

Review of the thematic collection International Thematic Proceedings “*Psychology in and around us*”

A special publication by the Department of Psychology of the Faculty of Philosophy of Niš, Serbia, named International Thematic Proceedings “*Psychology in and around us*” represents a scientific publication devoted to the complex psychology aspects in and around us, which becomes one essential part of modern civilization. This is a very important collection of research papers, which were presented at an International conference in Niš in October, 2017. The main focus of the conference (and thus this special publication), was to explore the importance and complexity of the “psychology in and everywhere around us”. The Conference opens with the research on suicide, emphasizing the importance of neglected passive suicidal ideation (Lence Miloseva, *Passive suicidal ideation as a risk factor for suicide: Are we Asking the Right Questions?*). The complexity of *neuroscience research work and link between mind, brain and behavior* was presented by M. Palazova with the plenary lecture *Understanding Emotions in Words and Faces*. Plenary lecture by N. K. Stanulovic ,*The challenges and limits of the role of psychologist in massive crisis situation* presented once again psychology as a united and integrated discipline. The collection was closed with the research of the importance of the work organization climate and contribution of psychology in develop and enhance quality of life in it (I. Šverko, T. Babarović, *Nomological Network of RIASEC Types: Interests, Personality Traits, Work Values and Life Role Salience*). Very interesting research about the *importance of family and work relationships at the beginning of the 21st century* was presented by V. Hedrich

Judging by the diversity of perspectives and academic interest presented in this research collection, this International conference brought together researchers and practitioners from various fields of psychological research to create a rich and interdisciplinary multifaceted way of view at an individual and her/his environment.

The articles presented in this collection of papers represent all sub-fields of psychology, dealing with social, emotional, and motivational development; development of personality and identity; social relationships in many different settings; issues of perception and

cognitive development; organizational psychology aspects; psychopathology; clinical psychology and psychotherapy; processes of learning and educational settings, teaching goals; issues of inclusive education and uniqueness of individuals with special needs; as well as many other important perspectives on the problems and resolutions that individuals encounter in their social environments.

Reading this book, I was fascinated by the authors' great contribution to the important topics focused on the role of psychology in our life, thus underlining the potential contribution of psychology in supporting the comprehension and possibly the improvement of the quality of persons' life and well-being, once psychology looks with curiosity at individuals as enrooted in their environment. A reader can appreciate contributions in the different interdisciplinary fields. Specific research focus was on: family relations and self-efficacy in elementary school age; life satisfaction of young people; usage of internet and forms of cyberbullying; socialization and Self-presentation on Facebook: role of personality traits and selfies. A reader can reflect on the psychometric issues, than human condition of being a disabled child, in relation to inclusive schools and on new innovations and learning strategy in school and education system. Or pick up some clues about being adolescent, mental health issues, procrastination, well being and the strategies to overcome problems. She/he can reflect on the leadership, coaching, and organizational climate and the importance of psychological knowledge and skills within. The newest research arguments from clinical psychology, psychopathology, forensic psychology and psychiatry make this collection reach and valuable.

These are just examples of the richness contained in this book of proceedings, whose dissemination among researchers and professionals I strongly recommend.

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