

# Autism Spectrum Disorders: the normal, the pathological and the human

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this article is to show the construction of autism spectrum disorder standards following Kanner's observation in 1943 and to discuss the limits of these norms using work on the normal and pathological by Georges Canguilhem (1904-1995). In the end, patients with autism spectrum disorders are primarily human before being enrolled in or out of standards. The patient, as an individual and taken as a whole, that is to say himself, his evolution in an environment, his history, is today the vision towards which converges many current scientific data. This hypothesis is specifically mentioned in this work, and Georges Canguilhem's approach is a fundamental starting point.

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