

Special Issue

Parent-Child Interactions: Paths of Intergenerational Transmission of Psychopathological Risk

Message from the Guest Editors

It has been widely recognized that the quality of parent–infant verbal and nonverbal interaction has a profound influence on offspring psychological welfare and on the possible onset of psychopathologies in children. Several studies have shown that the child possesses an innate capacity for subject–subject engagements in bidirectional communication and displays this early competence in interactional exchanges with their primary caregivers in different contexts (e.g., verbal interactions, feeding, and play). If the dyad is incapable of mutually attuning and sharing sensitive interactions, the child might not be able to learn the self-regulation of affects and could display maladaptive emotional and behavioral symptoms over time. This Special Issue seeks research papers on the above topics, with a particular attention to studies employing a biopsychosocial standpoint and to new methodological proposals for the assessment of the interaction quality (e.g., new or improved observational methods; laboratory procedures; diagnostic measures). Especially, we encourage the submission of interdisciplinary work and multicountry collaborative research.

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