

Roundtable Discussion
Destination Future: Is Developmental Psychology Ready to Take off?

The world is facing complex global societal challenges including accelerating climate change, a pandemic, rising social inequalities also in well-functioning welfare states, cultural and linguistic diversity, and a renewed call for racial justice. Developmental science associations (e.g., EARA, EADP, SRA, ISSBD, ICDSS) can make strong contributions to address these and other global challenges because developmental psychologists have the necessary theoretical, methodological, and empirical knowledge.

This round table discusses (1) which competencies and virtues developmental science associations should promote among developmental psychologists working in research and practice, (2) what kind of research should be promoted more heavily in the future by these associations, and (3) which competences should ideally be fostered early on to prepare adults to cope with global societal challenges based on strong developmental research.

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