



Psychology of Addictive Behaviors

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Message from the Guest Editor

Addictive behaviors, such as drug and alcohol use, aggression, and self-injury, are a public health concern. Despite correlations among different addictive behaviors and overlap in etiological models, research on the psychology of addictive behaviors has developed in largely siloed literatures. This lack of integration prevents the development of comprehensive etiological models that can be used to develop more effective interventions to reduce the public health cost of addictive behaviors. This Special Issue is seeking cutting-edge research that can be used to identify common and distinct psychological factors involved in the etiology of addictive behaviors across the spectrum of addictive behaviors. Recommended topics include but are not limited to the following:

- Drug and alcohol use;
- Eating disorders (e.g., binge eating);
- Aggression and violence;
- Gambling and/or impulsive spending;
- Self-injury and suicidality;
- Personality traits related to addictive behaviors;
- The role of social identities in addictive behaviors (e.g., race, sexual orientation);
- New methodologies for studying addictive behaviors.





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