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For more than 100 years, comparative psychologists have sought to understand the evolution of human intelligence. New paradigms for studying cognitive processes in animals—in particular symbol use and memory—have, for the first time, allowed psychologists and neuroscientists to compare higher thought processes in animals and human beings. New imaging approaches have also facilitated exploring the neural basis of behavior in both animals and humans. Questions concerning the nature of animal and human cognition have defined the themes of this seminar, whose members include specialists in cognition, ethology, philosophy, and neuroscience.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 17	*Mind in Motion: How Action Shapes Thought* **Barbara Tversky**, Teachers College, Columbia University
October 15	*The Origins of Linguistic Meaning: Micro-Semantics and Macro-Semantics* **Prashant Parikh**, Founder and CEO of Noema, Inc.
November 12	*Rationally Selected Utility—A New Theory of Choice* **Paul Glimcher**, New York University
December 10	*The Neural Dynamics of Good Conversation* **Diana Tamir**, Princeton University
January 21	*An Integrative Biology of Vocal Learning* **Asif A. Ghazanfar**, Princeton University
February 17	*Math, Monkey, and Mind* **Jessica Cantlon**, Carnegie Mellon University
March 4	*(No title listed)* **Marcelo Mattar**, New York University
April 15, 2026	*Mechanisms of Memory Stabilization Over Long Time-Scales in Mice* **Priya Rajasethupathy**, Rockefeller University

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