



Centre for Family and Population Research
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2019 CFPR Lunchtime Seminar

PANTS ON FIRE: HOW CHILDREN LEARN TO LIE

Lying is a pervasive behavior among children because it serves important, albeit sometimes immoral functions. Children begin to tell lies from as young as 2.5 years of age, and they are capable of telling various types of lies by the time they are 3.5 years old. Lying is a marker of children's moral and cognitive development. I will talk about the emergence of children's lying, highlighting the roles of children's understanding of mental states and executive functioning in different types of children's lies. In addition, I will also discuss research on how to promote children's honesty.



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Dr Ding Xiao Pan has been an Assistant Professor at the Department of Psychology at the National University of Singapore since 2016. She is a research associate at CFPR, and directs NUS Child Development Lab (www.nuschildlab.com). She received her BSc and MA in Psychology from Zhejiang University and her PhD in Developmental Psychology from East China Normal University. Prior to joining NUS, she was a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Toronto. Her research interest is children's moral and cognitive behavior, specifically children's honest and dishonest behavior. She uses both behavioural and neuroimaging methods to explore the cognitive and neural correlates underlying children's deceptive behaviour.

Chaired by: Asst Prof Yu Rongjun
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Date: 8 Feb 2019 | Time: 12noon - 1.30pm | Venue: Ventus Evans Room
Light lunch will be served. Registrations is required.

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