Culturing Neuroscience: doing research in the borderland between anthropology and neuro-psychology

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In their work Malkus and Roerig bring these disciplines together in a way that opens new opportunities in child-oriented social research. Eva Malkus focuses on migrant children and youth in the Netherlands and their navigation between the school and home setting. She analyses both personal and contextual variables that influence these processes, as well as the influence of their navigation abilities on their functioning at cognitive, social and schooling levels. Simone Roerig aims at conducting research on children's empathic processes. She uses both quantitative and qualitative methods through which various elements of empathy are mapped. Moreover she looks into the relations between children's empathic abilities and their daily social and cultural practices.