

FEEL-COG: The Role of Affect in the Development of Cognition

ICDL 2021 workshop

<https://whisperproject.eu/workshop-feel-cog>

Summary

People are social beings, naturally predisposed to interact in an adaptive and empathetic manner with others. While vast majority of scholars share some common model of cognition and recognize as crucial the elements of perception, attention, action selection, learning, memory and reasoning, very few of them acknowledge the role social and affective interaction plays in the development of these skills.

The goal of our workshop is to tackle precisely this issue. We wish to rekindle the conversation on the key importance of affect in the development of different cognitive abilities, both in natural cognitive agents (i.e. humans) and artificial ones (i.e. cognitive and social robots). We would like to address this issue from an interdisciplinary angle and we welcome researchers from a broad range of disciplines such as robotics, neurosciences, social sciences, psychology and computer science.

Workshop program

FEEL-COG will be a half-day workshop, with a program combining talks from invited speakers, presentations of participants' contributions and a panel discussion between the speakers.

The workshop will be fully virtual, and it will take place on Thursday, the **19th of August**, starting at **13.00 CEST** for a total duration of 3.5 hours.

- Welcome by the organizers (5 min)
- Keynote Talk - Joost Broekens + Q&A (30 + 10 min)
- Presentations of short papers/extended abstracts (25 min)
- Break (10 min)

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- Invited Talk - Branka Zei + Q&A (25 min - 20 + 5) :

[Unified Model of Cognition, Emotion and Action](#)

- Panel discussion with all invited speakers (30 min)

Registration : Participation to the workshop is free of charge, but with mandatory registration.

Please register [on this link](#) by August 18th EOD.