

Trainings in Key Attachment Measures

Cambridge University, UK
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Workshop 1

Coding Infant Disorganized Attachment

Workshop 2

Coding Parental Sensitivity

If you are interested in attending either training, or have any questions, please contact Guy Skinner:

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* Please note that the trainings will be running simultaneously, so it is not possible to attend both

Workshop 1: Coding Disorganized Infant Attachment (Strange Situation Procedure)

Instructor: Marinus van IJzendoorn

Requirements: Participants must have been trained in coding for the Ainsworth attachment classifications: Secure, Insecure-Avoidant, and Insecure-Resistant.

The workshop will focus on the correct administration of the Strange Situation Procedure (SSP), as well as on coding of the Main & Solomon rating scale for disorganized attachment. During the sessions we will go carefully through videotaped SSPs and fragments of disorganized behaviors from a variety of labs, and instruction in rating the continuous D scale as well as decisions for classifying categorical D will be given. Participants are requested to do assignments for the next day: participants code in small groups (during the first half of the week) or individually (during the second half of the week) SSPs that will be reviewed and discussed the next morning. Participants are invited to bring some of their own tapes, and if time allows these tapes may be discussed as well.

Workshop 2: Coding Parental Sensitivity

Instructor: Marian Bakermans-Kranenburg

No previous coding skills required.

The workshop will focus on coding caregiver sensitivity using the Ainsworth (1974) Sensitivity vs. Insensitivity and Cooperation vs. Interference rating scales. Observations and settings that can be used to observe caregiver sensitivity will be reviewed and discussed. We will go carefully through videotaped caregiver-infant interactions, and instruction in the use of the rating scales will be given. During the course, participants are requested to do assignments, i.e. code interactions that will be reviewed and discussed during the next session. The final day of the workshop includes discussion of alternative approaches and settings, e.g. interactions with older children in various contexts, and the use of a standardized baby doll with lifelike features.



The cost of each workshop will be £500. A reduced cost is available for researchers and clinicians based in low or middle income countries.

The Trainers

Marinus van IJzendoorn

Marinus van IJzendoorn has published over 400 scientific papers, accrued more than 20,000 citations, belongs to the 1% highly cited researchers in psychology/ psychiatry (2016), and provided supervision to more than 75 PhD completions. He has coded more than 2,000 Strange Situation Procedures (SSP) from clinical and non-clinical groups and from various countries and research teams. He has trained researchers in coding the SSP in the UK, China, Chile, and the Netherlands. He was trained by Brian Vaughn in the Ainsworth SSP classification system, by Bob Marvin in the Cassidy-Marvin system for preschooler attachment, and by Mary Main and Erik Hesse in the Main-Solomon system for coding disorganized attachment.



Marian Bakermans-Kranenburg

Marian Bakermans-Kranenburg is among the top 1% most cited researchers in the field of psychiatry and psychology (in 2016). Her cutting-edge research addresses (epi)genetics, neuroendocrinology, as well as behavioural processes, in the study of parenting and child development. Her work has contributed to the "differential susceptibility" model, showing that children who are more susceptible to environmental influences are not only vulnerable to risk but also thrive in supportive environments. Together with colleagues Marinus van IJzendoorn and Femmie Juffer she has developed the influential Video-feedback Intervention to promote Positive Parenting (VIPP), which has been shown to effectively improve parental sensitivity in a variety of populations, including parents of children with autism. More recently she has received a European Research Council Advanced Grant to study the effects of hormonal and behavioural experiments (including intranasal oxytocin administration and the VIPP) in fathers.

