



# **PUBLIC TALK**

# The Biological Foundations of Morality

#### You are invited

It is our pleasure to invite you to this important talk given by prof Jean Decety, a world authority in the field of moral neuroscience. Moral neuroscience is an exciting new field of research that aims to understand how and why our brains are capable of producing moral behaviours and why sometimes they are not. The Public Talk is open to the wider public and is of special relevance to everyone who is interested in peace building and reconciliation.



#### Moral neuroscience

Morality is so deeply rooted in our social fabric that it seems difficult to imagine a society without norms that delimit the boundaries of what is right or expected of its members. Throughout the past decades, evolutionary biologists, developmental psychologists, and more recently developmental neuroscientists have begun to examine the psychological, computational and neurological mechanisms underlying the building blocks of morality and prosociality, which emerge early in ontogeny. Prof Decety will argue that developmental neuroscience is critical for clarifying the nature and relative recruitment of the neural mechanisms involved in moral cognition, and the extent to which prosociality is governed by intuitive or deliberative processing.



## Who

Jean Decety

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## Where

Main Hall (Harvard Hall), Remera campus (former KIE) University of Rwanda KG 11 Ave, Kigali

#### When

Monday, 20 Jan 2020, 2.00pm