ELSC Seminar: Hillel Aviezer

February 20, 2014

On the topic of: "Beyond pleasure and pain: Taking a closer look at real-life intense emotional expressions"

ELSC cordially invite you
to the lecture given by:

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The lecture will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2014
at 17:00, at ELSC: Silverman Bldg., 3rd Wing, 6th Floor, Edmond J. Safra Campus

Light refreshments at 16:45

Abstract:

While the basic distinction between positive and negative facial expressions is fundamental in emotion models, most research is based on lab-created posed expressions. By contrast, we tested valence categorization with real-life peak intensity expressions and found that positive and negative situations were discriminated from isolated bodies, but not isolated faces. Further, using compounds of intense negative faces combined with positive bodies, and vice versa, perceived affect and mimicry of the faces shifted systematically as a function of their contextual bodies. These findings challenge standard models of emotion expression and highlight the role of the body in expressing and perceiving emotions.

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