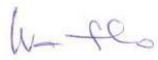


### ***Psychological research and practice – review***

International Thematic Proceedings *Psychological research and practice* presents a collection of psychological papers presented at *The 15th Conference Days of Applied Psychology* organized by the Department of Psychology of the Faculty of Philosophy of University of Niš, Serbia, in September 2019. The conference gathered international researchers and practitioners who discussed bridging science and practice in different psychological areas. International authors presented their scientific studies whose relevance for psychological practice is universal and cross-cultural.

International Proceedings contains 18 original reviewed papers. The papers cover a broad range of topics and approach them from the view of scholars and practitioners. Different views and approaches gathered in this publication give an important and interesting insight into the most relevant issues of contemporary psychology. The plenary lecture addresses the all-important topic of open science that has become the ultimate goal in ongoing research as it serves as a bridge for dissemination of scientific results to the readers from all domains, including practitioners. Other selected papers bring up results of scientific studies that have direct implications for psychological practice in the field of counselling and coaching, occupational health and marketing, self-concept and self-esteem, children's behavior, human sexuality, aggressive and prosocial behavior, radicalism and homophobia. The presented papers provide a firm platform for promotion of scientifically informed psychological practices.

Bridging theory and practice is the only way for the development of tools, procedures and approaches that are specific, concrete and practical. The selected papers nicely depict how relying on well-supported theories leads to the practice that is focused on the specific needs of the target populations. The main strength of this volume is in theory-based approaches that foster practical implications important for development of psychological interventions in a wide array of human behavior. The knowledge and insights presented in this volume will be helpful to a broad audience of students, practitioners, and researchers who are interested in basing their work on scientific research and theory. The theoretical and practical contributions of this volume will be of excellent use to everyone involved in psychological research and practice.



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