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Dr James Vaughan is Head of Football and Coaching Psychology and research coordinator at AIK in Stockholm.

James received his PhD in Sports Coaching from the University of Queensland in 2020 and is currently a football coach (completing the UEFA A licence), coach developer and researcher in football. His research views football as an emergent feature of the sociocultural ecology, proposing that sociocultural constraints influence playing style and players creative development. Practical applications focus on the need to shape skilled intentions (i.e., skilled intentionality), a principle of non-linear pedagogy which recognizes the development of skill and team-coordination (i.e., tactics) as simultaneous processes of self-organization. To enhance learning, team-coordination and creative performance, coaches can shape skilled intentions in order to educate attention toward multiple and nested affordances.