

I enjoyed three talks by Dr Paine, Dr Sheppard and Dr Cassidy, and the discussions lead by Professor Mitchell. The studies on people with ASD have given me a new perspective of understanding developmental disorders in that people with ASD have been perceived unfavorably, which have led to mental health problems. These studies give us better understanding of how we can interacting with people with ASD.

From the talk by Dr Paine, I leaned that humor is very important aspect for children's development of mind. There may be culturally unique aspects and universal aspects in humor. I realized that knowing the studies in other cultures may also give us important insights into the issues derived from this theme "diversity matters"

Thank you for very interesting talks and discussions. As my research is concerned with emotion, I found the talk by Dr Paine very stimulating. I felt it is important to study humor in the contexts of siblings and friendships going beyond the parent-child relationship. Humor may be different across cultures as we see the comedy shows in the western cultures present quite different values from our own. I wonder if you have any comments on how cultural values may be projected in the development of understanding and expression of humor and if any what kind of important cross-cultural difference would be found.

Amy: Thank you for your interest in my talk! I think you have highlighted a really important focus for study in future research. In adults, researchers have examined how humour styles might differ as a function of culture-related personality dimensions and values, for example, by harnessing the cross-cultural constructs of individualism and collectivism. This research indicates that humour styles might differ between cultures in adulthood (see work of Rod A. Martin). It would be a fascinating future direction to examine how children's productive humour might differ between cultures, as from our studies of young siblings and friends, we observe that much of children's humour production emerges from a foundation of shared experiences and having a long co-constructed history with one another.

From the talks on Dr Cassidy and Dr Sheppard, I realized "diversity" also resides within the developmental disorders and the issues raised in these talks are really urgent agenda that society needs to take actions to have genuine inclusive societies. For their healthy psychological and physical development, we need to explore the way to support people with developmental disorders to meet their diversity.

I was impressed by the discussant by Professor Mitchell in that very detailed and thought provoking comments made this symposium discussion so deep and lively. Thank you for organizing this symposium for all the people from BPS and JSDP contributing to this program.