A growing number of studies on memory in autism have consistently shown that while persons with autism have a good memory for semantic facts, they have a difficulty with social-emotional memory. The talk will present a series of studies that aim to trace the unique memory profile in autism more accurately, and provide a causal explanation for these manifest discrepancies in memory. Drawing from clinical and neuropsychological assessments, functional and anatomical MRI, as well as qualitative narrative interviews, the studies distinguish between autistic youths’ memory for self and others, real and fictional actors; and examine the neurobiological correlates of memory in autism.

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