

Special Issue

Becoming Attached—the Process and Mechanisms of Attachment Formation in Humans and Other Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

Attachment theory is arguably the main conceptual foundation for understanding why humans and other animals form long-term bonds with parents in the first year of life and with peers and sexual partners beyond childhood. However, basic questions regarding the normative processes of bond formation in filial and romantic attachments remain understudied. The [Special Issue](#) invites research and review articles that can shed light on this process in humans and other animals. The following research questions are of particular interest: 1. What is the state of the art of the primitive phases of attachment formation? 2. What are the essential criteria for attachment formation? 3. Is there sufficient evidence for a sensitive period in attachment formation? 4. Do infants, children, and adults form attachments one at a time or simultaneously?

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