5 months, infants understand that others can be misled by false perceptions. Fourth, by 18.5 months, infants can understand that others' false beliefs can be corrected by appropriate communications. These findings add to emerging evidence on infants' sensitivity to others' internal states.

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O2 Yusuke Moriguchi  
Graduate School of Education, Joetsu University of Education

### Young children's social learning from a robot

It is generally assumed that young children learn new actions and language from another person. Recent research, however, has shown that children can learn new actions and skills from nonhuman agents. This study builds upon previous research and seeks to examine whether children could learn actions and words from a robot. In study 1, we examined whether children automatically imitated a robot's actions. The results revealed that children did not automatically imitate the robot's actions, but they did imitate when prompted to do so. Study 2 examined whether children can learn words from a robot. Children were shown a video in which either a woman (a human condition) or a mechanical robot (a robot condition) labeled novel objects. After viewing the video, children were asked to select the target objects that had been identified on the tape. The results revealed that children in the robot condition performed significantly above chance level although children tested with the human condition performed better than those tested with the robot condition. The results of two studies suggested that children have the potential to learn actions and words from a robot, but the way they learn from a robot is different from the way from a human. In the further research, we



will examine the neural basis of the learning from a robot.

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O3 Jane Kiley Hamlin  
Department of Psychology, Yale University

The enemy of my enemy is my friend: Infants interpret social behaviors in context

Recent research suggests that young infants prefer prosocial to antisocial individuals (Hamlin, Wynn, & Bloom, 2007). While a preference for those who help others is certainly adaptive, there are potentially situations in which unhelpful behavior is more appropriate (e.g. punishing others for their wrongdoing) or more socially diagnostic (e.g. “The enemy of my enemy is my friend” Aronson & Cope, 1968; Gawronski et al, 2005; Heider, 1958). This talk examines whether infants *always* prefer those who are prosocial, in contexts in which antisocial behavior could be seen as punishment, or in which an individual’s antisocial behavior may be an indication that he or she shares a negative opinion toward a disfavored other.

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O4 Takaaki Kaneko<sup>1,2</sup>; Masaki Tomonaga<sup>2</sup>  
1 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; 2 Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University

Relative contributions of kinematical information and goal representation for perception of self-agency in humans and chimpanzees

Humans distinctly recognize an event which caused by the self from other events, namely the perception of self-agency which allow us to establish the concept of self as a being independent agent. Previous our study showed chimpanzees share similar cognitive function. In this study, we aimed to reveal species unique features of this cognitive function by comparing humans and chimpanzees. In particular, we investigated the relative contributions of kinematical information or goal representation as a cue for the self/other differentiation. It is known that chimpanzees and humans employ different strategies for a coding of other’s action in a context of imitation, that is chimpanzees have difficulties in copying of other’s motor action but they could do reproduce other’s goals. These difference may reflect the difference in the perception of own voluntary action, however, none of study have addressed this matter before. Here we show that the chimpanzees have

difficulty in discrimination of agency when goal representation was insufficient cue of the discrimination but the humans do not.

In our experiments, two of cursors were shown on the monitor and one of which were moved by the computer and the other could be controlled by the participants using the trackball device. The participants were required to detect the cursor which they could move and hit either target shown on the monitor. The time to detect the self cursor was increased as the percentage of a case in which the target the distracter cursor moved toward was accidentally correspond with the target the participant aimed to hit was increased, and this was only observed in chimpanzees but not in humans.

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O5 Shinya Yamamoto

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Chimpanzees' flexible helping upon request

The evolution of altruism has been explained mainly from ultimate perspectives. However, it remains to be investigated from a proximate point of view how and in which situations such social propensity is achieved. We investigated chimpanzees' helping behavior in a tool-transfer paradigm, and discuss the similarities and differences in altruism between humans and chimpanzees. Previously it has been suggested that chimpanzees help human experimenters by retrieving an object which the experimenter is trying to reach. In the present study, we investigated the importance of communicative interactions between chimpanzees themselves and the influence of conspecific partner's request on chimpanzees' altruism. We presented two tool-use situations (a stick-use situation and a straw-use situation) in two adjacent booths, and supplied non-corresponding tools to paired chimpanzees in the two booths. For example, a chimpanzee in the stick-use situation was supplied with a straw, and the partner in the straw-use situation possessed a stick. Spontaneous tool transfer was observed between paired chimpanzees. The tool giving events occurred predominantly following recipients' request. Even without any hope of reciprocation from the partner, the chimpanzees continued to help the partner as long as the partner required. We also found that the giver chose an appropriate tool from a selection of seven objects for transfer to their partner to obtain an otherwise inaccessible food reward. These results indicate that chimpanzees altruistically help others upon request without pursuing personal benefits. It is also suggested that chimpanzees have an ability to understand others' request and needs. This is the first experimental study reporting

chimpanzees' flexible helping behavior. Thus the implication for the differences between chimpanzees and humans is that voluntary altruism with highly accurate understanding and knowledge of others' desires is a unique human trait.

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O6 Jennifer J. Pokorny

Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Emory University

Social cognition in capuchin monkeys: Individual recognition from faces

Nonhuman primates live in socially complex groups that require recognition of individuals with whom they interact. Humans typically use faces to extract information such as the identity of an individual, whom we can then determine is either familiar or unfamiliar. We examined the ability of capuchin monkeys (*Cebus apella*) to discriminate and recognize conspecific faces using a computerized oddity task. We demonstrated that capuchins not only recognize familiar and unfamiliar conspecific faces, but that they can also identify familiar individuals depicted in the images. This was done by having subjects select the one in-group member as odd among three out-group members and vice versa. The monkeys correctly determined which faces were in-group versus out-group members, corresponding to their real-life experience. This indicates that capuchins recognize the identity of individuals whom they see in a picture and understand the representational nature of two-dimensional images.

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O7 Pier Francesco Ferrari

Department of Evolutionary and Functional Biology; Department of Neuroscience,  
University of Parma

Mirroring other minds. New insights from neuroscience to understand monkey cognitive development

The discovery of the mirror neuron system in both monkeys and humans challenged the view that action and perception belong to different domains. This finding also had a large impact on several scientific disciplines and raised important questions about their possible functions in social cognition and development.

Here I will first describe the basic properties of mirror neurons in the ventral premotor cortex and the inferior parietal lobule in the macaque monkey and subsequently the mirror neuron

system in humans. Secondly, I will present hypotheses about their possible functions in action understanding and imitation, both during infancy and adulthood. Recent neurophysiological data on infant macaques suggest that they are provided at birth with a mirror mechanism probably serving communicative functions. The capacity to match own and others' behavior now documented in infancy (e.g. neonatal imitation) and so well developed in adulthood, probably reflects the need and ability of monkeys to stay in tune with each others and to synchronize behavioral activities. An empathic connection resulting from behavior matching may have important consequences on social relations and could be at the basis of the development of prosocial behaviors.

The foundations of complex forms of communication and imitation that are so well expressed by apes and humans can be tracked in macaques and probably rely on an action-perception core mechanism that is present at birth and subserves early intersubjective exchanges.

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O8 Harumi Kobayashi

Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Tokyo Denki University

Language acquisition from a social cognitive perspective: How children learn word meanings with non-linguistic cues

Studying origins of language from an ontogenetic, developmental perspective is specially unique and advantageous. The reason is that we can observe at first hand how language appears and changes as time passes. It has been suggested that the most important ability of human children to acquire language is establishing joint attention with other people. Joint attention refers to specifying a certain part of the environment and paying attention to it with other people to share information and emotion about it. Joint attention entails basic structure of language that first specifies what one wants to talk (theme) and what one wants to talk about it (description). Children start activities of triadic interaction that involves child, adult, and object around nine to twelve months of age. The child confirms adult's line of regard and actively tries to establish joint attention about the interesting aspect of the environment. Emergence of ability of estimating others' intentions follows the emergence of joint attention at around eighteen months. Because their ability to use linguistic information is limited, they must be able to use non-linguistic social cues. Our laboratory has studied how young children recognize adults' referential intentions from non-linguistic cues such as gesture, eye gaze, and timing of utterances. We found that young children are sensitive to a variety of non-linguistic cues adults provide and use these cues to know word meanings.

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O9 Hiromi Kusumoto

Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University

Communicative behavior reflecting the perception of others' cognitive environment in infancy

Humans change their way of communication adapting to the addressees' conditions of perception, almost automatically, which is assumed to be on the basis of understanding of mutual cognitive environment (Sperber & Wilson, 1995). To clarify the developmental origin of this ability, we investigated whether infants properly modify their communicative behaviors reflecting the partner's cognitive environment. Previous researches have shown that infants produce more pointing gestures or vocalizations when the recipient's visual attention was on them than when it was not (e.g., Liszkowski, Carpenter, & Tomasello, 2007; Liszkowski, Albrecht, Carpenter, & Tomasello, 2008). However, it is still unclear to what extent infants change their modalities of communication flexibly in naturalistic settings. In the present research, 12 and 14-month-olds ( $N = 16$ ) and their mothers participated and we set up a situation of mother-infant interaction. We inserted two conditions of test trials (where mother did not respond adequately to the infant's communicative action), into the baseline trials (where mother responded adequately). Results showed that infants vocalized more frequently in the test trials than in the baseline trials, and the frequency of pointing reduced significantly as trials proceeded in the unavailable condition but not in the other trials. These supported the view that 12- and 14-month-olds modify their communicative behaviors reflecting a recipient's cognitive environment and somehow understand the effectiveness of each modality of communication.

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O10 Nozomi Naoi

JST/ERATO; Graduate School of Education, Kyoto University

Assessing cortical response to infant-directed speech in high-risk neonates

A number of behavioral studies suggest young infants are more likely to attend to infant-directed speech than to adult-directed speech. To evaluate the effects of prenatal and postnatal experience on neonates' speech processing, we examined cerebral responses to infant-directed speech in neonates in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) using near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS).

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O11 Yuriko Oshima-Takane  
Department of Psychology, McGill University

Early word learning in young children

A growing body of research has shown that young infants are able to use morphosyntactic information in input to categorize new words into grammatical categories such as nouns and verbs (Mintz, et al., 2002). Furthermore, recent research has demonstrated that children under 2 years of age are able to use morphosyntactic cues to map new words onto their referents after only minimal exposure to the word-event pairings without contextual or social support (Echols & Marti, 2004; Oshima-Takane et al., 2008). However, whether young children's representations of morphosyntactic information are abstract enough to guide early word learning is under debate (Dittmar, et al., 2008; Gertner et al., 2005; Gleitman, 1990; Tomasello, 2003). In this talk, I will examine this issue by presenting two types of habituation data. From one, I will show evidence that children under 2 years of age are able to use both noun and verb morphosyntactic cues in a word learning task in which the novel words have more than one possible interpretation (i.e. agents or actions) and when morphosyntactic cues are not consistent with perceptual cues. From the other, I will provide evidence for an early capability to generalize new verbs to previously unseen instances with a new agent. Based on these findings, I will argue that children's representations of both noun and verb morphosyntactic information are abstract enough to guide early word learning. However, children's cognitive resources such as memory, attention, etc. are still limited at early stages of language development (Dapretto & Bjork, 2000; Werker & Fennell, 2004). Hence, young children may fail to access their morphosyntactic knowledge when word learning tasks are too demanding and consume too much of their cognitive resources.

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O12 Naoko Tokimoto  
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Object manipulation by a social rodent, degu (*Octodon degus*)

It is believed that tool-use is impossible without a cognitive module specific to it. Only a limited number of species, mostly primates and corvids, develop the skills. However, we found that a rodent, degu spontaneously constructed nesting cups by a procedure similar to that of primates. The

degu is a highly social and curious animal native to Chile that demonstrates the manual dexterity and forelimb-eye coordination requisite for tool-use. To examine the object manipulation ability of the degus, we trained them to manipulate a rake-like tool with their forelimbs to retrieve a distant food reward.

To train and test the degus, we used a conditioning approach similar to one traditionally used for non-human primates. As a result, degus learned to use the rake as a tool after fifty-seven sessions on average. Furthermore, the trained degus adapted to tools of different sizes, shapes and colors, and they ignored fake-tools that did not work. These results showed that they understand the function of rake-like tools to get a food in a distance. Our findings suggested that the cognitive system necessary for the tool-use was gradually constructed in the environments in which it is indispensable. The tool-use should be recalibrated as the result of a combination of general cognitive faculties rather than a single higher cognitive function. We will discuss the complexity of the object manipulation of the degus.

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O13 Yo Morimoto  
Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University

Do capuchin monkeys (*Cebus apella*) understand emotional meanings in conspecifics expression?

Primates are characterized by a variety of facial and vocal expressions and complex social interactions. In their social behaviors such as coalitions or postconflict affiliations, primates may use other's emotional expression to predict the individual's subsequent behavior. Among primates, apes have been shown to understand emotional meanings in others' expressions. In this study, we asked to what extent a New world monkey species, tufted capuchin monkeys (*Cebus apella*) understand other's emotion. In Experiment 1, we showed that capuchin monkeys in fact modify their behavior according to conspecifics' emotional expression. However, whether they did it by understanding emotional meanings or by other simpler processes is still unknown. In Experiment 2, we investigated whether capuchin monkeys identify an object which is responsible for other's expression. Subject monkeys witnessed a stimulus monkey reacting either positively or negatively toward one of two containers. The other container was not shown to the stimulus monkey. Then they were allowed to choose one of the two containers. They preferred the container that had evoked positive expression and avoided the container that had evoked negative expression on the stimulus monkey; that is, the subject monkeys changed their preference toward the containers depending on the partner's expression. The results are consistent with the view that the monkeys estimated emotional valence of the relevant objects and suggest that representing other's emotion is not unique to humans and apes.

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O14 Naotaka Fujii

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Body scheme and social rule

Human beings are social animal. We have developed extremely complex social systems compared to any other species on the earth. What is the most essential behavioral requirement in human being to be a social animal? That is an ability to follow rules that constrain our behavior. Although there are many studies aimed to reveal neural mechanism of rule dependent social behavior, we still don't know how the rules emerge in brain and in society, and how such rules are operated. Here, we tried to observe monkeys' social behavior and neural activity under restrain free social environment to learn mechanism of rule emergence and maintenance in brain. Through the observation of monkeys' social adaptive behavior under several different social settings, we would like to propose body scheme based social rule representation in monkeys. It could be modified subjectively depending on how monkey recognize context at the moment and applicable to any social environment regardless of contextual variation as a universal mechanism of rule representation. In that sense, parietal cortex seemed to be playing important role in representing social rule as an effective constraint on body scheme. We believe tool use that modulates body scheme might also work as a leverage to make us bring up from monkey's social brain to higher human level cognition, since it might allow us to have a concept of "mind" that linked the subject and the object of manipulation including the body itself.

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O15 Fumihiro Kano<sup>1,2</sup>; Masaki Tomonaga<sup>1</sup>

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The comparative eye-tracking study in chimpanzees and humans

We will introduce the exciting and novel approach — the comparative eye-tracking study in chimpanzees and humans. The eye-tracking methodology enables us to compare the eye movements of two species directly (i.e. both qualitatively and quantitatively). First, we will discuss why we are interested in the eye movements of humans and the closest species to humans, chimpanzees. Second, we will show the methods of measuring and analyzing the eye movements of



chimpanzees and humans. Third, we will show the accuracy of measurement and discuss how the direct comparisons between species were validated. Fourth, we will show a recent study which clarified how chimpanzees and humans look at faces. Both subjects of chimpanzees and humans viewed a set of scene photographs that contained whole bodies, faces, facial expressions, and so on. Both species showed highly similar patterns of scanning for faces. For example, both species actively search for faces when presented with whole-body photographs. In addition, both species scanned eyes and mouth in that order when presented with facial photographs. However, the differences between species were also identified. For example, humans more actively searched for the eyes, and chimpanzees more quickly scanned each facial feature, compared to each other. Finally, we discuss how the comparative eye-tracking study contributes to our understandings of chimpanzee/human mind.

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O16     Shun Itagaki  
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Human error processing interacts with social information: Evidence from ERP studies

The ability to monitor our own action and to evaluate external information is necessary for us to behave adaptively in socially complex world. We can investigate human cognitive functions by recording electroencephalogram (EEG), and take a glance at underlying neural processing. There exist event-related brain potential (ERP) components that deeply relate to such cognitive function, which are called error-related negativity (ERN) or feedback-related negativity (FRN). These components reflect general error processing originated from the anterior cingulate cortex activation.

In this presentation, I propose that human error processing is flexible according to the situation, focusing on how this function is modulated by social knowledge or context, on the basis of the ERN or FRN deflections.

At first, I will talk about methodology of ERP and representative example of previous studies briefly, introducing the key points of the ERN and FRN component. After that, recent some of the experimental data will be shared with you and discussed. Each experimental data indicated that error processing was modulated by the relationship between self and other, the congruency with social knowledge in gambling task, and the interaction with facial expressions in choice reaction task. It is concluded that the human error processing has flexibility interacted with social information.

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O17 Koji Kuraoka

Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University

Autonomic reaction and neuronal response to facial expression and vocalization

Facial expressions and vocalizations convey emotional information in primates. Although the receiver of facial expressions and vocalization cues can perceive the internal state of the sender, the emotional information can affect the mental state of the receiver. In this talk, I report autonomic physiological reactions and neuronal responses to facial expression and vocalizations. I measured skin temperature around the nasal region as an indicator of the emotional states of rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*). The nasal skin temperature is known to decrease in the state of negative emotion. I found the temperature decreased after presentation of specific facial expressions and vocalizations. I also recorded the neuronal responses in the monkey amygdala to facial expressions and vocalizations. The amygdala has been implicated in emotional processing. Many amygdala neurons showed different responses to different types of emotional expressions, and some neurons responded to both facial expressions and vocalizations conveying the same meanings. These data suggest that facial expression and vocalization of monkeys evoke emotional reactions in the receiver.

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O18 Christoph D. Dahl

Physiology of Cognitive Processes, Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics

The behavioral hallmarks of face processing in man and monkey

The face is at the heart of social communication and identification of social status. In the life of primates the object class *face* receives greater attention than any other object class. Thus it should not come as a surprise that faces are processed differently than objects and that special neural correlates are dedicated to the processing of faces. The question to what extent faces are processed differently when compared with non-face objects has been a major focus of research in humans for the past several decades. Both the *behavioral hallmarks* of face perception (i.e. holistic processing and subordinate-level entry point) as well as the underlying neural mechanisms have been explored extensively in human studies. While the neural signal derived from single cell recordings has taught us much about the various aspects of face selectivity in the monkey brain, relatively little is known so far about the *behavioral* abilities with respect to face perception in the monkey.

Here, we employ critical experimental paradigms which were developed for research with humans in combination with eye tracking methods to investigate face processing abilities in

monkeys (*Macaca mulatta* or rhesus macaque) and directly compare them with the abilities of human subjects. With this comparative approach we demonstrate that monkeys and humans employ similar face processing capabilities. Thus, the social importance of faces triggered the development of an extra-processing system for faces that evolved early during primate evolution.