

### RESEARCH AND THE DESIGN OF NEW LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

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# COMPETING CONCEPTS OF LEARNING AND SCHOOLING

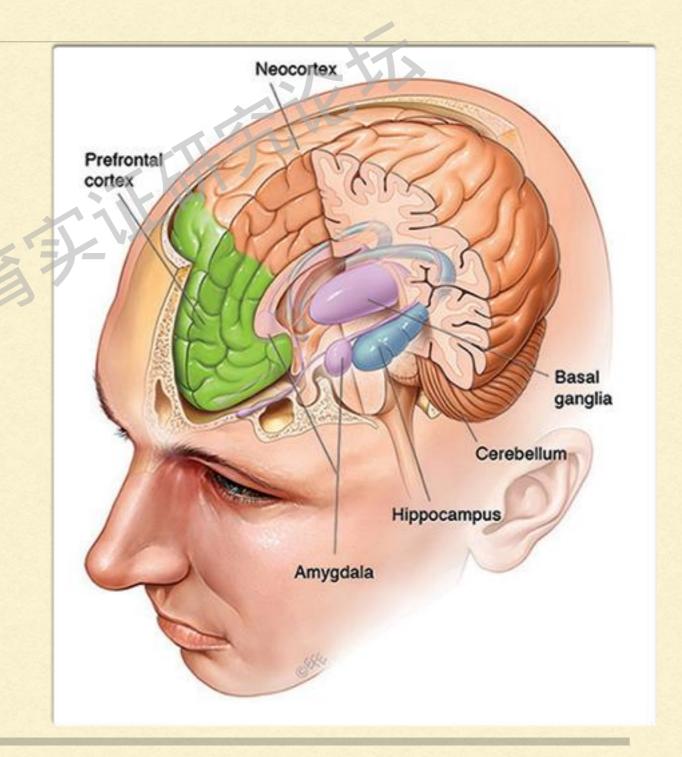
<u>Learning</u> as Accumulation of Information and Algorithms <u>Schooling</u> as Social Control and Allocation of Status <u>Assessment</u> as Determination of "Merit"

Versus

<u>Learning</u> as the Ability to Consciously Modify Beliefs, Understandings, and Actions in the Presence of Evidence, Experience, and Reflection <u>Schooling</u> as Organized Learning <u>Assessment</u> as Monitoring the Development of Learning

# HOW LEARNING HAPPENS

- Experience is processed in context
- Learners form "autobiographical memories" of themselves
- Learners develop agency and control through actions, consequences, self-characterization
- Memory is transitory, malleable, active



### HOW LEARNING HAPPENS: FOUR EXAMPLES

### SELF-KNOWLEDGE

THE ABILITY TO ASSESS ONE'S OWN KNOWLEDGE, SKILL

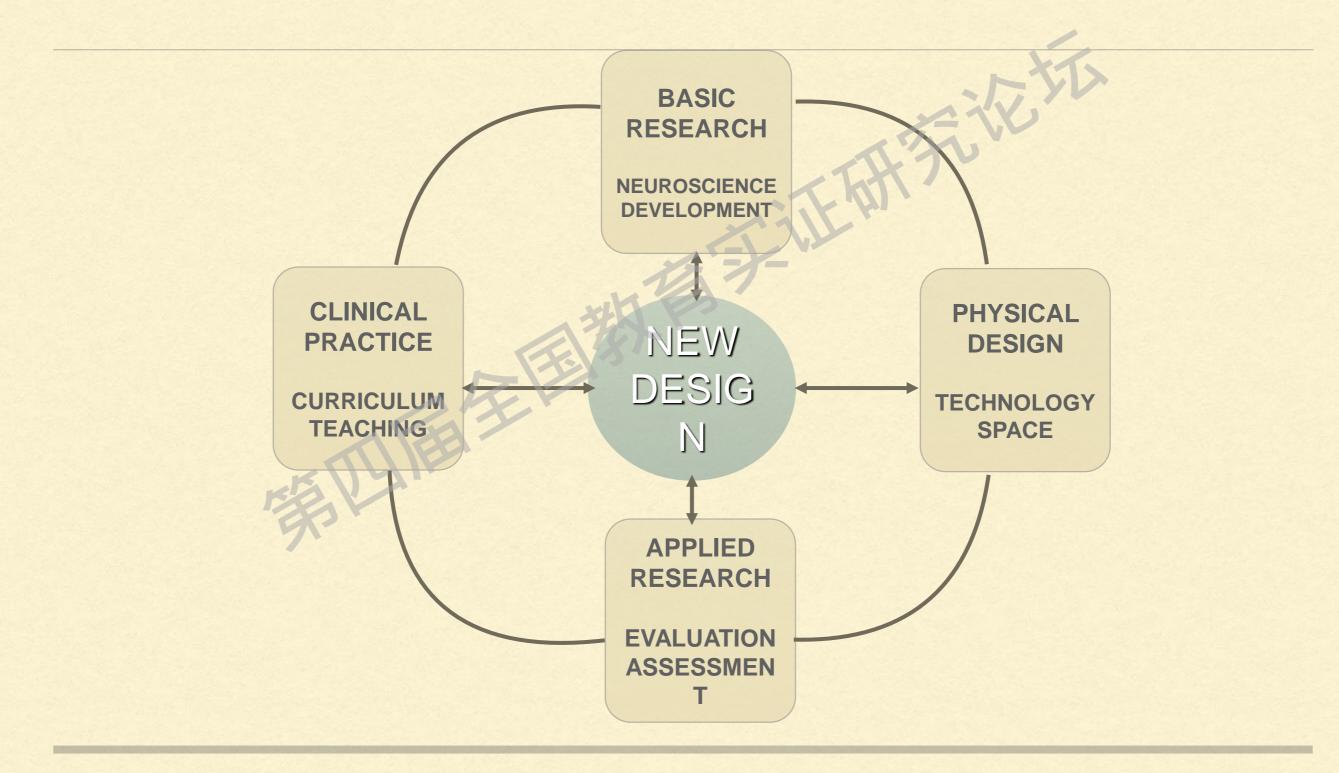
#### THEORY OF MIND

- THE ABILITY TO TAKE THE PERSPECTIVE OF ANOTHER
- **SELF-MANAGEMENT; EXECUTIVE FUNCTION** 
  - THE ABILITY TO PLAN, EXECUTE COMPLEX ACTIONS

### **NEUROPLASTICITY**

THE ABILITY TO MONITOR AND CONTROL ONE'S LEARNING OVER TIME

## ELEMENTS OF DESIGN



WHAT THE NEW SCIENCE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT TELLS US ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN

THE GARDENER AND THE CARPENTER

PICADOR

### ALISON GOPNIK

"This lovely book, and the life's work that animates it, will only deepen that bond [between caregiver and child], helping our children to flourish." — Erika Christakis, *The Washington Post* 

## INVENTING OURSELVES

The Secret Life of the

motion

Teenage Brain

## SARAH-JAYNE BLAKEMORE

## FOUR PRECURSORS

- NUVU STUDIO, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
- TUTORIA, MEXICO
- BEIJING ACADEMY, BEIJING
- SELF-MANAGED LEARNING, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

## NUVU STUDIO, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS



## TUTORIA, MEXICO



## **BEIJING ACADEMY**



## SELF-MANAGED LEARNING VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA



## WHAT PRECURSORS HAVE IN COMMON

- LESS IS MORE: SIMPLE, TRANSPARENT THEORIES OF LEARNING
- BELIEF THAT LEARNING IS INNATE, TEACHING IS OPTIONAL
- CURIOSITY OVER CERTAINTY
- GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE, PEOPLE WILL LEARN WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW

## ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

