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Psychology and Psychologies: which Epistemology?

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The problem of the unity of Psychology had already arisen after relatively few decades since the birth of the scientific psychology, and it is still actual. Psychology is the discipline that investigates the psyche, but the psyche is the object of enquiry in extremely different disciplines, such as neuroscience, neuropsychiatry and behaviourist or cognitive psychology, as well as historical-existential and psychodynamic therapies. It seems, thus, that pluralism is a non-eliminable issue in psychology. This is problematic if compared with what happens within physical sciences, which express, at least in principle, a cumulative image of knowledge. The pluralism exemplified by the case of psychology seems to require a working out of an epistemological model different from the ones developed for the other natural sciences.

The eleventh issue of *Humana.Mente - Quarterly Journal of Philosophy* aims to investigate the problem of the unity of psychology with reference to the previous problems. The issue is intended for scholars in the field to evaluate the state of the art in relation to the questions raised up by the case of psychology both in general and applied epistemology.



We invite submissions of papers on the following topics:

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4. *Epistemological models in psychology*
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8. *Universal versus particular mind*
9. *Theory versus therapy*
10. *Psychology and human nature*

Submission is open to advanced topics to be connected to an introduction that can enable non-specialists to understand the rationale of the author's proposal.

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