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Negative Affect, Cognitive Control, and Risk for Anxiety Disorders and Depression



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Anxiety disorders and depression are relatively common, often debilitating, and challenging to treat, underscoring the urgency of developing a deeper understanding of the mechanisms that confer risk. Using an experimental psychopathology approach and a broad spectrum of behavioral and neuroscience tools, my work focuses on alterations in negative affect (both state and trait), cognition (e.g., attention, cognitive control), and their interactions as key pathways to the emergence of these conditions. In this talk, I will present several representative behavioral and fMRI studies I have conducted on this topic. This line of work promises to address fundamental questions about the interplay of emotion and cognition and to identify novel treatment targets for internalizing disorders.

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