
Selection criteria for publications in the PSYNDEX reference database

The PSYNDEX database contains psychological literature from the German-speaking countries that is relevant to science and practice. Qualified scientific staff members follow both formal and content-based criteria when selecting the publications for inclusion.

Inclusion Criteria

Language

- 1a **English**, for authors who have their primary affiliation in a **German-speaking country** (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, or Luxembourg), *OR*
- 1b **German**, also for authors who have a psychological affiliation outside the German-speaking countries

AND

Publication types/genres

- 2a **journal articles** (original contributions to professional/academic journals only), *OR*
- 2b **books** (including edited volumes/edited books, doctoral dissertations, postdoctoral [i.e., habilitation] theses, and publications of tests/measures; machine translations of edited books and monographs), *OR*
- 2c **relevant contributions to** edited books, *OR*
- 2d **institutional reports (so-called "gray literature")** and relevant contributions within this publication type

AND

Contribution to psychology

- 3a The **primary affiliation** of at least one author is a psychology department or a comparable institution that is engaged in psychological research. *OR*
- 3b Publications relevant for psychology by authors from applied psychology (e.g., self-employed professionals, industrial settings, treatment centers) and discipline-related research areas. This selection is based on the professional expertise of qualified scientific staff members of the ZPID. Decisions of this nature are subject to internal peer review when necessary. *OR*

- 3c Contributions to **key psychology publications** that have, in terms of content, been approved by the editors. This applies to **core journals in psychology** (i.e., the majority of the contributions are thematically related to psychology, one or more of the editors have a professional background in psychology, or the contributing authors primarily have professional backgrounds in psychology), **collections of works central to psychology** and the individual contributions included in them (i.e., authors or editors have professional expertise in psychology; the focus is on interdisciplinary topics or documented debates that are substantially contributed to by psychologists; professionals in psychology compose the target audience of the publication; or academics, practitioners, students of other disciplines as well as laypeople are informed about psychological topics), or **conference proceedings** of the meetings and events hosted by professional psychology associations.

However, the following are formally excluded:

4a **The following publication types/genres:**

- **study protocols, preregistrations, stage I registered reports and doctoral dissertations** which do not belong to a psychology department or a comparable institution that is engaged in psychological research (inclusion criterion 3a)
- **preregistrations and data publications** that are associated with an existing PSYINDEX record and have been documented there
- articles in **daily newspapers** and popular science **magazines**
- **poster and oral presentations, audiovisual media**
- **Bachelor's/Master's theses (if they are gray literature)**
- **loose-leaf collections**
- **keyword contributions** to reference works/encyclopedias
- announcements, abstracts, book and film reviews, brief opinion pieces that do not include cited sources, panel discussions, short summaries of workshops or original studies conducted by others, and editorials serving to provide a general overview of the publication content
- **unpublished manuscripts that are** not publicly available, and **publications under review or in print** that are not publicly available
- **machine translations of contributions** to edited books

4b **publications without online edition** (no direct link/URL) – except for books

4c **out of print-books** that are not available through bookstores, publishers, or online

4d **reprints of historical publications** initially **published prior to 1972**

4e publications **published more than five years ago**