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*Life and social cognition: autonomous agents in interaction and participatory sense-making*

Understanding others is a fundamental part of life. In my talk, I take an enactive look at social understanding. The main thesis of this perspective is that social cognition is not so much in the head, but literally in the interaction between people. This idea will be illustrated on three levels: (1) by introducing its theoretical framework called participatory sense-making, in which the ideas of individual and interactional autonomy are central, (2) by discussing some examples to illustrate the concepts of this framework, and (3) by a quick overview of some of the implications of the idea, after which I'll focus specifically on some of its implications for ethics.