

The Review of Proceedings Book

The Proceedings Book consists of the selected presentations from the online 18th International Conference Days of Applied Psychology titled "Current Challenges in Psychological Science," held on September 23rd & 24th, 2022, in an online format.

The proceedings include 12 reviewed original scientific papers. There is a variability of papers in many ways. They bring original research findings from 8 countries: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, India, Japan, the Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia. They contain various topics content: Personality and Individual Differences, Work, Organization & Mental Health, Protective Behaviors during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Psychometrics, Educational Psychology, Social Psychology, Motor Behaviour & Sports Psychology, Psychotherapy & Mental Health, and two symposia: Forest Bathing Without the Forest: The Urban Nature Experience and Share Your Attitude: Mental Health Services, Asylum Seekers and Nationalism – Under the Veil of Personal and Some Other Factors.

The papers are rich in original quantitative research. Primary data analysis proceeded on small and large representative samples of national and international nature. The secondary data analyses, either with ESS data or as a meta-analysis, are also present in the collection. Readers can see contributions of an experimental and, most often, regression or mediation analyses nature. The contributions relate more or less to mental health, current topics of vaccination, seeking help, reducing stress, or supporting mental health indicators. Researchers have worked with variable research samples like students, healthcare workers, prisoners, etc.

There are occasional typos in some contributions in American English instead of the British English in which the collection is written. It would be appropriate to unify the formal arrangement of texts. In some cases, the indents from the left at the beginning of the paragraph are larger than elsewhere. The same goes for tables. In some tables, there are also indents from the left, which complicates the reading of the table cells. We recommend unifying the format of the tables. If using a font other than Latin, such references could be written in parentheses in Latin.

Overall, the collection is a successful example of current applied research. It brings the overview of the current theories popular in the field and the source of the valid and accepted measures/questionnaires used in the research internationally. In the area of individual differences, the predictors of mental health are presented. The proceedings also include contributions focusing on popular dark or prosocial personality traits concepts. It shows that many application areas of psychology are currently intertwined with mental health and/or the COVID-19 pandemic. This collection of papers is a testimony of our times and, in several cases, can inspire further research. The proceedings can also serve as a teaching text for students, in which they can encounter the variability of applied research in psychology today.

I recommend publishing the Proceedings Book titled "Current Challenges in Psychological Science," held on September 23rd & 24th, 2022, in Niš, Serbia.

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