

## **Me, myself and I:**

The role of agentic experience and agency attributions in early development

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In this talk, I discuss two lines of research that investigate the impact of agency on children's developing action understanding and learning from others' actions. In the first line of research, I discuss evidence that agentic experience, over and above mere observational experience, enhances infants' perception and understanding of others' actions. In the second line of research, I investigate the impact of active participation in joint activities on preschool children's agency attributions and subsequent memory for and learning from others' actions. Taken together, the findings from these studies suggest that agency, either experienced or attributed, plays a formative role in understanding others' actions and learning from others' behavior.

