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The formation and consequences of false memories

Abstract:

Memory is a reconstructive process. We should be happy if we get the gist of our experiences right and only some of the details wrong. Memory renders the past and present, while preparing us for the future. In this talk, we'll discuss the formation and consequences of false memory. We'll cover false memory for details and false memories for entire events (rich false memories). We'll also discuss various techniques used to study false memory, including the Deese-Roediger McDermott and misinformation paradigms, and false autobiographical suggestion aimed at implanting false memories. Finally, we will touch on applications of false memory to law.