

Department of Languages & Cultures
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Anthropological Difference in Flux



This talk focuses on the change in psychological conceptions of the difference between humans and animals since the work of Wolfgang Köhler a hundred years ago. The focus will be on those newer approaches that locate the anthropological difference in social cognition (Michael Tomasello et al.). I will first start by explaining four key theses about the anthropological difference and their historical development. Second, I will propose a categorical systematization of the framework that these theses set up. Here the concept of function will play the primary role. Finally, further to current findings, I will propose a way to assess the cognitive difference between human and non-human animals.

Tuesday: March 20, 2018 2:00pm A3N7 3rd Floor Arts Building