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Face Recognition and Cognition

Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleagues, The face is a complex structure, characterized by a complicated three-dimensional shape, a substantial degree of mobility, and structural constraints that make all faces similar. These issues present challenges to perceptual systems. Nevertheless, due to the social importance of faces, humans have developed the ability to recognize them rapidly and accurately, with seemingly little effort. This allows us not only to identify others, but also to recover their biographical information and understand their feelings and intentions. Different cognitive and neural models have been proposed to capture the complexity of the face recognition process, but the exact nature of the mechanisms underlying face processing are still debated—even more debated is whether the mechanisms used for recognizing faces are face-specific or are shared by most (if not all) object types. The aim of this Special Issue, therefore, is to consider experimental, clinical and theoretical contributions that could help us to clarify this fascinating but complex topic.

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