

Abstract: Episodic memory allows a person to recall events of one's personal past. During the retrieval, memory is re-experienced as a vivid imaginary experience, accompanied by a rich temporo-spatial context and auto-noetic consciousness – awareness of the self. Further episodic memory characteristics are captured in its several models. Some of them focus on the encoding, consolidation and retrieval processes, other on the spatial context, time duration of events, autobiographical context or characteristic feelings during retrieval. The models differ in some aspects and converge in other aspects, and given together they provide general view on episodic memory approaches.