Departmental Seminar

Getting at the Heart of Why We Hurt Others

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Abstract

We live in the most peaceful time in history, but aggression still occurs. This talk helps explain why people continue to behave aggressively and what we can do to prevent it. First, aggression starts when self-control stops. People behave aggressively because they lack the motivation or ability to control their aggressive urges. Second, social rejection increases aggression, even toward innocent bystanders. Third, people behave aggressively because they think it will make them feel good. I will showcase daily diary, experimental, neuroimaging, and brain stimulation data that support these statements. Finally, I will offer solutions about how to reduce aggression.

~All are Welcome~

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