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Rediscovering Social Identity

Tom Postmes, University of Groningen, The Netherlands and Nyla R. Branscombe, University of Kansas, USA (Eds.)

This reader brings together the founding texts of the “Social Identity Approach”—a set of concepts, ideas, and principles contained in Social Identity Theory and Self-Categorization Theory. This approach originated in social psychology and is increasingly part of the standard curriculum in communication and media studies, organizations and management, sociology, education, and politics. Originally published in the 1970s and 1980s by Henri Tajfel and John Turner, in a wide variety of books and journals, many of these articles have become citation classics, and for good reason: they have lost none of their inspirational quality. The depth and scope of their analysis is unrivalled, and there can be no doubt that the themes they address, such as intergroup conflict, diversity, stereotyping and social influence, are as relevant today as they ever were.

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psychology and culture
thinking, feeling and behaving in a global context

by lisa vaughn, university of cincinnati, usa

"this is a very succinct and clear introduction to psychological differences across cultures. it covers a very broad area of research and is well referenced with up-to-date papers and books. it is a well-written and highly accessible text." – adrian furnham, department of psychology, university college london, uk

with increasing globalization, countries face social, linguistic, religious and other cultural changes that can lead to misunderstandings in a variety of settings. these changes can have broader implications across the world, leading to changing dynamics in identity, gender, relationships, family, and community. this book addresses the subsequent need for a basic understanding of the cultural dimensions of psychology and their application to everyday settings.

the book discusses the basis of culture and presents related theories and concepts, including a description of how cognition and behavior are influenced by different sociocultural contexts. the text explores a broad definition of culture and provides practical models to improve intercultural relations, communication, and cultural competency.

each chapter contains an introduction, a concise overview of the topic, a practical application of the topic using current global examples, and a brief summary. this up to date overview of psychology and culture is ideal reading for undergraduate and graduate students and academics interested in culturally related topics and issues.

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1. introductory concepts. 2. identity and culture: introduction. 3. human development/socialization and culture. 4. basic psychological processes and culture. 5. intercultural interactions and acculturation. 6. relationships, sexuality and culture. 7. health and culture. 8. intercultural communication and education. 9. work/organizations and culture.
When asked to introduce ourselves a key aspect of our self-description will be our occupation. Certainly if we fail to identify what we do it is very likely that we will be asked. Even if we are unemployed, the very absence of employment will be part of our identity. Those who have studied identity have long realized that human identity is largely tied up in the groups we inhabit, our social identity. We carry a representation of our social world in our minds and use this to negotiate our everyday world. For many, a large percentage of this is the world of work. Although we are quite often unaware of it, the groups in our minds determine much of our behaviour and experience. Have you ever been in a meeting and been surprised by the behaviour of colleagues who you thought you knew? Have you ever wondered at committee decisions which seem unfair or irrational to you? People in groups behave differently to when they are alone, and indeed may behave very differently from one group to another. The thesis of this book is that work behaviour cannot be understood by focusing on individuals. Real explanations are to be found at the levels of groups or organizations and the way in which those groups and organizations are incorporated in the individual mind.

*Individuals, Groups and Organisations* will be of interest to students of social psychology, organizational psychology and business and management.

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1. The Illusion of Individuality  
2. Groups and Why We Need Them  
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8. Improving Groups and Building Teams  
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Cultural Issues in Psychology
A Student’s Handbook

by Andrew Stevenson, Manchester Metropolitan University and Aquinas College, Stockport, UK

“This book is up-to-date, showing familiarity with contemporary debates within the discipline. It is also very readable, thought provoking and broad in its coverage. Difficult concepts are introduced in a gentle fashion, and the whole book should develop the students’ understanding and thinking about this fascinating area.” - Peter Banister, Department of Psychology and Social Change, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

“In this engaging text, the author offers a multilateral perspective on the cultural construction of the human psyche. Using accessible language, the author presents his vision of a new cultural science for a globalized world. Andrew Stevenson is a superb communicator.” - Chi-yue Chiu, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Does our cultural background influence the way we think and feel about ourselves and others? Does our culture affect how we choose our partners, how we define intelligence and abnormality and how we bring up our children? Psychologists have long pondered the relationship between culture and a range of psychological attributes. Cultural Issues In Psychology is an all round student guide to the key studies, theories and controversies which seek to explore human behaviour in a global context.

The book explores key controversies in global psychology, such as

- Culture: what does it mean and how has it been researched?
- Relativism and universalism: are they compatible approaches in global research?
- Ethnocentrism: is psychological research dominated by a few regions of the world?
- Indigenous psychologies: what are the diverse research traditions from around the world?
- Research methods and perspectives: how can we compare and contrast cross-cultural psychology and cultural psychology?

With insightful classroom activities and helpful pedagogical features, this detailed, yet accessibly written book gives introductory-level psychology students access to a concise review of key research, issues, controversies and diverse approaches in the area of culture and psychology.

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Narratives of Identity and Place

Stephanie Taylor

by Stephanie Taylor, Open University UK

“The author has produced an excellent book, which draws from her already substantial body of work, and will no doubt become requisite reading to those of us engaged in qualitative research in fields ranging from psychology, gender studies and narrative analysis to all facets of human geography; including most pertinently for this readership, critical and urban geographies.” - Breffni Lennon, University College Cork, Ireland, in Urban Geography Research Group

“This book is very carefully written and is definitely reader-friendly. Although it deals with complex and contested theories around identity it does so with rigour and clarity, and could become part of an essential bibliography for courses in psychology, gender studies, narrative studies or critical and human geography.” - Maria Tamboukou, Centre for Narrative Research, University of East London

“This is a well-written and engaging book. Lively and succinct, it is a reference point in the study of place and identity for students in psychology and academic researchers.” – Ian Burkitt, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Bradford

Changes of residence are common in contemporary Western societies. Traditional connections to birthplaces, home towns and countries are broken as people relocate and migrate, yet where they live remains significant to people’s identity and stories of who they are. This book investigates the continuing importance of place for women’s identities, employing a theoretical and empirical approach based on previous work in narrative and discursive psychology.

Through an analysis of women’s talk, the book examines how commonsense meanings shape and limit people’s identity-work to establish a connection to place. It argues that talk about place, and especially place of residence, enables a complex positioning of self and others in which identities of gender, class and national identity intersect. It shows how a speaker’s multiple interpretations of where she lives remain central to her life narrative, and to her fragile and idealized definition of ‘home’ as the place in which she may position herself positively.

Narratives of Identity and Place presents a unique and valuable integration of the popular methods of narrative and discourse analysis, compellingly demonstrating the value of these approaches for research on identity.
The chapters in this volume demonstrate convincingly that certainty is a two-edged sword, sometimes good and sometimes not. They also illustrate how uncertainty plays a role in many parts of our lives, from selecting among a dozen varieties of toothpaste to fighting depression.” - Jerry Burger, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Santa Clara University

"'Know thyself' was one of the central dictates of the ancient world. Since that time, psychologists have discovered just how difficult the task can be. The Handbook of the Uncertain Self brings together a set of first-rate thinkers to discuss the latest research and theory on this topic: the constructs, the causes, and the consequences. This is essential reading for anyone interested in the (un)certain self.” - W. Keith Campbell, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Georgia

This Handbook explores the cognitive, motivational, interpersonal, clinical, and applied aspects of personal uncertainty. It showcases both the diversity and the unity that defines contemporary perspectives on uncertainty in self within social and personality psychology. The contributions to the volume are all written by distinguished scholars in personality, social psychology, and clinical psychology united by their common focus on the causes and consequences of self-uncertainty.

In addition, the contributions to the Handbook touch on the psychological, social, and cultural context of the new millennium, including concepts such as Friedman’s “flat world,” confidence, the absence of doubt in world leaders, the threat of terrorism since 9/11, the arts, doubt and religious belief, and views of doubt as the universal condition of humankind.

The Handbook is an invaluable resource for researchers, practitioners, and senior undergraduate and graduate students in social and personality psychology, clinical and counseling psychology, educational psychology, and developmental psychology.

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Intergroup Relations
The Role of Motivation and Emotion

Sabine Otten, University of Groningen, The Netherlands; Kai Sassenberg, and Thomas Kessler, University of Jena, Germany (Eds.)

“I liked this book a lot! I think it has a huge amount to offer in terms of extending SIT/SCT, and offering readers a timely reminder of the influence of Mummendey’s work. It is wonderful to see this work brought together into a coherent book.” - Jackie Abell, Lancaster University

“This festschrift is testament to the massive contribution of Amélie Mummendey to the field of social psychology which has defined work in this area for the last thirty years and will continue to define the research agenda for many years to come. Many of these summaries are the best available in the field.” - Alex Haslam, School of Psychology, University of Exeter

“An outstanding tribute to an outstanding social psychologist. The editors have gathered an impressive group of experts and have succeeded twice. The book offers a clear and lucid overview of state-of-the-art on the role of motivation and emotions in intergroup relations, at the same time as it discusses ‘hot’ research issues that will intrigue scholars in the near future. All in all, a step forward in our understanding of social life that both scholars and students will definitely appreciate.” – Patrizia Catellani, Catholic University of Milan

This volume gives a survey of the most recent developments and trends in intergroup research. Diverging from classical approaches that looked at diverse needs and motives (positive distinctiveness, belongingness, etc), the present book focuses not only on the question what motivates intergroup behaviour, but especially on how the motivation of intergroup behaviour functions.

The book focuses on the role of emotion and motivation in the development of intergroup conflict, social exclusion, tolerance and other group related phenomena. The sections demonstrate how classical theories in the field have been further developed, enriched, and more sophisticatedly tested over the years, and summarise research on affect and memory.

The chapters are short and easy-to-comprehend summaries referring to a broad range of original work, providing a useful resource for advanced students of Social Psychology and researchers in the field of intergroup relations.

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Exploring Positive Identities and Organizations

Building a Theoretical and Research Foundation

Laura Morgan Roberts, Harvard University, USA
Jane E. Dutton, University of Michigan, USA (Ed.)

“...the leading identity scholars who have contributed to this impressive volume provide cutting-edge insights that extend across disciplines and levels of analysis. This anthology of original articles is required reading and an invaluable resource for those interested in the rich and multi-faceted construct of identity. It is a major step forward for the blossoming field of positive organizational scholarship.” -

Jeffrey T. Polzer, Harvard Business School

“Roberts and Dutton bring together the most exciting thinking in this burgeoning area, providing a theory-driven roadmap of identity research’s ‘hot spots.’ This volume will undoubtedly guide the next generation of identity research.” - Herminia Ibarra, The Cora Chaired Professor of Leadership & Learning Director, INSEAD Leadership Initiative

In the new world of work and organizations, creating and maintaining a positive identity is consequential and challenging for individuals, for groups and for organizations. This edited volume uncovers new topics and new theoretical approaches to identity through the specific focus on positive identities of individuals, groups, organizations and communities. This volume invites readers to consider, “When and how does applying a positive lens to the construct of identity generate new insights for organizational researchers?” A unique feature of this volume is that it brings together explorations of identity from multiple levels of analysis: individual, dyadic, group, organization and community. Commentary chapters integrate the chapters within each level of analysis, illuminate core themes and unearth new questions.

The volume is designed to accomplish three objectives:

• To establish Positive Identities and Organizations as an interdisciplinary, multi-level domain of inquiry
• To integrate a focus on Positive Identity with existing theory and research on identity and organizations
• To map out a vibrant new research territory in organizational studies.

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Joseph P. Forgas, University of New South Wales, Australia; Roy F. Baumeister and Dianne M. Tice, Florida State University, USA (Ed.)

“The present volume is an excellent summary of social psychological research, very readable and comprehensive.” – Rebecca Coleman Curtis and Nina Katzander in PsycCRITIQUES

“In just the last 10 years, there has been an explosion of scientific interest in self-regulation. New theories and exciting discoveries have appeared at an ever-increasing rate. ... This is why this book is a ‘must read’ for all those interested in how and why people’s goals, feelings, and motivational concerns translate into the decisions they make and the actions they take. This book brings together a stellar group of scientists and scholars who offer the reader the best new ideas and findings in self-regulation. It is an exciting and inspiring read that is not to be missed.” - E. Tory Higgins, Ph.D., Stanley Schachter Professor of Psychology & Professor of Management, Director, Motivation Science Center, Columbia University

The ability to regulate and control our behaviors is a key accomplishment of the human species, yet the psychological mechanisms involved in self-regulation remain incompletely understood. This book presents contributions from leading international researchers who survey the most recent developments in this fascinating area. The chapters shed new light on the subtle and often subconscious ways that the people seek to regulate their thoughts, feelings and behaviors in everyday social life. The contributions seek answers to such intriguing questions as: How can we improve our ability to control our actions? How do people make decisions about which goals to pursue? How do we maintain and manage goal-oriented behavior? What happens when we run out of self-regulation resources? Can we match people and the regulatory demands to specific tasks so as to optimize performance? What role does self-regulation play in sports performance, in maintaining successful relationships, and in managing work situations?

The book offers a highly integrated and representative coverage of this important field, and is suitable as a core textbook in advanced courses dealing with social behavior and the applications of psychology to real-life problems.

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Handbook of Approach and Avoidance Motivation

Andrew J. Elliot, University of Rochester, USA (Ed.)

Elliot’s Handbook is the A to Z of approach and avoidance. The list of authors reads like a ‘who’s who’ of the very best leaders in psychology and neuroscience today. ... Everything one could want in an up-to-date analysis of motivation and emotion is here. In short, the Handbook is sure to be required reading for anyone who wants to understand feelings or motives.’ – Kent Berridge, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan, USA

‘A clear understanding of the approach-avoidance distinction is as important in setting the scientific course for psychology as determination of the periodic table was for chemistry. This enormously ambitious book, containing work by the leading scholars in the field, is a landmark effort in reaching that goal.’ – Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Claremont Graduate University, USA

‘It is a comprehensive, essential resource for all students of motivation in the social sciences, psychology, and neuroscience.’ – Richard J. Davidson, Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

Of the many conceptual distinctions present in psychology today, the approach-avoidance distinction stands out as one of, if not the, most fundamental and basic. The distinction between approach and avoidance motivation has a venerable history, not only within but beyond scientific psychology, and the deep utility of this distinction is clearly evident across theoretical traditions, disciplines, and content areas. This volume is designed to illustrate and highlight the central importance of this distinction, to serve as a one-stop resource for scholars working in this area, and to facilitate integration among researchers and theorists with an explicit or implicit interest in approach and avoidance motivation.

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by Richard Jenkins, University of Sheffield, UK

This third edition builds on the international success of previous editions, offering an easy access critical introduction to social science theories of identity, for advanced undergraduates and postgraduates. All of the previous chapters have been updated and extra material has been added where relevant, for example, on globalization. Two new chapters have been added; one addresses the debate about whether identity matters, discussing, for example, Brubaker; the second reviews the postmodern approach to identity.

The text is informed by relevant topical examples throughout and, as with earlier editions, the emphasis is on sociology, anthropology and social psychology; on the interplay between relationships of similarity and difference; on interaction; on the categorization of others as well as self-identification; and on power, institutions and organizations.

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The Science of Stories
An Introduction to Narrative Psychology

by János László, Institute for Psychology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

“The Lazlo has put together one of the most intellectually compelling books on narrative psychology that has been written. This book should be studied by scholars across all the social sciences and humanities.” - James W. Pennebaker, University of Texas at Austin, USA

“This book combines an excellent overview and expansion of the field of narrative psychology. Its scholarship is outstanding: it is comprehensive, integrative, and advances the state of the art. It is a text that I would use for my own research and that I would definitely recommend to my students.” - Sandra Jovchelovitch, London School of Economics, UK

The Science of Stories explores the role narrative plays in human life. Supported by in-depth research, the book demonstrates how the ways in which people tell their stories can be indicative of how they construct their worlds and their own identities.

Based on linguistic analysis and computer technology, Laszlo offers an innovative methodology which aims to uncover underlying psychological processes in narrative texts. The reader is presented with a theoretical framework along with a series of studies which explore the way a systematic linguistic analysis of narrative discourse can lead to a scientific study of identity construction, both individual and group.

The book gives a critical overview of earlier narrative theories and summarizes previous scientific attempts to uncover relationships between language and personality. It also deals with social memory and group identity: various narrative forms of historical representations (history books, folk narratives, historical novels) are analyzed as to how they construct the past of a nation.

The Science of Stories is the first book to build a bridge between scientific and hermeneutic studies of narratives. As such, it will be of great interest to a diverse spectrum of readers in social science and the liberal arts, including those in the fields of cognitive science, social psychology, linguistics, philosophy, literary studies and history.

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Self Continuity
Individual and Collective Perspectives

Fabio Sani, University of Dundee, UK (Ed.)

This volume is the first to bring together the fast-growing research on self-continuity from multiple perspectives within and beyond social psychology.

The book covers individual and collective aspects of self-continuity, while a final section explores the relationship between these two forms. Topics include environmental and cultural influences on self-continuity; the interplay of autobiographical memory and personal self-continuity; the psychological function of self-continuity; personal and collective self-continuity; and resistance to change. The volume is rounded off with commentaries on the central issues and themes that have been discussed.

The book provides a unique sourcebook for this important topic and will appeal not only to upper-level students and researchers in social psychology, but, in view of the multiple perspectives represented in the volume, it will also appeal to cognitive, developmental, and personality psychologists.

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The Self and Identity in Rehabilitation
A Special Issue of Neuropsychological Rehabilitation

Fergus Gracey, Oliver Zangwill Centre, UK
Tamara Ownsworth, Griffith University, Australia (Eds.)

This special issue brings together developments in neurological, psychological and social understanding of sense of self and identity in neuropsychological rehabilitation. Following brain injury and in the context of neurological illness, both the individual and their loved ones report changes in personality, sense of self or identity. This issue is intended to be a key resource for clinicians trying to tackle these challenges, as well as researchers interested in the self and identity in clinical populations. New theoretical perspectives on the self, as well as quantitative and qualitative research studies, and clinical and service issues are covered.

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Truth, Lies and Trust on the Internet

by Monica T. Whitty, Queen’s University Belfast
Adam Joinson, The Open University, UK

“This is an excellent book that thoroughly covers timely issues in emerging society in a comprehensive and profound way. Concepts, issues and controversial topics are very well deliberated, presented in a friendly style and accompanied by numerous examples.”
- Professor Azy Barak, University of Haifa, Israel

This book may serve as an important reference text in undergraduate courses on the Internet because it is an indispensible and well-structured guide to approaches taken by recent researchers. I will recommend it to my graduate students who intend to conduct research online as a way of considering the pitfalls of such research.” – Daniel Keyes, PsycCRITIQUES, April 29th, 2009, vol. 54, Release 17, Article 1.

The Internet is often presented as an unsafe or untrustworthy space: where children are preyed upon by paedophiles, cannibals seek out victims, offline relationships are torn apart by online affairs and where individuals are addicted to gambling, love, and cybersex.

While many of these stories are grounded in truth, they do paint a rather sensationalized view of the Internet, the types of people who use it, and the interactions that take place online. Simultaneously, researchers claim that the Internet allows individuals to express their true selves, to develop ‘hyperpersonal’ relationships characterised by high levels of intimacy and closeness. At the heart of these competing visions of the Internet as a social space are the issues of truth, lies and trust.

This book offers a balanced view of the Internet by presenting empirical data conducted by social scientists, with a concentrated focus on psychological studies. It argues that the Internet’s anonymity which can enable, for instance, high levels of self-disclosure in a relationship, is also responsible for many of its more negative outcomes such as deception and flaming. This is the first book to develop a coherent model of the truth-lies paradox, with specific reference to the critical role of trust.

Truth, Lies and Trust on the Internet is a useful text for psychology students and academics interested in Internet behaviour, technology, and online deviant behaviour, and related courses in sociology, media studies and information studies.

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The study of the relationship between the person and the situation has had a long history in psychology. Many theories of personality are set on an interpersonal stage and many social phenomena are played out differently as the cast of characters change. At times the study of persons and situations has been contentious, however, recent interest in process models of personality and social interaction have focused on the ways people navigate, influence, and are influenced by their social worlds.

*Personality and Social Behavior* contains a series of essays on topics where a transactional analysis of the person and situation has proved most fruitful. Contributions span the personality and social psychology spectrum and include such topics as new units in personality; neuroscience perspectives on interpersonal personality; social and interpersonal frameworks for understanding the self and self-esteem; and personality process analyses of romantic relationships, prejudice, health, and leadership.

This volume provides essential reading for researchers with an interest in this core topic in social psychology and may also be used as a text on related upper-level courses.

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Although social psychology has been traditionally focused on interpersonal relationships, the cognitive revolution in psychology has had the effect of refocusing some social psychology on intra-psychic processes. This area of psychology has become very popular in recent years, yet there is currently no other textbook available for the study of the self. Republished in its original form by Psychology Press in 2007, this book carefully documents the changing conceptions and the value accorded the self in psychology over time. It further outlines the many alternative conceptions of this increasingly central domain in social psychology. New research and conceptions are juxtaposed with the classic and traditional, providing the reader with a comprehensive introduction to the study of the self.

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The Self and Social Relationships

Joanne V. Wood, University of Waterloo, Canada; Abraham Tesser, University of Georgia, USA; John G. Holmes, University of Waterloo, Canada (Eds.)

‘Wood, Tesser, and Holmes have done a great job. The writing is clear throughout. The style and level of discourse is consistent. A great deal of theory and empirical work is reviewed and new insights also appear, often in welcome sections devoted to integration where theorists place their own views within the larger context of others’ theories and research. The book will be easy to use as a teaching tool. It is theory driven and, as such, provides readers with the structure that they will need to recall the many empirical findings that are reviewed.’ - Margaret S. Clark, Yale University, USA

Although the two major research areas of the “Self” and “Social Relationships” have flourished, they have done so largely independently of each other. More and more research, however, has indicated that relationships shape the nature of the self and identity, and that self-views influence interpersonal processes and the manner in which people navigate their close relationships. The integration of research on self and social relationships has proved a particularly rich one, generating some of the most creative and insightful theories in psychology.

The Self and Social Relationships is the first volume that marks, expedites, and defines this exciting new research synthesis. It serves both as a platform for authors to present their latest ideas on the topic and to encourage continued integration in this emerging field. The contributions represent a diverse set of perspectives from social/personality and clinical psychology. Each chapter covers a topic that is central to the study of self and relationships, and presents some of the most exciting research programs in the field.

This volume is essential reading for researchers and students in the areas of both self and relationships.

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Published by Psychology Press
by Helga Dittmar, University of Sussex, UK

‘Dr. Dittmar has done us a great service by writing a book on the importance of ‘consuming’ to society and to individual identity and well-being that is both scholarly and accessible. The book tackles some tough questions regarding who and what people want to be, how they go about constructing their ‘selves’, and just what is it that people want from life and why. I wish more research psychologists were writing books like this.’ - James E. Maddux, George Mason University, Washington, USA

‘Consumer Culture, Identity and Well-Being: The Search for the ‘Good Life’ and the ‘Body Perfect’ discusses an important and timely issue—the psychological impact of mass consumption that visibly pervades our consumer culture... The author makes a contribution by focusing on identity.’ - Candice R. Hollenbeck & George M. Zinkhan, PsycCRITIQUES

Advertising, materialism and consumption are central aspects of contemporary Western culture. We are bombarded with idealised images of the perfect body, desirable consumer goods, and affluent lifestyles, yet psychology is only just beginning to take account of the profound influence these consumer culture ideals have on individuals’ sense of identity and worth.

Consumer Culture, Identity, and Well-Being documents the negative psychological impact consumer culture can have on how individuals view themselves and on their emotional welfare. It looks at the social psychological dimensions of having, buying and wanting material goods, as well as the pursuit of media-hyped appearance ideals. In particular, it focuses on:

- the purchasing of material goods as a means of expressing and seeking identity, and the negative consequences of this
- psychological buying motivations in conventional buying environments and on the Internet
- the unrealistic socio-cultural beauty ideals embodied by idealized models, which for women is typically expressed as ultra-thinness and for men as muscularity, and how this creates body dissatisfaction.

Consumer Culture, Identity, and Well-Being will be of interest to anybody who wants to find out more about the psychological effects of living in modern consumer societies on children, adolescents, and adults. More specifically, it will be of interest to students and researchers in social psychology, sociology, media studies, communication and other social sciences, as well as to psychologists, health workers, and practitioners interested in the topics of identity, consumption pathologies, body image, and body-related behaviours.

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The Self

Constantine Sedikides,
University of Southampton, UK
Steven J. Spencer,
University of Waterloo, Canada (Ed.)

“Sedikides and Spencer have assembled an outstanding group of contributors who do some of the most exciting research on the self in psychology. Anyone who wants to know what’s happening in research on the self should definitely take a close look at this volume.”- Jennifer Crocker, Ph.D., Claude M. Steele Collegiate Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan

“This is a fascinating and informative volume on an ever-important topic. The contributors include many of the most exciting young researchers in the field.”- Roy F. Baumeister, Ph.D., Social Psychology Area Director and Francis Eppes Eminent Scholar, Florida State University

This volume provides a cutting-edge exposition to research on the self. Sixteen authoritative overviews highlight the role of the self around four themes. The first theme is Brain and Cognition, which includes a social neuroscience perspective on the self, implicit self-cognition, the structure of the self and autobiographical memory. The next theme is Motivation, in which chapters include social comparison, self-regulation, narcissism, and modesty. The third theme is Self-esteem and Emotions, covered by chapters on the measurement of self-esteem, terror management theory, sociometer theory, and self-conscious emotions. The final theme concerns the Interpersonal, Intergroup and Cultural Context, containing chapters on intimate relationships, social exclusion, the collective self, and culture.

Throughout the volume, the exposition is both scholarly and accessible. It also offers critical assessments along with thoughtful discussions of challenges and problems ahead, as well as the generation of novel hypotheses. As such, the book aspires to influence the research agenda for several years to come.

The Self will serve as an essential reference volume for active researchers in the field, while also being appropriate for use as a textbook in advanced courses on the self.
Identity and the Modern Organization presents a lively exchange of ideas among psychology and management scholars on the realities of modern organizational life and their effect on the identities that organizations and their members cultivate. This book bridges the domains of psychology and management to facilitate a multidisciplinary, multi-level integration of theory and research on identity processes.

The volume highlights answers to important questions raised by shifting organizational forms and arrangements, such as:

- How are identity processes affected by, and how do they affect, the motivations of individuals and organizations?
- How do identity and identification shape the social processes that unfold between individuals and groups?
- How do strong versus weak contexts affect identity processes as the boundaries of organizations and social categories within them become more permeable?

An effective tool for understanding a wide variety of organizational phenomena, this book is intended for scholars and students in the fields of management, organizational theory, organizational behavior, social psychology, and industrial/organizational psychology.

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Religious Fundamentalism and Social Identity

by Peter Herriot, University of Surrey and Open University Business School, UK (retired)

‘Peter Herriot demonstrates how far one can come with linking theories about intergroup relations with religious fundamentalism. It is evident that these theories are highly relevant for and applicable to the phenomenon at hand. He has created a remarkable and original work.’
– Bertjan Doosje, Associate Professor, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

‘Religious Fundamentalism and Social Identity makes a permanent contribution to efforts to understand a phenomenon that is unlikely to disappear and one we must all learn to live with.’
– Ralph W Hood, Professor of Psychology, University of Tennessee at Chatanooga, USA

The attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon in the United States of September 11th, 2001 brought the phenomenon of religious fundamentalism to the world’s attention. Sociological research has clearly demonstrated that fundamentalists are primarily reacting against modernity, and believe that they are fighting for the very survival of their faith against the secular enemy. But we understand very little about how and why people join fundamentalist movements and embrace a set of beliefs, values and norms of behaviour which are counter-cultural. This is essentially a question for social psychology, since it involves both social relations and individual selves.

Drawing on a broad theoretical perspective, social identity theory, Peter Herriot addresses two key questions: why do fundamentalists identify themselves as an in-group fighting against various out-groups? And how do the psychological needs for self-esteem and meaning motivate them? Case studies of Mohammed Atta, the leader of the 9/11 hijackers, and of the current controversy in the Anglican Church about gay priests and bishops, demonstrate how fruitfully this theory can be applied to fundamentalist conflicts. It also offers psychologically sensible ways of managing such conflicts, rather than treating fundamentalists as an enemy to be defeated.

Religious Fundamentalism and Social Identity is unique in applying social identity theory to fundamentalism, and rare in that it provides psychological (in addition to sociological) analyses of the phenomenon. It is a valuable resource for courses in social psychology which seek to demonstrate the applicability of social psychological theory to the real world.

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Self-perception and behavior do not occur in a social vacuum: who we are, and what we do, is often a function of what other people are and do. Others can inform us of who we are (“I am the only sane person here”), or where we stand (“I am quite intelligent compared to him”); others can inspire us (“I want to be like her”), or discourage us (“I can never be like her”). In effect, social comparison is a fundamental process of self-conception through the perception of others-self, as it is identified with others.

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The editors present here a collection of contributions from leading figures in social psychology which explore the state of the art in social identity theory. The most prominent motivational theories of identification are reported. Central themes concern:

- motivations which lead individuals to join a group and identify with it
- the role emotions have in favouring (or hindering) intergroup relations
- the effect of emotions on intergroup behaviour
- how people react to social identity threats

Shedding new light on important social problems like prejudice, bigotry, and intense conflicts around the world, this unique volume will be indispensable to students and researchers of social psychology, sociology and cultural studies.

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Work on self and identity has a special place in the study of human nature, as self-concerns are arguably at the center of individuals’ striving for well-being and for making sense of one’s life. Life goals develop and are influenced by one’s view of what one is like, the way one would ideally like to be (or would like to avoid being), as well as one’s perceptions of what is feasible. Furthermore, conceptions of self and the world affect how one’s progress towards these goals is monitored, evaluated, redirected, re-evaluated, and pursued again. Thus, the “self” as a construct has far-reaching implications for behavior, self-esteem, motivation, experience of emotions and the world more broadly, and hence for interpersonal relationships, society, and culture.

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