The Emergence of Cyberpsychology as an Essential Framework for Social Science Research

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The psychology of cyberspace and the impact of digital technologies on human behavior is a relatively new, but rapidly growing discipline within social science research; thus, cyberpsychology has become an integral focal point of consideration across a wide range of interdisciplinary research and their real-world applications.

Early cyberpsychological research often focused on the interpersonal connectivity facilitated by social networking platforms. More recently, cyberpsychology has become deeply embedded in research traditionally aligned with STEM disciplines, such as computer science and cybersecurity, and is currently being featured in research solicitations from federal government agencies, which focus on national defense and both physical and digital safety resulting from human–computer interactions being negotiated across cyberspace. It is now time for cyberpsychology to become a household term to promote its potential for positive impact on human well-being across societies and cultures worldwide.

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