Departmental Seminar

Investigating Cultural Psychology in China: Some Preliminary Findings

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Abstract

In recent years, Chinese psychology has received increasing attention. To date, several theories have been proposed to account for within-culture variation in China (e.g. rice theory and climato-economic theory). The existing theories and studies have led to some conflicting findings. For instance, climato-economic theory predicts that collectivism would be dominant in northern China, whereas rice theory predicts the opposite. To test these existing theories and at the meantime explore some other psychologies of interest in Chinese, we conducted a large-scale study among Chinese college students during 2018-2019. A total of 30,066 participants completed the survey online. The comparison results as well as some other interesting findings would be presented. Comments and suggestions are welcome and greatly appreciated.

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~All are Welcome~

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