

Editorial

The current issue of “Psychology in Russia: State of the Art” provides papers on medical, social and personality psychology, as well as various works on speech, communication and semantic.

The “Medical psychology” deals with different topics which share a common idea of people’s attitudes and vision of certain health-related issues. Victor A. Lazarenko with the colleagues investigated structural-phenomenological features of the internal picture of doctors’ illnesses, contributing to an urgent problem of self-care in medical professionals. Natalya A. Sirota with colleagues outlined strategies and resources for coping with fear of disease progression in women with reproductive-system cancer. Larissa A. Tsvetkova, Ksenia Y. Eritsyayn and Natalia A. Antonova performed a research of awareness and attitudes towards biobanks among Russian students. Finally, the article by Yury P. Zinchenko with collaborators provides insights into young people’s notions about narcotics and psychoactive substances.

The “Personality psychology” section provides a collection of papers on this branch of research and its application to therapeutic practice. Sergey A. Kapustin performed conceptual analysis of an existential criterion of normal and abnormal personality in the works of Carl Jung and Carl Rogers. His article continues the series of works, published in 2015 and based on the ideas of Erich Fromm, Sigmund Freud and Alfred Adler. Oleg V. Lukyanov and Anastasiya A. Shushanikova suggest the instruments developed to study the effectiveness of psychotherapeutic processes, which were adapted on Russian-speaking samples. Evgeny N. Osin, Anna V. Malyutina and Natalia V. Kosheleva performed a pilot experimental study on how self-transcendence facilitates meaning-making and flow, according to Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi.

The “Speech and semantic” section includes various aspects of communications: from production of meanings to psychophysiological parameters. Marina O. Avanesyan and Ekaterina Yu. Khaibrakhmanova explored relationships between cognitive abilities and ability to create metaphorical names. Alexander V. Smirnov, Alyona G. Obolenskaya and Ravil A. Valiev described the semantic structure of gratitude in people with Russian, Tatar, Ukrainian and Jew origin. Nadezhda S.

Rudenko and Svetlana G. Krylova performed a pilot study of the influence of a communicator's speech characteristics on a recipient's willingness to maintain interaction in cross-cultural online communication. Alexander V. Latanov, Victor N. Anisimov and Alexander M. Chernorizov concluded that eye movement parameters while reading show cognitive processes of structural analysis of written speech.

There are only two articles in the "Social psychology" section. They provide reviews and evidence on the issues of competitiveness and status relations, topical but still emergent for Russian scholarly community. Olga A. Klyueva analyzed competitiveness of personality as a psychological phenomenon: the content of the construct and its typology. Marianna E. Sachkova and Irina N. Timoshina investigated gender aspects of the status relations in teenage student groups.

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