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## Clever and Socially Complex Geese, Ravens and Wolves The New Vienna School of Cognitive Ethology

by Austrian Scientist of the Year

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**Date & Time** June 14, 2011 at 6:15 pm

**Location** Embassy of Austria  
3524 International Court, NW, Washington, DC 20008

**Agenda** Welcome Remarks  
Christian Prosl, Ambassador of Austria  
  
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Philipp Marxgut, Director of the OST  
  
Lecture  
Kurt Kotrschal  
  
Reception

### About the Lecture

Living in a complex society seems to boost brain size and cognitive skills. Social intelligence enables individuals to live, cooperate and compete in such complex systems.

The New Vienna School of Cognitive Ethology employs a profoundly comparative-evolutionary approach to tackle the big question why intelligence emerged and how individuals make use of it.

The lecture will discuss the approach to this hot topic in a variety of animals, contributing to the understanding of how variability in behavior, perception, physiology, communication and cognition is connected with individual efficiency and success in the social domain, i.e. how evolution shapes sociality and cognition.

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Prof. Kotrschal was elected Austrian Scientist of the Year 2010 by the Austrian Club of Education and Science Journalists for his cutting-edge research in cognitive ethology and for his efforts to communicate science to the general public.

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