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Online Activities and Psychological Well-Being among Youth

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Message from the Guest Editor

Today's youth are digital natives who live their lives online from a young age. Online activities such as social networking, chatting, sexting, dating, gaming, and shopping have become an integral part of the daily lives of youth (particularly during the current COVID-19 crisis), but can pose multiple psychological risks to them. While young people or digital natives enjoy a strong sense of autonomy and competence and develop a sense of self, identity, community, and belonging through their intensive online activities on a daily basis, this could impose a massive burden of cost on youth, family, school, and society. However, our scholarly understanding of obsessive online activities among youth and their causes, consequences, correlates, and interventions over time and across contexts remains rudimentary and has lagged behind the technologies to which they are related. Keeping these facts in mind, the proposed Special Issue will attempt to address these timely and crucial issues and will provide in-depth insights into the phenomenon of online communities of youth in the digital era.



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