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## Beyond the eyes

**The development of a dynamic assessment procedure to measure the communication potential of people with congenital deafblindness**

door

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1. Dynamic assessment is the key to reveal potential abilities of people with congenital deafblindness (this dissertation).
2. Communication partners are responsible for the development of a person with congenital deafblindness (this dissertation).
3. Extreme heterogeneity of a target population is no contraindication to reliable measurement instruments (this dissertation).
4. Knowledge about the abilities of communication partners are as important as knowledge about the abilities of the person with congenital deafblindness (this dissertation).
5. Changing behaviour can be accomplished by live coaching (this dissertation).
6. Inclusion of dynamic assessment in the policy of institutions that target people with congenital deafblindness is a good investment (this dissertation).
7. Having a PhD student as stepmom is perfect. Since she is always busy working on her thesis, she has no time to interfere with the upbringing.
8. Reading a PhD comic a day, is keeping the psychologist away.
9. Language, that most human invention, can enable what, in principle, should not be possible. It can allow all of us, even the congenitally (deaf)blind, to see with another person's eyes (Oliver Sacks).
10. Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being (Goethe).