

Simon Baron-Cohen is Professor of Developmental Psychopathology, University of Cambridge and Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is Director, Autism Research Centre (ARC) in Cambridge. He has a degree in Human Sciences from New College, Oxford, a PhD in Psychology from UCL, and an MPhil in Clinical Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, London and he held lectureships in these departments.

He is author of *Mindblindness*, *The Essential Difference*, *Prenatal Testosterone in Mind*, and *Zero Degrees of Empathy*. He has edited scholarly anthologies including *Understanding Other Minds*, *Synaesthesia*, and *The Maladapted Mind*. He has written books for parents and teachers including *Autism and Asperger Syndrome: The Facts*, and *Teaching Children with Autism to Mindread*. He has celebrated autism in *An Exact Mind*. He is author of the DVDs *Mind Reading* and *The Transporters*, to help children with autism learn emotion recognition, both nominated for BAFTA awards. He is author of >490 scientific articles, and he has supervised 34 PhD students.

Baron-Cohen formulated the 'mindblindness' theory of autism (1985) and the 'fetal sex steroid' theory of autism (1997). He has also made contributions to the fields of autism prevalence and screening, autism genetics, autism neuroimaging, autism and technical ability, typical cognitive sex differences, and synaesthesia.

Baron-Cohen created the first UK clinic for adults with suspected Asperger Syndrome (1999) called the CLASS clinic (Cambridge Lifespan Asperger Syndrome Service), at a time when the National Health Service (NHS) did not see the clinical need for this. This has helped over 1,000 patients to have their disability recognized, the "lost generation" of adults who had missed out on diagnosis in childhood, and has been used to create a model for similar clinical services all over the UK. He appeared in the BBC2 documentary (2016) *Employable Me*, revealing the remarkable strengths in people with autism and discussing how to promote inclusion. He gave a keynote address to the United Nations in New York on Autism Awareness Day 2017 on the topic of *Autism and Human Rights*.

He has received awards from the British Psychological Society (BPS) (Spearman Medal); the American Psychological Association (McCandless Award); the BPS (May Davison Award); the Autism Award Philadelphia Autism Association/Princeton University; the Presidents' Award (BPS); the British Association for the Advancement of Science (BA), Joseph Lister Lecturer; the Lifetime Achievement Award, MENSA; and Kanner-Asperger Medal (German Society for Research into Autism).

He is a Fellow of the BPS, the British Academy, and the American Psychological Association. He is Vice-President of the National Autistic Society, Autism Anglia, and was President, Psychology Section of the British Association and Vice-President, International Society for Autism Research (INSAR). He was Chair of the NICE Guideline Development Group for Autism (Adults), is Scientific Advisor or Patron to 6 autism charities, and a member of the Department of Health Program Board, Autism Strategy. He is Chair of the Psychology Section of the British Academy. He was a judge for the 2017 Wellcome Trust Book Prize.

He is co-editor in chief of the journal *Molecular Autism* and on the Editorial Board of other journals, including the *Lancet Psychiatry*. He is President of INSAR and a National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigator.