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Invitation

Guest lecture – Seminar Comparative Cognition, Messerli Research Institute:

"Child Innovators in Context"

Prof. Sarah Beck, PhD

Professor of Cognitive Development, School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, UK

Hosted by Ass.-Prof. Alice Auersperg

Tuesday 16th August 2022, 9:15 a.m.

Seminar room, Messerli Research Institute, Building AZ at University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna & online (follow this <u>link</u>)

Sarah's research examines how we think imaginatively about the real world. She is especially interested in how children become able to speculate about what might have been (counterfactual thinking) and how they think creatively to solve novel problems, particularly those involving tools. She takes a developmental approach, focusing on how children's imaginative thinking changes and what cognitive factors influence this change. She collaborates to take a broad approach to cognition in clinical groups and recently, in nonhuman animals. More information about her research and her lab can be found at www.sarahruthbeck.net.

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