

INVITED LECTURE**By Dr. Eveline van Vugt****Trauma among Individuals in Care of Social Services: How Cognitions Impact the Life Course and the Course of Intervention**

Dr. Eveline van Vugt studied Educational Sciences & Criminology and began her early career as a home-based family counselor for high-risk children and youth. Since 2007, Dr. van Vugt has been affiliated with the University of Amsterdam, first as a lecturer and PhD candidate, and later as a Director of Studies and Assistant Professor. The focus of her PhD project was on moral development of juvenile sex offenders for which she was awarded the Kuhmerker Dissertation Award. Dr. van Vugt closely collaborates with and consults clinicians regarding the assessment of moral development of juvenile offenders in the case of forensic psychological evaluation. Over the years, Dr. van Vugt developed a strong interest for victim-offender cycles and therefore shifted her research towards victims of sexual abuse to better understand the long-term consequences of such events. Additionally, she examines how cognitive factors explain the level of social adaptation and mental health problems of individuals who experienced traumatic life events.

One of Dr. van Vugt's current studies focuses on **the role of maladaptive schemas in the relation between sexual abuse and trauma-related symptoms in young females**. This study is part of a collaborative initiative with the Université de Sherbrooke where Dr. van Vugt also holds a cross-appointment as Visiting Professor. During her talk she will discuss the results of this study. In addition, Dr. van Vugt will present one of her new projects in Canada: "Meet the Parents", which will be conducted in collaboration with Highland Shores Children's Aids Services, Ontario. The focus of this project is on caregiver characteristics (in terms of adverse life events and trauma-related symptoms) and how these affect child safety, the therapeutic alliance with protection workers, as well as the type and duration of services provided by the CAS. Dr. van Vugt will discuss how this project relates to her everyday teaching and her personal mission to train social workers and other health professionals to meet the specific needs of parents and children.

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