

来る 12 月 18 日（水）に Lubna Ahmed 博士の講演会を開催します。Ahmed 博士は視覚的注意という観点から文化比較研究を幅広く行っている若手の研究者です。是非、ご参加ください。

日時：12 月 18 日（水）午後 4 時 30 分—午後 6 時

場所：人間・環境学研究科棟 233 講義室

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タイトル

What does it take to focus? Factors affecting visual attention.

アブストラクト

It is well established that we are not able to and don't pay attention equally to everything around us. Rather we decide on relevant information to attend to and try to filter out the rest. My research aims to understand how this *selective attention* process operates and to investigate internal and external circumstances that affect our ability to overcome distractions.

During my PhD and post doc work I have explored individual and cultural differences in visual attention, in addition I have investigated the dynamic of the attentional window and established how external cognitive load affects our ability to overcome distractions and focus on current goals. My most recent work explores the implications of cognitive load on social interactions such as emotional contagion and recognising facial emotions.