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About

Title of PhD: Development and range of spontaneous tool making and use in human children

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In her doctoral research Eva is investigating children's ability to spontaneously use and make tools in novel situations. Drawing on various kinds of tool using behavior in non-human primates, she is presenting preschoolers with a range of problem solving games to find out what kinds of tools they can use and innovate on their own. With her studies she aims to contribute to the understanding of the development and mechanisms of children's cognitive abilities.

Qualifications

BSc from the Friedrich-Schiller-University in Jena, Germany
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Biography

Eva studied Psychology (BSc) at the Friedrich-Schiller-University in Jena, Germany, and participated in an exchange program with the Pennsylvania State University, USA, where she spent one semester. She undertook a Masters in Psychology at the Georg-August-University in Goettingen, Germany, and did an internship at the Max-Planck-Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

Research

Research interests

- Range and development of children's spontaneous tool use and tool making abilities
- Cultural and cognitive similarities and differences between humans and non-humans
- Phylogenetic origins and evolution of human (material) culture
- Theory of mind: Toddlers' understanding of false beliefs using prompted-action paradigms

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