

From the myth of the cave to the betrayal of images and words

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ABSTRACT

What representation do people with autism have the imagery that we offer them? What understanding do they have of the language we use and the images we send back to them? And what interpretation do we make of their own language productions? Knowing the peculiarities and the functioning of people with ASD is essential, in order to put in place effective help and thus give them a better understanding of their environment and a better social integration. Although presenting common characteristics, each person with autism is unique and singular. The evaluation and the observation of their peculiarities allow us to understand their singularity, and thus to adjust ourselves to them to fix our axes of work.

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