

Special Issue

Advances in Attachment and Developmental Psychopathology

Message from the Guest Editors

Several meta-analyses robustly show that insecure attachment is a transdiagnostic risk factor, but that the size of the association is rather modest. Not all insecurely attached individuals develop psychopathology, and not all securely attached individuals resist the development of psychopathology. This raises questions about the mechanisms explaining the attachment–psychopathology association, and the possible role of potential moderators determining which insecurely attached individuals are at risk of developing psychopathology. Answering these research questions requires cutting-edge transdisciplinary research, combining biological, developmental, and/or social psychological research paradigms. For example, we are highly interested in studies that take into account endocrinological, (epi)genetic and psychophysiological processes, in studies that use repeated measurement designs such as experience sampling methods, or in studies with experimental and/or longitudinal structures. Overall, we welcome papers that fit with the main goal of the Special Issue: Contributing to the explanation of why and/or for whom insecure attachment links to the development of psychopathology.

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