

*GUEST EDITORS' NOTE:*

Interest for research on emotions began to ascend rapidly during the last three decades and this complex phenomenon entered the focus of numerous scientists, specialized in various disciplines. In confluence with prosperity of this new era of so called affective revolution, we decided to devote the eighth thematic issue of the Psychological Topics to some of the key aspects of emotions. The issue embraces most recent findings and theories provided by some of the world's most prominent experts in the field and gives insight into the various aspects of theoretical analyses and empirical research directed towards better understanding of evolution, physiology and expression of emotions. While the evolutionary thinking was among the key building blocks of the early theories of emotion, its pervasive influence in psychology, which is finally evident within the last three decades, resulted in the evolutionarily-informed emotion research relevant for better understanding of human nature. Similarly, while the physiological processes and expressive behaviors were in the focus of the most eminent scholars from the early beginning of the scientific approach to emotion, the contemporary technological and theoretical advancements revitalized the whole field, and made it possible to go much deeper in our understanding of emotion. Obviously, research dealing with each of the three aspects of emotion in the focus of this special issue gains benefits from the advances in the other two.

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