

# COMP 20090: Introduction to Cognitive Science.

## Study Sheet: Social Cognition

How would you characterize your own environment? Is it physical? What role do other people play in it?

Why are the eyes important in social cognition, and how does the form of the human eye enhance this role?

What is joint attention, and why is it important?

Which animals are humans most closely related to genetically? Be able to distinguish between the chimpanzee and the bonobo!

What is the difference between a eusocial animal and an animal with a human-like social life?

What is convergent evolution, and why is it considered important?

Spindle cells have been claimed to provide an example of convergent evolution. Why is this important?

Be able to describe the principle contributions to social psychology provided by

[1] Harry Harlow

[2] Stanley Milgram

[3] Philip Zimbardo

What do Milgram's experiments in obedience tell us?

What can we learn from the Stanford Prison Experiment?

What is the Extended Mind Hypothesis?

What is meant by Distributed Cognition?

Is cognition all in the head? Where is it? Does that question make sense? Why (not)?

What is Dunbar's number, and how is it often misrepresented?