



New Trends in Virtual World Addictions and Problematic Internet Use

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The relevance of computer-mediated communication in contemporary society and the growth of internet-related activities in the general population have been met with increasing interest in examining dysfunctional and/or psychopathological online behaviors, including, but not limited to, smartphone addiction, online gaming, online gambling, binge-watching behaviors, cybersex, and problematic social media/SNSs use. Accordingly, theoretical and empirical advances are needed to better define online addictive and problematic behaviors, as well as to update knowledge on the potential risks, protective factors, clinical features, and psychosocial mechanisms underlying the development of specific internet-related patterns. Moreover, new trends in prevention programs and psychological treatment addressing problematic online behaviors need to be explored. Therefore, we welcome research findings which will build an integrated framework and an updated understanding of these multifaceted phenomena. We welcome the submission of theoretical dissertations, reviews, brief reports, empirical studies, and case studies in clinical psychology.





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