

2017 PRE-CONFERENCE ON MORAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of the Biennial SRCD Meeting

“What Develops in Moral Development?”

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
1:00-5:00 pm + optional dinner
Austin Convention Center
Austin, Texas, U.S.A.

About the Topic

By investigating the many moral competencies of young infants and toddlers, developmental psychologists have debunked traditional views of moral maturity. Yet, this poses the challenge of identifying important developmental milestones and processes in later developmental periods (childhood, adolescence, and beyond). With this pre-conference, we intend to stimulate an open discussion among researchers to reflect upon the question “What develops in moral development?”.

Example Questions You Are Invited to Discuss

- What are important early development achievements in the area of your research?
- What are important developmental goals?
- What are intermediate steps between early and late developmental achievements?
- How do early developmental achievements prepare children for developing more mature forms of moral functioning?
- How do various social systems (e.g., families, schools, peers) shape and support these developmental processes?
- What are major challenges when studying these processes?
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Program

12:50 - 1:00 pm Welcome/Opening remarks

1:00 - 1:50 pm **Invited speaker:** Ross Thompson
University of California, Davis



Dr. Thompson studies early parent-child relationships, the development of emotion understanding and emotion regulation, conscience development, prosocial motivation and the growth of self-understanding in young children. He is broadly concerned with the development of constructive social motivation early in life.

1:50 - 2:00 pm Break

2:00 - 2:50 pm **Invited speaker:** Felix Warneken
Harvard University



Dr. Warneken's research focuses on the foundation of human social cognition and cooperative behaviors. Are humans initially driven by purely selfish motives and must be taught to be altruistic, or do we have a biological predisposition for altruism? What enables teamwork and division of labor? How do we decide what we consider 'fair'? To address these questions, Dr. Warneken's lab integrates three lines of work, encompassing developmental studies with children, cross-cultural comparisons, as well as comparative studies with chimpanzees.

2:50 - 3:10 pm Break

3:10 - 4:10 pm **Breakout sessions:** Roundtable discussions with

- Aaron Metzger
- Audun Dahl
- Holly Recchia
- Stuart Hammond

4:10 - 4:50 pm **Plenary discussion** facilitated by discussion leaders

4:50 - 5:00 pm Final remarks

6:00 pm Optional diner

For more information about invited speakers and discussion leaders please go to:

<http://www.moral-development-psy.org/2017-event-speakers.html>