



The Third Annual Moral Development Preconference

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Optional dinner to follow

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1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.: Opening Remarks/Welcome

1:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Joan Miller.** *Culture, Context and Morality: Beyond the Individualism/Collectivism Dichotomy*



Discussion centers on reasons for the resistance to culture in research on moral development, followed by an overview of major directions of contemporary research on culture and morality. It is argued that one of the major challenges for contemporary research is to transcend the individualism-collectivism dichotomy and develop broader and more dynamic understandings of context. Research examples are presented to illustrate this type of position, including work conducted among Japanese, Indian, and US cultural groups which uncovers trends not explicable in terms of this dichotomy and that points to the need for a broader understanding of context. Conclusions center on the rich potential of culturally based research to provide new insights into moral development.

2:00 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.: Break

2:05 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.: Panel on Morality and Culture

Lene Jensen, Gustavo Carlo, Alexandra Main

2:55 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.: Break (15 minutes)



3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. Speaker: **Melanie Killen.** Dynamics regarding Social Exclusion and Resource Allocation



In this talk I will describe new research on the role of group dynamics concerning social exclusion and resource allocation. Social exclusion and inclusion involves issues of fair and equal treatment of others as well as considerations of group functioning and group identity. As well, resource allocation decisions are most often made in a group context, and how group considerations enter into decisions to allocate fairly reflects a developmental process. Understanding how children and adolescents weigh multiple considerations when engaging in group interactions will provide much needed information for improving peer interactions and relationships, and facilitating healthy social development.

3:50 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.: Break

3:55 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.: Panel on Methodological Issues in the study of Adolescent Morality

Sam Hardy, Tobias Krettenauer, Jolien van der Graaf

4:45 p.m. Wrap up. Optional discussion on organizing the next pre-conference and on taking the next steps.

5:00 p.m. Optional discussion for those interested in the future of the field, the blog, the next moral preconference at SRCD

6:00 p.m. Optional dinner at Brio Tuscan Grille
