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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Motor learning, Mental Imagery, Mental Rehearsal, Sensorimotor Dynamics, Schema and embodiment theories.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

- 2014 University of Plymouth, England: 2014 (PhD)
- 2011 University of Plymouth, England: Psychology (MPhil)
- 2000 University of Baghdad, Iraq: Education (M.A)
- 1999 University of Baghdad, Iraq: Political Science (B.A)
- 1993-1997 University of Baghdad, Iraq: Education (B.A)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT:

- 2014 - Present Researcher, School of Psychology, Plymouth University
- 2007 - 2009 Research Assistant, Al-Mustansiriya University
- 2006 - 2007 Research Assistant
College of Education, Wasit University
- 2005 - 2006 Research Assistant
College of Education, Basrah University
- 2000 - 2004 Research Assistant
College of Education, Diyala University

TEACHING:

Undergraduate teaching (Courses)

Lectures: Tutorial: Scientific Research Methods

Lectures: Tutorial: Motor learning and development of children

Lectures: Tutorial: Descriptive and inferential statistics

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal articles:

Bach, P., Khalaf, B., Tucker, M., & Ellis, R. (In press). Planning related motor processes underlie mental practice and imitation learning. *Journal of experimental psychology, General*, 1–49.

Khalaf, B., Bach, P., Tucker, M. & Ellis, R. (In preparation). Mental practice and imitation learning differently enable transfer of motor skills between body parts.

Khalaf, B., Bach, P., Tucker, M., & Ellis, R. (In preparation). Blind action and attention based on mental rehearsal.

Presentation:

Bassem Khalaf. (2013). Planning related motor processes underlie mental practice and imitation learning. Talk presented at the 28th annual BPS Cognitive Psychology and Educational Neuroscience section Conference, Lancaster.

Posters

Khalaf, B., Bach, B., Tucker, M., and Ellis, R. (2012). Using Mental Imagery to Control Action. *Poster presented at the launch of the Cognition Institute, Plymouth.*

Khalaf, B., Tucker, M., Ellis, R., and Bach, B. (2012). Body part Specificity in Mental Practice. *Poster presented at the Scandle Project, Plymouth.*

Khalaf, B., Bach, P., Tucker, M., Ellis, R. (2012). you do what I do: Imitation and mental practice. *Poster presented at the 4rd Annual University of Plymouth Department of Psychology Postgraduate and Staff Conference, Plymouth.*

Khalaf, B., Tucker, M., Ellis, R. And Patric, B. (2011). Is mental practice of a motor skill embodied? Evidence from a Compatibility Task. poster presented at the 3rd Annual University of Plymouth Department of Psychology Postgraduate and Staff Conference, Plymouth.

COMPUTER SKILLS:

I'm very familiar with SPSS, R Statistics, Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint, and use them on a daily basis. In addition, I have used Octave for data collection, and analysis of my work.

LANGUAGES:

Arabic (native) and English (2nd).

SCHOLARSHIP:

10/09 – 09/13 Full 4 year MPhil/PhD Scholarship: Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Iraq).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANSATIONS:

Professional Membership:

Since 2013	Action Prediction Laboratory www.actionprediction.com
Since 2013	International Social Political Psychology (ISPP)
Since 2013	Associate Membership of the Higher Education Academy of UK, Recognition reference: PR055771
Since 2013	Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behaviour. AISB: No.3361
Since 2012	Associate Membership of Cognition Institute, Plymouth University
Since 2011	British Psychology Society