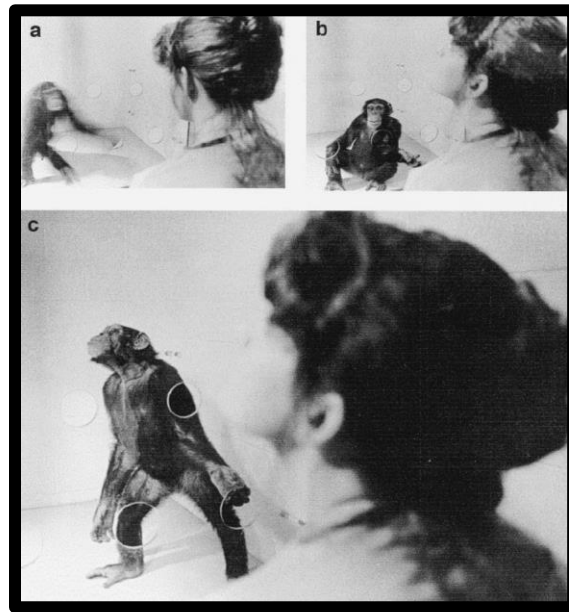


# Philosophical Issues Concerning Theory of Mind (ToM) in Animals

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Theory of mind (ToM) is the ability to attribute mental states, such as beliefs, desires, intentions, emotions, feelings, and perceptions to others. Human beings have ToM, and many think ToM is a defining feature of the human mind. However, in the past 30 years there has been a lot of research on ToM in animals, some indicating that animals also have ToM. One of the hottest topics in philosophy and psychology today is the question of whether and to what degree animals have ToM. This seminar will examine seminal and pivotal studies and theories in philosophy and psychology on the nature, possibility, limits, and moral significance of ToM in animals.