

Invited symposium "Cross-species Perspectives on Differential and Personality Research" at the 15th European Conference on Personality (ECP15) in Brno, Czech Republic, July 20-24, 2010



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We are pleased to announce the invited symposium:

"Cross-species Perspectives on Differential and Personality Research"

Differential and personality research in nonhuman species is a rapidly growing field that has made significant advances over the last decade—largely unnoticed by personality psychologists, however. The aim of our symposium is to point out the potentials of a cross-species perspective on differential and personality research that arise from greater opportunities for naturalistic behaviour observation and experimental control, and from the more diverse neurological, psychological, behavioural, social and ecological systems among nonhuman species that also necessitate new developments in metatheory and methodology. Distinguished speakers present their work on a 40-year breeding experiment for single behavioural traits in farm foxes (Trut & Kukekova), ambulatory monitoring of individual differences in physiological and hormonal responses to different social situations in geese (Kralj-Fišer & Kotrschal), cross-situational consistency in the behaviour of crabs (Briffa), trait ratings and breed-typical behaviour in dogs (Forkman), evolutionary patterns in primate personality differences (Adams), and metatheoretical and methodological approaches to species-comprehensive differential and personality research (Uher).

Our invited speakers are:

- Genetics of social interspecific behavior (fox-human interaction) in the silver fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
Lyudmilla Trut & Anna Kukekova (*Institute of Cytology and Genetics of Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, & Center for Canine Genetics and Reproduction, James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health, Cornell University, U.S.*)
- Personality differences in Greylag geese (*Anser anser*) – species-specific or vertebrate universal?
Simona Kralj-Fišer & Kurt Kotrschal (*Jovan Hadži Institute of Biology Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia & Department of Behavioural Biology, University of Vienna, Konrad Lorenz Research Station, Austria*)
- Temperamental traits in mice (*Mus musculus*)
Jorge Moya-Higueras, Manuel I. Ibáñez, & Generós Ortet (*Department of Basic and Clinical Psychology and Psychobiology, Universitat Jaume I, Castelló de la Plana, Spain*)
- Personalities in dogs (*Canis familiaris*): Methods and results
Björn Forkman (*Division Ethology, Department of Large Animal Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*)
- Building blocks of primate personality: Evolutionary patterns and developmental integration
Mark James Adams (*Department of Psychology, Differential and Health Psychology, The University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom*)
- Methodological approaches in differential and personality research: New insights from a cross-species comparative perspective
Jana Uher (*Department of Psychology, Differential and Personality Psychology, Diagnostics and Intervention, Free University Berlin, Germany*)

We are looking forward to meeting you in Brno,
Jana Uher & Mark James Adams.
(Symposium convenors)

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