

## What does the fox say? On gaps and bridges between speech and (nonhuman) animal communication

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The emergence of vocal plasticity was one of the key milestones in the evolution of language. Before we knew how to speak words, we knew how to imitate sounds. This capacity is not uniquely human - some other animals can do it too. How widespread is this talent? Why is it not observed in other primates? What are learned vocalizations used for? In this talk, I will outline some approaches to the question of whether other living species can tell us something about the origins of human speech.

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