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Professional Affiliations

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Publications

He has published five books,
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Psychological Works of Sigmund
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Brain mechanisms underpinning some social processes

This presentation will introduce the audience to the brain mechanisms underpinning basic emotional behaviours and feelings. Emphasis will be placed on social emotions, such as attachment, nurturance and play, with special reference to sex differences, social dominance and hierarchy formation. Implications for the psychoanalytical understanding of psychopathology and group processes will be discussed. The aim is not to reduce the complexities of social life to a few brain circuits but rather to provide new information about the mind which supplements and enriches our established knowledge.