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WORLD-FAMOUS PSYCHOLOGIST TO LECTURE AT CHINESE UNIVERSITY

Do all adults have the same repertoire of rules for reasoning? One of the most influential psychologists in this century, Jean Piaget, said yes. However, Professor Richard E. Nisbett of the University of Michigan has, more recently, argued against such a cardinal principle laid down by Piaget.

Professor Nisbett will elaborate on his points of view in a public lecture entitled "Rules for Reasoning" this week. The lecture will be held on Friday (September 8) at 4:30 pm in Lecture Theatre 2, Sino Building on the University campus in Shatin. All are welcome to attend.

According to Professor Nisbett, formal rules are used little in reasoning, and not all adults have the same inferential rules.

"Education adds to the rules one has, and specific forms of training such as psychology, statistics and economics add specific rules systems," he argues.

Professor Nisbett obtained his Ph.D. at Columbia University in 1966. He taught at Yale from 1966-1971 and has taught at the University of Michigan since.

His significant contributions to psychology have won him the award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions from the American Psychologist Association, which is probably the most prestigious award granted in the field of psychology.

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