

Human Communication and Cooperation from an Evolutionary Perspective

There is a strong connection between human communication and cooperation on a conceptual as well as in evolutionary history. In my talk, I want to present empirical work with great apes and human children that informs us about the rich evolutionary foundation of these abilities but also points to some potential aspects that might be uniquely human. Humans seem to be equipped with a special set of social cognitive abilities as well as motivations that enable us to communicate and cooperate in unique ways.