

# Institute of Psychology CAS, v. v. i.

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## Overview

Research in the institute focuses on psychology of personality and social psychology, cognitive psychology and health psychology. It also develops methodologies for psychological research.

## Organizational structure

The institute consists of three departments, whose members come from Brno and Prague: Department of personality psychology and social psychology, Department of cognitive psychology and Department of psychological methodology. The Prague branch resides at Hybernská 8.

## Research program, projects, grants

The research program of the Institute focuses on the study of optimum conditions for human development in a lifelong perspective and includes in particular the following themes: personal dispositions, cognitive processes, including language acquisition, the issue of 'ego', identity, narrative modus of reality reflection, adaptive functioning of the individual, psychosocial determinants of healthy personality, life satisfaction, ways of coping with difficult situations, resilience (psychological resistance), strengths and personality factors threatening the healthy development and functioning of personality. An important part of research is the development and cultivation of quantitative and qualitative methods (e.g. psychosemantic and psycholinguistic approaches, longitudinal studies, but also questionnaire researches or experiments).

## International cooperation

The department staff participated in several international research projects as principal investigators and co-investigators (e.g. *Democratic Citizenship and Social and Cultural Construction in Two Cultures* or *Social and Health Assessment - SAHA*). The results of the international cooperation include, among others, joint publication of journals and books. The institute's staff are members of various international professional bodies (e.g. European Science Foundation - ESF and the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations - EFPA), members of the editorial boards of international journals, some teach at universities abroad.

## **Cooperation with universities**

Employees of the Institute of Psychology lead training courses at the Masaryk University and other universities in Brno, Olomouc and Prague; they are members of scientific and professional councils and other professional committees at these institutions. The universities also maintain close cooperation in research activities in the form of joint grant projects.

## **Public services**

The Institute of Psychology publishes the *Czechoslovak Psychology* journal, which focuses not only on psychological research and theory, but also on psychological practice. It has been published since 1957. It is the only Czech psychological journal with the impact factor.