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Message from the Guest Editor

Cultural differences are found in various psychological processes, including self-concepts, motivation, emotion, and cognition; processes underlying cultural differences in those psychological processes are also identified. Also, new perspectives on the conceptualization of psychopathology and on the definition of culture and how these are intertwined arise. Moreover, culturally sensitive assessment practices in psychopathology are identified, including multiple cultural identities of the patient, explanatory models of the psychopathology, psychosocial stressors and strengths, and the cultural features of the practitioner-patient relationship in the clinical encounter, being that clinical interaction is a cultural one. Concerning cultural differences, psychological research is usually based on WEIRD (Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, Democratic) participants. However, this group does not represent the majority of the world's population. Therefore, the challenge is to study populations from non-WEIRD countries, compare them with those from WEIRD countries, and theoretically justify the differences found.

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