

Finding perspective

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Perspective is a basic structural feature of spatial perception: we perceive the world not only with our bodies, but also from our bodies. The "Finding Perspective" project is built around two central hypotheses about the relation between perspectival experience and bodily experience: (1) that perspectival experience is embodied insofar as bodily experience and perspectival experience are mutually influential; and (2) that both bodily and perspectival experiential phenomena are richly differentiated, such that different forms of each structure one another in a variety of ways. Testing these hypotheses will enable "Finding Perspective" to systematically investigate the structure of embodied perspectival experience with an unprecedented level of precision. Using an unparalleled range of methods to investigate embodied perspectival experience, ranging from state of the art virtual reality technologies, psychophysics, brain imaging, to phenomenological and conceptual analysis, "Finding Perspective" will develop the first comprehensive theory of embodied perspectival experience. "Finding Perspective" thus promises to provide new insights into the nature of spatial perception, embodied action, and the relation between self, body, and (the natural and virtual) world.

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