
The genesis and localization of mental functions in the theoretical context of cultural-activity psychology

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The positions of cultural-activity psychology and cognitive science are opposed on the issue of localization of mental functions. The lines of scientific analysis are determined in which the formation and development of mental functions in living organisms (in the process of evolution, anthropogenesis, as well as in ontogenesis mental functions of the child) are considered as processes: a) providing guidance and organization of active interactions with living organisms the environment; b) are localized between subjects and objects of the world.

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