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Предмет:

Предлог пројекта у оквиру програма „ПРОМИС 2023" по расписаном конкурсу Фонда за науку Републике Србије од 26. 4. 2023. Године

Project title:
MAPPING MENTALIZATION: LATENT DIMENSIONS AND POSITIONING WITHIN THE NETWORK OF CONSTUCTS, акроним MENTnet

Пројекат ће се бавити испитивањем латентне структуре концепта самопроцењене ментализације, а на основу аналозе ајтема из већ постојећих инструмената. Такође, биће мапиран и односа овог концепта са другим сродним концептима. У току рада на пројекту биће развијен и нов инструмент за процену ментализације. У прилогу детаљнији апстракт на енглеском језику.

Abstract:

This research proposal aims to investigate the latent structure of self-assessed mentalization and develop a comprehensive self-assessment scale for mentalization. The concept of mentalization refers to the ability to recognize and understand one's own and others' mental states, emphasizing social cognition and interpersonal understanding. While the concept has gained popularity in psychological literature, its boundaries and relationships with related constructs remain ambiguous. This project addresses these gaps by exploring the nomological network of self-assessed mentalization and developing a new scale.

The research will utilize already established self-assessment measures of mentalization to construct an initial item pool, reviewed by independent in terms of language and content validity. A sample of 500 participants from the general population will be used to map the latent structure ofself-assessed mentalization through parallel analysis and confirmatory factor analysis. Internal consistency reliability and construct validity will be assessed using statistical measures.

In subsequent phases, the purified instrument will be administered to larger international samples to assess the network of relations and convergent validity with measures of related constructs. The factor structure proposed in the earlier sample will be further examined through confirmatory factor analysis. Additionally, the instrument will be administered to assess the criterion validity and the nomological network by including measures of known correlates and borderline personality disorder proneness in the general population.

The project's impact lies in advancing our understanding ofself-assessed mentalization and its relationships with other constructs. The development of a validated self-assessment scale will provide researchers and practitioners with a valuable tool for assessing mentalization. The project's expected results include a refined understanding of the latent structure of mentalization, insights into its nomological network, and the validation of the new self-assessment scale. These outcomes will contribute to the scientific community, enhance clinical practice, and potentially benefit various domains such as healthcare, education, and interpersonal relationships.

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