

Special Issue

Hypnotizability and Hypnosis: Basic and Clinical Science

Message from the Guest Editors

Hypnotizability is the degree to which a person can generate modified experiences by reducing bottom-up, sensory-driven processes, and instead placing emphasis on top-down, concept-driven processing. Usually, these effects occur in response to suggestions, which are normally preceded by an induction. The ability to achieve such “hypnotic effects” implies considerable cognitive flexibility. Unsurprisingly, there are cognitive-emotional and physiological correlates of hypnotizability that are detectable outside of the hypnosis context, i.e., in everyday life. The aim of this Special Issue is to collect novel contributions from scientists and clinicians in order to highlight the role of hypnotizability and hypnosis in cognitive science, neurophysiology, integrative physiology and medical disciplines from the perspective of a body–mind interaction. Studies of the differences and similarities between hypnotic and placebo responses, hypnosis and other altered states of consciousness, and pharmacological and physical treatments are welcome. Case reports will not be considered for publication.

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