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[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) I will email you the documents. I need to read the chapter to make notes, as this stuff is likely to be useful to my next deadline for April.

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) Relevant points.

Sukhareva work & case studies - features which overlap PDA.

Stuff about heilpädagogik & approach to education Asperger's clinic used, e.g., meeting CYP halfway.

The motivations for learning among case studies.

Asperger's case studies, bits which overlap PDA.

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How this overlaps PDA strategies.

Aspects Asperger's case studies mirror PDA features.

Aspects of Kanner's case studies mirror PDA features.

PDA is a pseudo-syndrome as its features are seen throughout entire autistic population.

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) Paula Sanchez suggests Frith was not entirely accurate in their translation of Asperger's work (off the top of my head). So proposed autism spectrum is not as broad as it should be. Newson proposed PDA to mop up stragglers.

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) Might be something to Asperger's work not being entirely accurately translated. I think Newson proposed PDA to help other stakeholders, instead of mopping up the stragglers. Newson consistently said PDA was NOT an ASD. PDA seems to be a distinct clustering of features.

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) Quoting Paula's work.

"In Lorna Wing's 1981 paper she describes 'Asperger's Syndrome' which was very much based on then contemporary understanding of autism and Asperger's case studies, but she removed 2 interesting elements from Asperger's analysis:...

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- The possibility for imaginative play.
- The ability to be original and creative.

In Uta Frith's 1991 footnotes to Asperger's paper she too seemed to struggle with some of Asperger's observations:

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- Sceptical of 'fantastic stories' and imaginative thinking.
- '... the claim that autistic children have a special gift for art appreciation is very surprising'.
- '... little evidence that autistic children have the same sort of fantasy life as normally developing children'."

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) Perhaps not entirely accurately translated, are the correct words to describe. Maybe, instead the bias of the translating clinicians seems to have impacted interpretations of Asperger's work in 1981 - 1991?

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) Looking at Paula's blog, asks what if Newson had only said there was on big autism spectrum? I would argue Wing was doing this in their comments that PDA is a pseudosyndrome as its features are seen throughout the entire autistic population (Wing 2002; Wing & Gould 2011).

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) I think it is blatantly obvious from Newson's work, that she was not interested in making PDA part of the autism spectrum.

[@Georgin24661487](#) [@Vyka_Raxdon](#) [@milton_damian](#) [@SamFellowesHPS](#) More recently, I am wondering if Newson had limited views on what autism was, & if so, did these impact her PDA research. It is something I need to reflect more upon myself.

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[@threadreaderapp](#) Please could you unroll this?

Thank you in advance.

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