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Why read or publish articles in *Psychological Topics*?

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Figure 1. The last special issue about health psychology

Psychological Topics is a Croatian scholarly journal published three times a year by the Department of Psychology of the Rijeka University Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences since 1992. The journal was started by professors Branko Sremec, Petar Bezinović and Igor Kardum to present the Department's research. From the first issue, the journal has addressed a number of topics, including conflicts and factors of their resolution, action memory, reading skills,

induction of emotional states, gender stereotypes, depression, visual perception and performance rating.

The journal was published once in two years until 2001, then increased its frequency to once a year, and from 2006 twice a year. One issue was regular and the other dedicated to a special topic. Since 2011, *Psychological Topics* has been published three times a year - in April, July and November. The first issue is thematic and includes articles in English only, while the other two issues include articles in either Croatian or English.

Only previously unpublished manuscripts are accepted for publication, once they have received two independent positive double-blind peer reviews. *Psychological Topics* is an open access journal; all content is available free of charge. In order to attract a broader audience, from 2015, all abstracts are being translated into Spanish in addition to Croatian and English.

Special issues

The first special issue was dedicated to evolutionary psychology (2006) and addressed some of the existing dilemmas in the field as well as biases toward evolutionary psychology in the general population and the scientific community.

The second special issue entitled *Biopsychosocial Approach to Health and Illness* (2007) stressed the importance of an integrated approach to understanding disease processes, and it presented a broad range of research reports and theoretical contributions from an integrative evolutionary framework for understanding the biopsychosocial research of health and illness.

The third issue tackled the problem of eating disorders and obesity (2008) in terms of risk factors that may lead to anorexia, bulimia and binge eating as well as their treatment.

The fourth special issue entitled *Positive Psychology* (2009) explored individual and group levels of subjective experiences. Some contributions were based on papers presented at the 4th *European Conference on Positive Psychology* held in Croatia in 2008.

The fifth issue, *Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy* (2010), discussed important concepts in cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) such as schema or neurobiological correlates of CBT, specific psychological problems (depression, child anxiety) and the emerging "third wave" of CBT, that is, mindfulness.

The sixth issue, *Emotional Intelligence* (2011), presented some of the most interesting contributions from the 3rd *International Congress on Emotional Intelligence* (September 2011, Opatija, Croatia) and the work of cross-cultural researchers in emotional intelligence.

The seventh issue, *Contemporary Contributions in Work and Organizational Psychology* (2012), addressed current issues and trends in industrial/work and organisational psychology and covered research and theoretical contributions in a wide variety of important topics in the field.

The eighth issue, *Emotions: Evolution, Physiology, and Expression* (2013), brought the most recent findings and theories by some of the world's most prominent experts and gave an insight into various aspects of theoretical analysis and empirical research directed towards better understanding of evolution, physiology and expression of emotions.

The ninth issue, *Metacognition* (2014), dealt with various facets of metacognition in different aspects of human functioning, from psychomotor activity to reading and learning in different age groups.

The tenth issue (2015) presented a range of original research and theoretical reviews about attachment. The contributors showed different approaches to the study of attachment and its implications across various psychological aspects (eg emotional competence, academic efficacy of children).

The latest special issue (2016) entitled *Health Psychology: Current Research and Trends* (Figure 1) covers various components of the biopsychosocial model of health and illness, including the role of cognitive, affective, and behavioural representations of health threats, social support, personality traits, emotional states and health

behaviour. It also included the influence of pain perception on various health outcomes (eg physical symptoms, chronic disease and blood pressure).

We are very proud of our special issues as they have brought together many eminent researchers over the last eleven years. The most cited articles from special issues according to Google Scholar (on 25 May 2016) are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Top cited articles published in the special issues of Psychological Topics

Year	Title of article	No. of citations
2006	Buss, D.M. (2006). Strategies of Human Mating. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 15(2), 239-260.	100
2009	Kashdan, T.B., & McKnight, P.E. (2009). Origins of Purpose in Life: Refining our Understanding of a Life Well Lived. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 18(2), 303-313.	59
2008	Guerrieri, R., Nederkoorn, C., & Jansen, A. (2008). The Effect of an Impulsive Personality on Overeating and Obesity: Current State of Affairs. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 17(2), 265-286.	53
2011	Feldman Barrett, L. (2011). Constructing Emotion. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 20(3), 359-380.	30
2012	Sušanj, Z., & Jakopec, A. (2012). Fairness Perceptions and Job Satisfaction as Mediators of the Relationship between Leadership Style and Organizational Commitment. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 21(3), 509-526.	27
2010	Keune, P.M., & Perczel Forintos, D. (2010). Mindfulness Meditation: A Preliminary Study on Meditation Practice During Everyday Life Activities and its Association with Well-Being. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 19(2), 373-386.	27
2007	Thayer, J.F. (2007). What the Heart Says to the Brain (and vice versa) and Why We Should Listen. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 16(2), 241-250.	23
2013	Buss, D.M. (2013). Sexual Jealousy. <i>Psychological Topics</i> , 22(2), 155-182.	20

Editorial Board

Today, the editorial board comprises eleven people from the Department of Psychology (Rijeka University Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) and seven people from other Croatian universities and other countries including Japan, the Netherlands, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden and the USA.



Figure 2. Psychology department members of the editorial board (2015) From left to right: Irena Miletić, Tamara Mohorić, Sanda Pletikosić, Barbara Rončević Zubković, Alessandra Pokrajac-Bulian, Barbara Kalebić Maglica, Tamara Martinac Dorčić, Igor Bajšanski, Sanja Smojver-Ažić and Domagoj Švegar

Current vision and mission

The main goal of our journal is not only to link up scientists from different areas of research but also to help the implementation of modern scientific knowledge into psychological practice.

Psychological Topics publishes original research articles, review articles and brief reports from different fields of psychology such as developmental, cognitive, educational, clinical, health, organisational, evolutionary and personality psychology, authored by researchers from Croatia and abroad (eg UK, Netherlands, USA, Sweden, Germany, Israel, Greece, Slovenia, Poland).

Articles published in *Psychological Topics* are abstracted in PsycINFO, Scopus, EBSCO, DOAJ, ProQuest, ERIH PLUS and HRČAK – Portal of Scientific Journals of Croatia.

Our mission is to become a highly visible journal in the region and beyond, publishing quality papers in the field of psychology. We also want to increase the citation of our articles and become a member of the Web of Science family.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the Editorial Board and the Department of Psychology for their help and support in publishing this journal. I would also like to thank the Rijeka University Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, and The Foundation of the University of Rijeka for their financial support.

I invite all researchers with expertise in psychology and related fields to send us manuscripts and help us achieve our goals. On that note, we are deeply indebted to all the authors who have published with us and equally to our peer reviewers.