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Constructivism and Enaction

A new paradigm for Cognitive Science

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III. – RESEARCH THEME

In my researches, I adopt a “process-oriented” approach to drawing development focusing on the organization of the movement used for drawing (Goodnow & Levine, 1973). At a global level, this “syntactic” approach describes graphic routines that drive drawing production. To be a graphic rule, a sequence of execution must be prevailing, whatever age of subject, design and task, and must be stable (resistance of constraints). If generality of a particular execution (progression from periphery to center) has been demonstrated in design composed of four embedded geometric shapes, on the other hand stability has not been studied. So, I am interested in the capacity of grapho-motor system to modify this sequence of execution in function of contextual modification, and the evolution over age. For that purpose, I am oriented to an experimental paradigm inspired by dynamic systems theory (Tuller, Case, Ding & Kelso, 1993, 1994): subjects are invited to copy successively fewer geometrical designs by adapting their executions to gradual modification of context parameter. This methodological approach goes with theoretical questions about the *emergentist* (drawing production/perception coupling) *vs representational* (recovery in memory of graphic strategy) conception of cognitive functioning.

Keywords: Geometric design, Drawing execution, Stability, Dynamic systems theory, Cognitive development

III. – VIDEOS AND EXPERIMENTAL MATERIAL

Moments of relaxation might be the occasion to share and show original scientific video documents (not too long) or experimental material (which could be used by all the participants). A video party and an experimental demonstration session have been planned. Could you indicate video or experimental material you would like to present.

Videos : no

Experimental demonstration : no