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Conceptual and Empirical Connections between Self-Processes

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Message from the Guest Editors

Self-processes interact in complex ways that are still poorly understood. Similarly, a popular claim in the scientific literature is that Theory-of-Mind abilities (thinking about others' mental states) require self-reflection (The "Simulation" view), yet the specific ways in which self-reflection may lead to Theory-of-Mind are numerous and still debated; further, empirical evidence for this relationship is mixed. Some actually suggest that Theory-of-Mind precedes self-reflection—not the other way. Another issue is the similarities and differences between self-reflection (i.e., introspection) and mindfulness. Yet another problem is the use of different terms all referring to the same construct—for example, the terms self-distancing, decentering, re-perceiving, cognitive diffusion, and mindfulness tend to be used interchangeably, which creates unwanted confusion. This Special Issue seeks contributions from specialists who wish to share recent research results and/or theoretical considerations pertaining to various forms of self-directed attention and their interconnections...



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