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Time  4pm, Departmental Tea immediately following.
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Place  BCS Auditorium, 46-3002
Title  General principles of cognition?

Abstract:

This talk explores how far it is possible to find general principles that apply across a wide range of cognitive processes (e.g., from language learning, to perception, to memory). What such principles might there be? And how might they constrain our theories of specific cognitive domains? I will describe about some candidate principles, including simplicity and scale-invariance. General principles in cognitive science tend to have exceptions. Are these fatal? Or can exceptions signal particularly interesting cognitive phenomena?