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Colloquium lecture by Dr. Ilanit Gordon

Flexible interpersonal synchrony

Being together "as one" in social interactions is often a desired state, but it is not always ideal due to the inherent tension between individualistic and collaborative motives. A new theory of flexible multimodal synchrony emphasizes the role of context in modulating our inherent tendencies toward connection or separation within social settings. Individual differences and relationship dynamics further shape these contextual influences. Together, these elements contribute to the emergence of flexible multimodal synchrony patterns across behavioral, physiological, and neural functions, yielding various self-focused, social-focused, and goal-oriented outcomes. In this presentation, I will share empirical evidence supporting the theory and suggest future directions for synchrony research, particularly in group contexts.

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Lecture Hall G 2nd floor and will be streamed.**

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