

**Examination Programme for Doctoral Applicants
in Cultural and Differential Psychology**

1. Approaches to studying individual differences in intelligence. Critical analysis of intelligence studies. Application of IQ tests – requirements.
2. Individualization of the self. Dimensions of the self: self-concept, self-confidence, self-efficacy, self-actualization. Intentional building of self uniqueness.
3. Structure of behaviour. Planned and spontaneous behaviour. Structure of goal-directed behaviour. Self-regulation of behaviour.
4. Personal style. The concept of individual style. Building an individual style: basic needs, basic beliefs and general conceptual framework of life. Dispositional style. Pessimism and optimism as dispositional styles.
5. Nature - nurture controversy. Nature and nurture in intelligence. Nature and nurture in personality. Nature-nurture interactions.
6. Gender Differences. Attitudes towards gender specific roles. Gender differences in cognitive performance. Gender differences in aspirations and achievement. Gender and leadership style.
7. Social class differences. Social class structure of society. Social class specific values, parental styles, and aspirations. Culture and social class associated expectations.
8. Cultural differences. Individualistic and collectivistic cultures.
9. Culturally specific construction of the self. Independent and interdependent self-construal. Concepts of success and happiness in different cultures.

Basic Sources

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Further reading

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