

Whose motivation is it anyway? Reassessing, reflecting and refocusing priorities

At a global level, having lived together through the immeasurable impact of the last year, many around the world have found themselves taking stock of what is important, and those things that they value. The field of motivation research has, in some respects, similarly been undergoing a period of reflection, and reassessment and refocusing of its priorities. In this talk, I will share details of my primary research focus over the past several years, centred around the exploration of experiences of intense long-term motivation, and the notion of 'directed motivational currents' (Dörnyei, Henry & Muir, 2016; Muir, 2020). Reporting on key findings from projects already come to fruition, I look to the future and highlight key research directions and areas of interest, situating this agenda more widely within the shifting landscape of language learning motivation research.