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“The Emergence and Development of Executive Functions in Early Childhood”

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ABSTRACT

Executive functions are the set of high-level cognitive skills that underpin goal-directed behaviour. In this talk I present data from a series of studies using novel paradigms to study the emergence and development of executive functions in early childhood. The key findings of my research are three-fold: firstly, the widespread claim that executive function development is marked by a shift from perseveration to flexibility may be misleading. Secondly, developments in different executive functions support the development of different types of flexible behaviour. Thirdly, a short executive function training program may improve preschoolers’ working memory, but not flexible behaviour.

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