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Social communication issues are quite common outside of autism, including ToM issues. It is one reason why I do not consider social communication issues (Surface Sociability) to be an intrinsic part of PDA, but instead an optional trait.



"refine our understanding of the essential criteria and the core difficulty with social identity" Christie (2016, s60).

We need to...

- refine our understanding of the *essential* criteria and the core difficulty with social identity
- Better understand areas of 'overlap' and 'co-morbidity' or co-existence
- Reach broader consensus on use criteria and classification in diagnosis
- Develop research tools for use as screening and diagnostic guidelines
- ...future versions of diagnostic manuals

At least Christie is admitting PDA's social communication issues are not essential to PDA as a construct. Begs the question why the need for social communication issues? Because Christie has already decided PDA is an autism subtype/ subgroup/ profile/ disorder.

Which takes me back to a point I have been making it is arbitrary & premature to view PDA as a "Profile of ASD".

There are plenty of other reasons why I think PDA's social communication issues should be made optional.

What I know (rhetorical)?

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