

TOWARD A GLOBAL PSYCHOLOGY: THEORY, RESEARCH, INTERVENTION, AND PEDAGOGY

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Toward a Global Psychology defines the emerging field of international psychology. It provides an overview of the conceptual models, research methodologies, interventions, and pedagogical approaches that are most appropriate to transnational settings. In so doing, the book provides readers with a rich appreciation of how to approach a global psychology as researchers, practitioners, and students. The book's thorough review of the existing literature on international psychology from around the world provides the knowledge needed to successfully engage in the science and practice of psychology in an increasingly globalized society.

Part One of *Toward a Global Psychology*, "Welcome to Global Psychology," introduces the specialty of global psychology and orients the reader vis-à-vis a meta-framework to the following three sections of the book.

The four chapters of Part Two, "The Emergence of Psychology Around the World," provide a more detailed introduction to global psychology. They address global perspectives on the history of psychology, current trends in psychology worldwide, problems and issues confronting psychologists in the non-Western and developing regions of the world, and the movement toward indigenizing psychology.

The six chapters of Part Three, "Theory, Research, Practice, and Training in Global Psychology," give a systematic overview of existing and new approaches to the work of globally oriented psychologists: conceptual perspectives, research methods, interventions both psychotherapeutic and macro-social, professional psychology and licensure, and education and training for a global psychology. These chapters reflect the widespread and rapid advance of a more contextually sensitive psychology yet preserve useful applications of mainstream paradigms. As noted above, the distinctive contribution of Part Three, and of the book in general, is its articulation of how psychologists can apply theoretical formulations, investigative methodologies, intervention techniques, and training procedures to explain, study, change, and prepare professionals to respond to global problems and issues that have significant psychological dimensions.

The two chapters of Part Four, "Challenges and Prospects for Global Psychology," offer practical guidelines for psychologists and psychology students who wish to become involved in psychology around the world and explore scenarios for the future of global psychology.

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