

Cycle de conférence du CRIS

The development of intersubjectivity: From “getting into synch” to shaping interaction affordances

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How is purposefulness introduced into interaction? Where and how does shared intentionality begin? In this talk we will discuss the development of shared intentionality as being guided by processes not residing *within the infant*, but by processes constructed *within interaction* (e.g., Fogel, 1993; Wootton, 2005). Accordingly, early forms of mutuality arise within mother-infant interactions as part of coordinating with each other. These are then sculpted and constrained within repeated interactions, along with the infants' transforming ecology (Rossmannith et al., 2014).

This approach underlines the development of mutual understanding as operating on two time-scales (Nomikou, 2015): On a first time scale it entails the moment-to-moment, real-time adjustments necessary to maintain an interaction going. This is a coupling mechanism, enabling mother and infant to enter an interaction and maintain or stabilize it. We will discuss this by looking at mutual gaze as a form of coordination with which mutuality enters the interaction system.

On a second time-scale, interactive experiences construct a cumulative history (Hsu & Fogel, 2003). On this time scale, within repetitive routinized interactive formats (Bruner, 1983), the infant's behavior is shaped to fit interactive episodes: As his or her actions constrain others' actions and become interactional affordances, they acquire systemic (dialogical) meaning. We will discuss this by looking at the sequential organization of verbal and non-verbal resources used in routine activities.

The talk will draw from longitudinal video corpora of mother-infant dyads, which were filmed on a monthly basis starting when the infants were three months old and until they became eight months old. We will look at this data using both qualitative and quantitative approaches.

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