International Psychology: Annotated Bibliography, Relevant Organizations, and Course Suggestions
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Overview

This 29-page document** consists of resources for incorporating international content into selected existing courses as well as for developing whole courses in international psychology. The materials include an annotated bibliography of materials relevant to introductory, social, and life-span developmental psychology from an international perspective and a list of relevant international psychology organizations. In addition, sample syllabi, annotated bibliographies, and video suggestions are provided for developing whole courses in international psychology.

** See the companion document, International Psychology: A Compendium of Textbooks for Selected Courses Evaluated for International Content

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I. Annotated Bibliography


Multidisciplinary text addressing international and cross-cultural issues relevant to the study and practice of health psychology. Addresses a variety of health concerns including AIDS/HIV, substance abuse, and mental illness. Also addresses family planning, community participation, and health education and promotion. Includes vignettes, case studies, and exercises for use in class.


Excellent collection of articles examining various aspects of social psychology within the context of subjective culture. Topics covered range from cultural patterns of interpersonal behavior to applied cross-cultural psychology.


Articles examining a broad range of psychological topics such as development, personality, psychopathology, and treatment from a cross-cultural perspective. Includes topics of particular international concern such as multinational enterprises, immigration, and intercultural communication. Draws on authors from both inside and outside of the United States.


Collection of essays examining the impact of culture on mental health concerns. Scholars and practitioners from various regions of the world discuss the classification, etiology, description, and treatment of mental disorders in various cultures and with various ethnic groups.


Collection of essays examining the unique mental health stresses of ethnic minorities, immigrants, and refugees. Raises the importance of cultural understanding for clinical psychologists and other mental health professionals.


Interesting article arguing for greater involvement of feminist psychologists in global issues such as human rights and war.


Examines issues related to and programs focusing on special education in eight countries within South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Particular emphasis is placed on discussing teacher education and service provision for children with mild and serious learning disabilities.


Study examining the representation of international research in psychology journals. Notes that publications from certain countries (e.g., Japan) and certain regions (Western Europe) have steadily increased while for some regions and developing nations, the representation remains low.

Examines parenting within the context of culture and global environment. Includes a discussion of parenting programs in a variety of countries ranging from France to the Philippines.


Excellent collection of essays concerning psychology as developed and applied in a variety of Chinese societies including the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan. An extensive array of topics is covered ranging from psychotherapy to employee motivation. The text is particularly important for psychologists working or training individuals to work in the context of a Chinese culture or society.


Highlights an international survey of support services and peer self-help programs for families with infants in neonatal care. Examines the similarities and differences between these programs and impact on outcomes.


Important collection of articles concerning the application and development of psychological knowledge in developing nations. Raises important issues concerning the need for balance between Western psychological theory and application grounded solely in indigenous constructs. Various domains of psychology are included such as organizational, educational, health, developmental, social, and ecological psychology. Also included are discussions of social issues such as the impact of war on children and the psychosocial care of AIDS patients.


Important collection of theoretical and research articles by over 50 international scholars concerning the study of human development from a cross-cultural perspective. The text is divided into nine sections emphasizing historical and theoretical concerns, methodology, particular periods of the life span, and cognitive-developmental topics. This text is designed for a professional audience.


Includes a discussion of the World Health Organization’s assessment instrument for diagnosing depression. Argues for consideration of the interaction between culture and gender when seeking to understand and treat depression.


Based on an international survey of psychological society members from 31 countries. Notes the reasons that psychology is uniquely poised to play a central role in cognitive science research around the world.

Discussion of the results of an international survey of women psychologists. Highlights that concerns such as sexism and antifeminism remain problems for some individuals around the world.


Interesting review of several large-scale international studies of subjective well-being and age.


Principally discusses a psychosocial approach to the analysis of intergroup conflict and conflict resolution. Includes a discussion of the application of this information to national and international issues.


Impressive articles by international psychologists on a broad spectrum of topics ranging from neuropsychology to organizational psychology.


Collection of articles examining the role of culture and national context on a variety of organizational topics such as multinational teams, intercultural communication, and work motivation. Excellent resource for those wanting to internationalize an industrial/organization psychology course or lecture.


Examines a variety of psychological constructs impacted by cultural context highlighting the differences between Western individualistic and non-Western collectivist cultures. Provides techniques for teaching cultural relativism and diversity.


An annotated guide to the research literature concerning infants of color cataloged by geographic region and topic.


Good companion text for use in developmental courses. Introduces students to a broad range of cross-cultural research both within the United States and internationally. Chapters are organized topically making correspondence to chronologically-organized life-span developmental texts a bit difficult. However within most chapters, the material is laid out chronologically.


Argues for the development of a multicultural psychology that incorporates the diversity of cultural beliefs about self and ways of knowing and increased dialogue between psychologists internationally. Discusses and provides international examples concerning important issues and
problems inherent with the ethnocentric exportation of Western psychology to other global contexts.


Excellent collection of articles by authors from 13 countries concerning the practice of family therapy in an international context. The text is divided into seven sections including counseling and ethnic diversity, Chinese families, families and family therapy in Asia, families in traumatic situations (e.g., genocide, cults, natural disasters), attachment concerns, and exceptional children.


Essays examining the evolution and practice of family psychology and therapy in a variety of countries principally in Europe.


A variety of programs in North America and Western Europe are described and discussed. These programs (and the book) are organized in terms of program orientation. Included are programs from the child protective, family service with mandatory reporting, and family service with nonmandatory reporting orientations.


Review of the international research on Alzheimer's disease. Implications for diagnosis are discussed in relation to education and income in both developing and developed nations.


A great way to introduce cross-cultural and internationalism into introductory psychology. The demonstrations are clearly explained and organized around a typical introductory psychology course although they can be utilized in upper division classes as well.


Interesting collection of articles highlighting some of the prominent ideas and theories within Russian psychology. While some of the chapters have a narrow focus, others are broadly written making it easier to integrate the material into traditional undergraduate courses.


An examination of programs and issues related to early childhood education and parent education in a broad spectrum of world regions including both developing and developed nations.
Excellent collection of essays and articles concerning the evolution and process of psychology in a sociopolitical context. Authors examine a variety of topics falling into four general areas. The first section of the text concerns politics and persuasion and includes articles related to political psychology, the psychology of truth and lies, as well as advertising and the media. The second section of the text concerns current crises in mental health such as alcoholism and trauma. The third section is particularly important as it addresses many of the concerns associated with interethnic conflict. The final section addresses research relevant to ecological and environmental psychology.


Argues for the inclusion of international research within the psychology curriculum. Provides a rationale and strategies for inclusion.


Examines similarities between dominant group member’s attitudes and out-group rejection in the United States and four Western European nations.


Contrasts Asian psychology and Western psychology. Cognition, emotion, personality, social behavior, and health are examined by a number of international scholars from Eastern psychological perspectives. The importance of spiritual, transcendental, and social issues in Eastern psychology are included. Argues for the inclusion of Eastern perspectives into Western psychology.


An interesting narrative describing one scholar’s journey toward becoming an international psychologist.


Using data from the 1996 World Health Statistical Annual, the article examines suicide among older adults taking into account a variety of factors including national origin. Includes recommendations for reducing the suicide rate among older adults.


Interesting study examining the correlations between juvenile drug use (both soft and hard drugs), juvenile delinquency, and drug trafficking in 12 European countries and the United States. Substantial differences among these countries are noted and discussed.


This article examines a variety of personality factors and individual as well as national socioeconomic indices in an attempt to correlate these with crime statistics. Although the results do
not indicate anything startling concerning the roots of crime, the study highlights how cross-cultural comparisons can raise issues regarding the impact of cultural variables on behavior.


To understand Russian psychology, one must examine the history of Russia and the former Soviet Union. This text discusses the current state of psychological science in Russia against the backdrop of this history. Includes a broad range of topics that can be integrated into a number of psychology courses including developmental, personality, industrial, and social psychology.


Important handbook for psychologists involved in training individuals for work in an intercultural setting. The first section concerns the theory and methods of intercultural training including topics such as acculturation, international personnel selection, and program assessment. The second section highlights the contextual dimensions of intercultural training in such settings as the military and organizational contexts. The final section is of particular interest for those interested in international issues as it focuses on intercultural training for those who work in critical parts of the world.


An important article arguing that in the face of increasing global interconnections and dependencies, psychology may be ill-prepared to meet changing needs unless it addresses its underlying ethnocentrism. Provides suggestions for various training designs.


Discusses the impact of global modernity on the prevalence of eating disorders among Asian females. Raises additional issues relative to Asian cultural and governmental differences impacting the delivery of treatment.


 Begins with the premise that personality and human nature are not independent of culture. Examines the impact of culture on personality and person perception in a variety of social and international contexts.


This article examines suicide rates from various nations around the world examining similarities, differences, and trends. For example, male suicide rates are higher in all nations studied except for China where women have a higher suicide rate. Predictor variables for suicide in 17 industrialized nations are proposed.


Proceedings of the 1995 Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology in Hong Kong. While most of these articles represent specialized research topics, a few may be of general use to
augment undergraduate and graduate lectures. Of particular interest may be a discussion of
Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism as a source of Asian values, a theoretical article concerning group
dynamics, an article concerning the five-factor model of personality in China, research concerning
psychological control, and articles regarding intergroup dynamics and conflict.

cross-cultural psychology: Selected papers from the Fourteenth International Congress of the
International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology*. Lisse, Netherlands: Swets and Zeitlinger.

Excellent collection of 44 papers concerning a broad range of cross-cultural topics. A small number
of articles concern cross-cultural concerns in the United States. However, most concern research,
theoretical development, and issues from other regions of the world. Of particular interest is an
article written by scholars from Africa challenging traditional American and European psychology.


Examines suicide rates and trends for adolescents in seven European countries.


Discussion of the need for the development of a specialty within psychology focusing on global-
community concerns. Argues that this is needed in response to changes in technology, the
development of multinational corporations, and increasing global interdependence.


Introduces students to the world of psychology from a cross-cultural perspective. Includes recent
international and cultural research in traditional areas of psychology as well as highlights topics of
particular importance to the study of psychology and culture such as intercultural communication and
ethnocentrism. It should be noted that the focus of this text is cultural diversity and is not exclusively
international in focus.

theories and practice to meet the needs of a changing world. *American Psychologist, 51*, 485-487.

Discussion of the far-reaching changes in society bringing those in the U.S. closer to individuals of
differing cultural and national backgrounds. Argues that psychologists in the U.S. can greatly
facilitate the internationalization of America by addressing potential problem sources both
domestically and abroad.


Interesting cross-cultural study examining the role of touch in interpersonal communication and the
need for awareness of differences for effective intercultural communication.


Great supplementary text for a social psychology course. Many areas of inquiry within a typical social
psychology course are discussed from a cross-cultural perspective. A very effective way to introduce
these topics into course preparations with little detective work. Topics covered by the authors
encompass the major areas of research within social psychology. A large percentage of the material is based on research conducted outside the U.S.


Examines cultural differences impacting the understanding and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Includes discussions of cross-cultural variability in power distributions in families, degree of external control on individual behavior, accepted family responsibility levels, and collectivist vs. individualist cultural patterns.


Important collection of essays concerning the treatment of trauma and loss taking into account the importance of cultural understanding. The first part of the book examines cultural differences within the United States and the second part of the book examines these issues internationally. Raises the issue of the importance of cultural awareness and the impact of cultural concerns on trauma response and treatment considerations.


Review of the recent psychological research in India related to personality and health psychology. Included are articles concerning consciousness studies, child and adolescent development, personality, self, gender, health, and therapy.


Review of the recent psychological research in India related to animal behavior, physiological psychology, learning and memory, intelligence and cognition, and language.


Excellent collection of essays concerning the practice of and research concerning psychology in Asia. The first section of the text concerns theoretical issues including discussions of the problems associated with indigenous psychology. The second and third sections contain articles related to family, cognitive processes, self, and achievement. The final section addresses social values and problems of developing societies. A significant number of the chapters concern research and psychological issues in India and Nepal. Based on the fourth regional Asian Congress of International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in 1992.


The majority of this article highlights the need for and process by which psychologists from varying national and regional backgrounds can engage in international cooperation and exchange. Also argues for the contributions that psychological science can make in a changing global context.


Excellent article for use in a social psychology class. Demonstrates the applicability of social psychology to “real world” international social concerns by blending theoretical issues with a
discussion of Kelman’s peace initiatives in the Middle East.


A collection of 26 cross-cultural readings and vignettes organized topically for use in an introductory psychology course. Designed to augment students’ knowledge of the material and raise issues of similarity and difference in relation to individuals in varying cultural contexts around the globe.


Based on contributions to the 1994 European Conference of Psychology and Law in Barcelona, Spain.


Examines a variety of concerns for adults with disabilities ranging from the transition from school to the workplace to parenting concerns. Includes articles focusing on specific issues, programs, or policies in a variety of industrialized countries around the globe as well as cross-cultural comparisons.


Examines the role that community psychologists can play in reframing and assisting with global peace and development concerns.


Discusses the results of a survey conducted by the International Union of Psychological Science. Addresses the growth of psychology internationally and the challenges that will be faced as psychology takes its place in the global community.


Survey of psychological research by scholars from six countries. Topics covered include learning and memory, visual perception, parenting and child development, health psychology, psychotherapy, and psychological assessment. Of particular interest is a chapter entitled, “Resources for Psychological Science Around the World.”


A good study for discussion of cross-cultural applicability of research and theory particularly in relation to psychological disorders. Data were gathered in nine counties concerning alcohol use and both psychological and physical dependence. Similarities and differences across cultures are discussed.

An interesting article describing an intercultural psychology seminar taught in Mexico.


General introduction to the influence of culture on human behavior. Includes research concerning the impact of culture on individuals in a multiethnic as well as international context.


Provides a panoramic view of psychology from around the globe. Chapters are organized by country from Argentina to Zimbabwe. Each chapter describes the state of the profession, current research themes, and theoretical emphasis within that nation.


Discusses and analyzes national suicide prevention strategies from an international public health perspective.


A natural supplement to any social psychology course. It examines the many areas of inquiry within a typical social psychology course from a cross-cultural perspective. A very effective way to introduce these topics into course preparations with little detective work. Topics covered by Smith and Bond touch on virtually every aspect of social psychological research.


Describes the benefits and pitfalls associated with international research collaboration.


Interesting collection of theoretical and research articles based on the proceedings of the 1997 Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology in Kyoto. Text is divided into six parts including the methods of Asian social psychology, the Asian self, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and intergroup processes, social representations, and cultural development issues in Asia. Many of the articles in this volume could be easily integrated into a social psychology course.


Addresses the special concerns of children and family in relation to changing international trends and environments. Of particular importance to those who either work or are training individuals to work as researchers, educators, social policy coordinators, or advocates of children and their families.


This resource is a fountain of information. Provides discussion about and data on children around the world. Includes numerous invaluable charts and tables examining a variety of factors impacting childhood such as health, nutrition, and economics. It is available for free viewing on-line at <http://www.unicef.org/sowc01/>.

Cross-cultural study examining similarities and differences in factors associated with coronary heart disease among men principally from the West and from Eastern Europe.


Discusses the history and status of community psychology training programs, practice, and research in a broad range of countries around the globe.


This text has recently been reprinted and is now again in circulation. Text contains a set of four articles that address international conflict. Contributors to this section are, by and large, from universities outside of the U.S. Topics include the Yin-Yang Theory, Israeli-Palestine conflict, U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. relations, and negotiations in Poland.


A welcome addition to the social psychology literature. This edited text addresses the many ways in which antecedents of social influence are shaped by culture. Draws on research conducted within the U.S. and around the globe. It’s an excellent book.


Essays examine the concept of civic identity in a variety of nations and political situations from Canada to Palestine.

The following resources contain many useful international references and course recommendations. They can be found on the Society for the Teaching of Psychology’s Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology website - [http://www.lemoyne.edu/OTRP/index.html](http://www.lemoyne.edu/OTRP/index.html).


II. Relevant Organizations in International Psychology

Interamerican Society of Psychology  
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Website: <http://www.sip-99.org.ve/>

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Website: <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/orgs/div52/>
International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)
Dr. Pierre L. J. Ritchie, Secretary General
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University of Ottawa
11 Marie Curie, Pavillon Vanier
Ottawa, Ontario KIN 6N5
Canada
Telephone: 613-562-5289
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E-Mail: pritchie@uottawa.ca
Website: <http://www.iupsys.org>

Psychologists for Social Responsibility (PsySR)
2607 Connecticut Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008
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Website: <http://www.rmc.edu/psysr/>

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
SPSSI Central Office
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Website: <http://www.spssi.org>

A comprehensive listing of organizations can be found on the American Psychological Association's International Psychological Organizations and Related Organizations web site - <http://www.apa.org/international/intlorgs.html>
III. Course Suggestions

Aging in a Global Context

Over the next 30 years, we will see a dramatic increase in the number of older adults in the United States and around the world. Globally, the population of individuals 85 years of age and older are currently and will continue to be the fastest growing demographic group. These changes are occurring in almost all countries regardless of level of development or geographic location. This course will examine the impact of these changes on individuals and cultural systems. Additionally, this course will examine the similarities and differences experienced by individuals as they age in various countries around the world.

Sample Objectives

1. To learn about the changing demographic in the United States and around the world with respect to age and the impact of these changes on cultures internationally.

2. To develop an understanding of the various societal expectations of and attitudes towards older adults around the world.

3. To examine where and in what conditions older adults live in various parts of the world and the impact of these living arrangements on the older adult.

4. To explore the nature of intergenerational relationships internationally.

5. To develop an understanding of the social problems and public policies effecting the aged around the world. These will include policies related to political advocacy, economics, retirement, and health care.

6. To explore physiological, cognitive, personality, and social development and their interrelationships during later adulthood. Additionally, similarities and differences in development as experienced by older adults around the world will be explored.

Suggested International Readings


Examines the similarities and differences in the etiology and treatment of mental disorders in older adults in both Eastern and Western cultures.


An interesting article discussing the negative impact of modernization on the older woman in Papua New Guinea.


An examination of demographic and social data as related to aging and the aged in Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.


This article highlights the findings of Project A.G.E. (Age, Generation, and Experience) that includes research on aging in Botswana, Hong Kong, Ireland, and the U.S.

A review of psychogerontological research and the continued evolution of the field in post-Soviet Russia.


A discussion of the lives of older adults in postrevolutionary China.


Explores the unique factors impacting aging and the aged and describes services for the older adult in Japan.


Examines a variety of issues such as economics, caregiving, long-term care, and housing related to aging and older adults in Brazil, India, Norway, Tanzania, and the United States.


An examination of the demographics as well as social and health needs of older adults in India.


This chapter reviews a variety of trends impacting older adults and their families around the world.


An ethnographic study of aging and the aged in the city of Kemerovo, Siberia.


Interesting article discussing interviews with and narratives written by older adults in Finland concerning their experiences with aging.


An examination of the impact of gender and age in seven sub-Saharan Africa countries.
Altruism and Aggression: A Global Perspective

We live in a violent time. Acts of unspeakable violence are being committed throughout the world. As a result, it is virtually impossible to pick up a newspaper, leaf through a magazine, or listen to the evening news without learning that somewhere, someplace, an act of violence has occurred. Yet, in the midst of this epidemic of violence, we still hear about instances of altruism – helping behavior. How is it that our species can be so destructive in one instant and so truly kind and helpful in another. This dual nature of humans is perplexing. Is our species inherently good or evil?

Sample Objectives

1. To become more knowledgeable about the various theories of altruism and aggression and how they apply within the United States and around the world.

2. To explore the many factors unique to human altruism and aggression from a variety of perspectives (e.g., instinctual, developmental, biological, social, and personality).

3. To become more knowledgeable about international human rights and how the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights applies to acts of altruism and aggression.

4. To utilize knowledge about aggression to develop strategies to control or reduce aggressive behavior.

5. To utilize knowledge about altruism to increase the manifestation of this behavior throughout the world.

Suggested International Readings


A collection of classic articles on aggression. Articles are from a variety of disciplines including biology, psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science, and criminology.


A very in-depth collection of the psychological research addressing human aggression. An excellent starting point. Some research is from international scholars.


Overview of helping behavior research. Some international research is cited. A brief discussion of collectivism is included.


Provocative text that addresses the research surrounding the concept of evil. Global acts of aggression are discussed. Makes for an interesting discussion within an altruism and aggression course.


Text provides a general overview regarding the research surrounding human aggression. Some international research is cited.

Examination of the U.S. conflict with Iraq. Authors discuss how U.S.-Arab relations conflict with U.N. resolutions and international law.


This book contains twelve articles that address helping behavior. Many include international research. One article approaches the topic of altruism in collectivistic and individualistic societies from an anthropological perspective.


Approaches the topic of violence against women from a variety of cross-disciplinary perspectives. Nice source of material from the U.S. as well as areas around the globe.


A nice primer of international human rights. Much of the material can be easily integrated into an altruism and aggression course.


Overview of aggression research. Some international research and cross-cultural research are discussed.


This edited book provides coverage in some of the most prominent antecedents of aggression. Although much of the coverage is based on research conducted in the U.S., many of the policy implications can be extended toward helping reduce violence around the globe.


An important collection of research examining violence committed by private groups and government institutions. International perspectives are presented.


Text is divided into chapters addressing various antecedents of aggression. Good textbook for use in an upper division undergraduate class. International content is integrated throughout the text.


This text was written specifically for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It provides a very thorough historical analysis of the evolution of this document.


Portions of the text address antecedents of altruism and aggression from a cross-cultural perspective. This is a very effective way to introduce these topics into course preparations with little detective work. A large percentage of the material is based on research conducted outside the U.S.

An overview of the research on helping behavior. Included are several examples of international research. A discussion of cross-cultural determinants of altruism is also included.


A good look at U.S. foreign policy from the perspective of international human rights. Can be integrated into governmental manifestations of violence.


A wide variety of classic articles about violence from authors around the globe are presented. Topical areas include: definitions and concepts, law, gender, race, nationalism, class, and nonviolent alternatives.


This text has recently been reprinted and is now again in circulation. Text contains a set of four articles that address international conflict. Contributors to this section are, by and large, from Universities outside of the U.S. Topics include the Yin-Yang Theory, Israeli-Palestine conflict, U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. relations, and negotiations in Poland.
Prejudice and Discrimination: A Global Perspective

Us and Them. Why is there a tendency for humans to divide the social landscape in this fashion? This course will examine the essential features, principles, facts, and theories that surround stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination. The theoretical approaches considered will include those from psychology, sociology, and international human rights. The class will examine inter-group relations as they pertain to different racial and ethnic groups throughout the world. We shall also discuss discrimination based on appearance, gender, age, ability, and sexual orientation.

The course also will give you the opportunity to debate current controversies related to the topics addressed during the course. There are no easy answers. Reality is not simply black or white, but rather infinite shades of gray. Therefore, it is necessary that you develop critical thinking skills, allowing you to make sense of the constant stream of information and misinformation that the world has to offer. These skills can have a profound impact on your life in terms of academic, professional, and personal success.

Sample Objectives

1. To introduce you to the many essential features, principles, facts, and theories that surround stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination.

2. To become familiar with prejudice and discrimination as it exists outside the United States.

3. To become more knowledgeable about international human rights and how the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights applies to prejudice and discrimination.

4. To provide you with critical thinking skills that will enable you to analyze, evaluate, and make intelligent decisions concerning complex contemporary issues in psychology.

5. To help you improve your oral communication skills. This will allow you to enhance your effectiveness at expressing your view on various topics.

6. To encourage you to become more tolerant of ambiguity and diversity as it pertains to the human condition and to increase your ability to deal with multiple points of view.

Suggested International Readings


This reader brings together some of the key works of authors from around the globe on issues related to race and racism. Readings also cut across disciplines.


The text provides a historical and international analysis of the development of anti-racism. The author draws on a host of Western and non-Western sources. This is a very good resource to internationalize a course on stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination.


A short very focused discussion of intergroup relations designed to meet the needs of students. International content in integrated throughout the text. Includes a chapter on international conflict.


A nice overview of prejudice and discrimination from a European perspective (the author is from the University of Kent). International examples and research are cited throughout the text.

This is a very good anthology dealing with the role of women in society. The readings are short and therefore attractive to students. Although much of the content addresses the situation in the U.S., there are some selections that address the role of women in the international arena.


A nice primer of international human rights. Much of the material can be easily integrated into an prejudice and discrimination course.


An important collection of research examining violence committed by private groups and government institutions. International perspectives are presented. Includes a discussion of hate groups.


Short text devoted to an overview of stereotyping. Contains a well-integrated chapter on stereotypes and culture. Text is written for students who have no prior knowledge of psychology.


A collection of previously unpublished essays examines hate crimes in a variety of international settings. Essays examine how local authorities cope with these issues and the means by which this problem can be controlled and contained.


This text was written specifically for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It provides a very thorough historical analysis of the evolution of this document.


Text examines the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East. It begins by tracing the history of anti-Semitism and ends with how it manifests itself in today’s global politics. Nice background material that can be incorporated into lecture.


Portions of the text address antecedents of prejudice and discrimination. This is a very effective way to introduce these topics into course preparations with little detective work. Some of the material is based on research conducted outside the U.S.


A good look at U.S. foreign policy from the perspective of international human rights. Can be integrated into governmental manifestations of violence.

A wide variety of classic articles about violence from authors around the globe are presented. Topical areas include: definitions and concepts, law, gender, race, nationalism, class, and nonviolent alternatives.


Nice overview of stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination. International research is cited. Text contains a chapter on intercultural relations.


Examines group and political processes that contribute to ethnic conflict. Current international material is very well integrated throughout the text. A nice addition to any course on stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination.


This text has recently been reprinted and is now again in circulation. Text contains a set of four articles that address international conflict. Contributors to this section are, by and large, from Universities outside of the U.S. Topics include the Yin-Yang Theory, Israeli-Palestine conflict, U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. relations, and negotiations in Poland.

**Suggested International Videos**


This guide provides descriptive information on videos that address stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination. The compendium contains U.S. as well as international videos covering a wide range of topics pertinent to prejudice. Ordering information is also provided.

Can be obtained from:

Holocaust Resource Center and Archives
Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York
Bayside, New York
(718) 225-1617
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Rethinking Child Welfare: A Global Perspective

Every society is obligated to care for children in need of protection and to rehabilitate youth in need of redirection. There are both cross-cultural similarities and differences in the beliefs regarding the psychosocial antecedents and the sequelae of childhood challenges. Accordingly, the conceptualization of corrective tasks and actual child welfare practice also vary across social groups. The goal of this course is to provide students with a cross-cultural and multidisciplinary perspective on child welfare.

Sample Objectives

1. Students will define the concept of child welfare.

2. Student will explore similarities and differences between the concept of child welfare in the United States and other nations.

3. Students will be able to articulate pertinent and contemporary child welfare issues as delineated by various nations.

4. Students will identify universal child welfare concerns.

5. Students will explore cross-cultural understandings of the antecedents of identified child welfare concerns.

6. Students will explore global child welfare practices.

7. Students will explore the extent to which child welfare practices are either universal or are culturally bound.

8. Students will explore contextual factors related to child welfare philosophy and practice. For instance, students will identify the social, political, economic, and legal factors that inform child welfare research, theory, and attendant practice.

Sample Focus Areas

- Child Development
- Correlates of Poor Developmental Outcomes
- Child Mental Health
- Family Violence
- Child Physical Abuse
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Child Neglect
- Child Custody
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Female Infanticide
- Education
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Teen Pregnancy
- Parenting
- Poverty
- War and Armed Conflict

Suggested International Readings

Health care professionals discuss their experiences of working with child survivors of war. Includes intervention, treatment, ethical concerns, refugee issues, and care for the caregiver.


Analyzes the factors that place adolescent females at risk for exploitation and identifies their learned psychological responses to harmful situations.


Explores the relationship between youth violence and the contextual correlates of violence among youth.


Provides information on causes and consequences of child abuse and neglect.


Discusses historically and currently the human rights violations against children that occur in almost all parts of the world. These violations range from neglect to the effects of war.


Provides a detailed analysis of over 170 CAN (child abuse and neglect) deaths in the UK and Canada. Addresses the issue of heightened risk and prevention.


Presents contributions in research, prevention, treatment, and public policy in the field of victimology.


Study examining the long-term physical and psychological problems for children of Rwanda. Children studied were either internally displaced or refugees living in camps in Zaire.


Provides a comparative overview of American and European approaches to addressing child maltreatment.


Explores causes and solutions for the problem of youth violence around the globe.

Provides a contemporary compilation of research, theory, and practice related to child abuse and neglect.

A discussion of and response to the United Nation’s Impact of Armed Conflict on Children study.

Suggested International Videos

*The Africans: A Legacy of Lifestyles* - Examines the importance of family life and compares traditional African societies with those that are more complex and centralized.

*Broken Blossoms, or, The Yellow Man and the Girl* - A Chinese man, living in London, befriends a young girl who was brutally mistreated by her father.

*Cambodia/Vietnam* - Profiles the cultures, politics, and economies of Cambodia and Vietnam. Includes an examination of topics such as family farming, disabled Cambodians, and education.

*Children in Need* - Examines people and programs working to change the lives of socially disadvantaged children.

*China: Beyond the Clouds* - Centers on the situation of children and youth in a changing world.

*Future Risk: The Impact of Violence on Children* - This program looks at the sources of violence impacting children.

*Valentina’s Nightmare (Frontline)* - A documentary examining the Rwandan genocide by focusing on the experiences of a 13-year-old girl who hid among the corpses of her family and neighbors.

*When the Bough Breaks* - Illustrates behavioral manifestations of attachment problems.
Women and Global Human Rights

Discussions of human rights often fail to acknowledge the unique concerns of women around the globe particularly as they relate to the subordination of and injustices against women. Yet clearly, women's rights are human rights concerns. Violence against women and girls is the most pervasive violation of human rights in the world today. Discrimination against women and girls is an important basic cause of malnutrition. The very high rates of child malnutrition and low birth weight throughout much of South Asia are linked to such factors as women's poor access to education and their low levels of participation in paid employment compared with other regions. Women comprise 70% of the world's poor. Eighty percent of the world's refugees are women and children. And as stated by Her Excellency Mary Robinson, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, "Bonded labour and the traffic in women and children have become our modern day versions of slavery." More than 1 million children, mostly girls, are forced into prostitution every year. Psychology is uniquely qualified to address the causes and consequences of these problems. Additionally, psychology has made substantial contributions in the assessment, intervention, and treatment of women who have experienced human rights violations.

Sample Objectives

1. To become more knowledgeable about global human rights and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

2. To become more knowledgeable concerning the major human rights violations experienced by women across the globe including the United States.

3. To examine the unique concerns of women and why these concerns are often omitted from discussions of global human rights.

4. To examine the importance of understanding the psychosocial context including religious and national context when evaluating women’s’ human rights.

5. To become more knowledgeable concerning methods of intervention, assessment, and treatment in regards to women survivors of human rights violations.

6. To further develop library and cybrary research skills.

Suggested International Readings


Discusses the special needs of refugee and displaced women including sexual exploitation and rape.


Compares U.S. and Dutch prisons for women highlighting the progressive nature of women’s prisons in the Netherlands due to their commitment to human rights principles.


Provides data on the severity and extent of violence against women around the world. Discusses the unique characteristics of violence against women as a human rights concern.

A collection of essays dealing with the special needs of women refugees. Written both by mental health care professionals and women refugees noting that these categories are not mutually exclusive. Includes information concerning the challenges and rewards of work with refugee women, psychological concerns and treatment, and the path to healing.


Argues for women’s access to reproductive health services and that obstruction to such services is a form of systematic gender discrimination.


Collection of essays concerning human rights of women including discussions of domestic violence and female genital mutilation.


This article evaluates the progress made towards the elimination of female genital mutilation after the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt.


A historical analysis of the development of women’s human rights. Includes a discussion of the current status of women under the Taliban.


Discussion of the sex tourism industry and its human rights ramifications.


Argues that an examination of women’s rights within the context of human rights must be examined on a local and cultural level, and perhaps more appropriately as issues of economic and social justice.


Highlights the many factors impacting the rights of women in China. Provides an excellent example why the human rights of women must be examined within cultural and national contexts.


Important work that emerged from the efforts of the Division 35 (Psychology of Women) task force on human rights and the mental health of Latin American women living in situations of war or state-sponsored violence or both. Areas emphasized include refugee and internal displacement issues, the impact of torture, and methods of culturally appropriate intervention.

Reports on the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women particularly in relation to the passing and implementation of the Convention on Violence Against Women.


Examines the effect of poverty on women globally.


An interesting article that discusses the need for an examination of women's human rights within the context of nation and religion but also as a universal concern.


Wonderful collection of essays concerning women and global human rights. Includes sections focusing on regional reports, law, culture, violence and health, socioeconomic development, and unique victim groups.


Research report discussing the health and human rights concerns of women under Taliban rule.


Discussion of the violence against women as a violation of human rights.


Essays confronting the causes, functions, and effect of mass rape in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Essays include historical information, challenges to traditional theories of rape, and the voices of victims and perpetrators.


A discussion of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (the Women's Convention) and the barriers to full implementation of this international agreement.


Interesting article discussing the barriers to attainment of equal human rights for woman globally.

Excellent collection of essays concerning African women’s experiences of war. Discusses the complexity of women’s experiences as participants during wartime and as refugees escaping violence. Scholarly analysis of the cultural context is interwoven with the writings and words of African women. Includes the difficult topics of mass rape, sexual torture, and sexual slavery. The text goes beyond, however, the view of women solely as victims to include discussion of women as soldiers, guerilla fighters, as well as agents for positive change.


An analysis of the relationship between women’s economic dependence and risk for HIV infection.

**Suggested International Videos**

*Annapurna Mahila Mandal: An Experiment in Grassroots Development for Women* - Documentary featuring Annapurna Mahila Mandal efforts to organize a women’s work cooperative. This cooperative began with 14 women involved in and now has over 10,000 members.

*Approach of Dawn* - Documents the human rights struggles of Mayan women of Guatemala.

*Beyond the Veil: Are Iranian Women Rebelling?* - Interesting undercover documentary examining Iranian women’s feelings and perceptions concerning Islamic law.

*Conversations with Women from the Third World* - Interviews with women from Nigeria, Kenya, and India.

*Kamala and Raji* - Documentary exploring the lives of two working women in India.

*Refugee Women: The Courage to Move Onward* - This documentary concerns the plight of women refugees.

*Regret to Inform* - Documentary highlighting the experiences of American and Vietnamese women who lost their husbands during the war in Vietnam.

*Sexual Harassment 9 to 5* - Examines the impact of sexual harassment in the workplace.

*To Be a Mother in Latin America* - This documentary examines reproductive rights and parenting in Latin America.

*The Women’s Bank of Bangladesh* - Documentary focusing on the efforts of the Grameen bank to provide women with small-business loans and the impact of this effort on the lives of these women and their families.

*You Can’t Beat A Woman* - This documentary consists of interviews with women survivors of violence from around the world as well as a range of professionals and scholars.