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CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS: CHILDREN'S IDEAS ABOUT GOD AND THE AFTERLIFE IN INDONESIA

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WHITSETT ROOM

In this talk, I will outline some of the developmental cross-cultural research that I have conducted on children's developing understanding of supernatural concepts in Indonesia among diverse populations, including children from Muslim, Christian, and localized indigenous (e.g., Aluk To Dolo) traditions. First, I present research on Javanese children's beliefs about God in Yogyakarta. Next, I discuss ongoing research about children's understanding of death and the afterlife among children from Tana Toraja, where funerary traditions maximally contrast with those found in most modern WEIRD societies. Finally, I conclude by highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary, cross-cultural research outside of modern Western societies.



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