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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As we look ahead with excitement, I am delighted to extend a warm invitation to join us at the XXVIII International Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology in Leuven, from 14–18 July 2026. This gathering promises to be a genuinely enriching experience both intellectually and socially for our global community.

Leuven, with its centuries-old tradition of scholarship and vibrant academic life, offers an inspiring backdrop for our premier scientific event. The historic city in the heart of Europe will host researchers, educators, students, and practitioners united by our shared commitment to advancing cross-cultural psychology. Here, we will have the chance to engage in cutting-edge scientific exchange, expand your professional networks, and experience the deep collegiality that defines IACCP.

This Congress is particularly significant for our Association for several reasons.

First, it will be the only IACCP in-person gathering planned until 2028. In preparation for our first-ever strategic plan, we will be pausing regional conferences in 2027. Instead, we are dedicating that year to inclusive, participatory online sessions, bringing together members and non-members to co-create a shared vision and strategic direction for IACCP's future. We are also in active discussions about the longer-term future of regional conferences in light of financial, environmental, and organizational considerations. As a result, Leuven stands as a not-to-miss opportunity to engage with colleagues, share your work, and help shape the future path of our community.

Second, Leuven will be the setting for the first round of collective discussions shaping our strategic plan. Your voice is essential in defining who we are and where we are going. This is a collaborative journey, and the Congress will be a critical milestone in that process. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the recent IACCP survey. We gathered valuable input from both current and past members about IACCP's trajectory, priorities, and future directions. This survey represents the first step in co-creating our Association's future, and its results will form a key foundation for the strategic planning process. I am pleased to share that we will present and discuss the survey findings during the Leuven Congress, where they will inform our collective conversations about IACCP's next chapter.



**Zeynep Aycan**  
President  
Loughborough University, UK

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Whether presenting a paper, chairing a symposium, joining a roundtable, or reconnecting with colleagues over coffee, Leuven will remind us why we belong to this vibrant scientific society. The friendships and intellectual sparks that emerge from these moments are part of what makes IACCP so special. I strongly encourage you to register, plan your submissions, and secure your participation in what promises to be an exceptional Congress. Your presence will strengthen both our scientific exchange and our shared work in shaping IACCP's future.

I am also honoured to announce that at the Leuven Congress we will present the Early Career Award under a new name: the Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Early Career Award. This renaming pays tribute to the late Prof. Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı, a towering figure in cross-cultural psychology, Past President of IACCP, and an enduring inspiration to generations of scholars. Çiğdem's scholarly work reshaped our field from her influential theories on family change and the autonomous-related self to her commitment to broadening psychological science beyond culture-bound assumptions, and her many leadership roles internationally. She served IACCP in multiple capacities, notably as President, and was recognised with distinguished honours including the American Psychological Association's Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology. Her legacy lives on through her writings, her mentorship, and the countless scientists she nurtured. I am deeply proud that Çiğdem's family has agreed to support this award in her name. As someone who knew her as mentor and academic mother, it is profoundly meaningful to me to acknowledge her contributions in this way.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share two important structural discussions currently underway within the IACCP Executive Committee. These proposals are guided by a shared goal: strengthening our scholarly community while ensuring the long-term sustainability and inclusiveness of our Association.

The first concerns the editorship structure of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology (JCCP), our flagship journal. We are considering moving to a Co-Editors-in-Chief model, with one editor bringing primary expertise in quantitative methodologies and the other in qualitative and interpretive approaches. This model reflects the growing methodological diversity in cross-cultural psychology and aims to ensure that submissions are evaluated with deep epistemological and methodological understanding.

Recent publication patterns in the JCCP further highlight the importance of moving toward a more methodologically balanced editorial structure. An internal review of articles published between January 2021 and January 2026 (N = 227) revealed that approximately 69% of articles used quantitative methods, while 21% were qualitative and only 11% employed mixed-methods approaches. While this distribution reflects long-standing methodological traditions in the field, it also signals an opportunity for JCCP to more actively support epistemic diversity and encourage a broader range of high-quality methodological contributions. A co-editor model with complementary expertise is one way to foster this balance while maintaining rigorous standards across approaches. Several Psychology journals have adopted this model, including British Journal of Management; Organization Studies; Counseling Psychology Quarterly, whose experiences may guide JCCP to successfully implement it.

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Potential benefits include greater methodological fairness, improved reviewer matching, stronger support for scholars using diverse approaches – including those from underrepresented regions – and a more sustainable distribution of editorial workload. At the same time, we are mindful of possible challenges, such as the risk of methodological siloing or inconsistent editorial standards, and the proposal includes governance mechanisms (e.g., joint handling of mixed-methods work and regular calibration between editors) to mitigate these risks. Overall, this model is seen as a way to position JCCP as a leading journal that genuinely embraces methodological pluralism in cross-cultural research.

Beyond our publications, we are also reflecting on how the structure of our scientific gatherings that can best support an inclusive, sustainable, and forward-looking scholarly community. Traditionally, IACCP has held regional conferences in odd years and international congresses in even years. The Executive Committee is considering a shift to biannual global congresses only, discontinuing regional conferences. This proposal arises from several converging realities: the rising financial and logistical burdens of organizing annual conferences, increasing travel costs for members, the heavy workload placed on IACCP officers, growing environmental concerns about frequent long-distance travel, and the risks associated with global instability. In addition, regional conferences have gradually grown to resemble full congresses, blurring their original purpose of fostering regional engagement. Many comparable international associations now hold conferences every two years or even less frequently (e.g., AASP – Asian Association of Social Psychology, IAIR – International Academy of Intercultural Relations, ECP – European Congress of Psychology; ISSBD – International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development). Moving to a biannual congress model would allow IACCP to focus resources on fewer, higher-impact gatherings while supporting member engagement through other formats between congresses.

Both proposals are still under consideration, and we look forward to discussing them further with members as part of our broader strategic planning process.

As we look toward Leuven and the conversations that will shape our future, I am reminded that IACCP is more than a scholarly association. It is a global community united by curiosity, respect for cultural diversity, a commitment to peace, and a shared dedication to advancing global psychological science in meaningful ways. Each Congress renews this spirit. Each dialogue opens new possibilities. Each member's voice helps shape a more inclusive and globally relevant field.

I hope to see many of you in Leuven as we learn from one another and build the next chapter of IACCP together.



## Why should you attend IACCP 2026?

We will host keynotes and invited symposia for each of the 13 conference streams:

So, whether you are working on:

- Acculturation and Cultural Change
- Colonialism, Coloniality, and Power Differentials in Psychological Science, Education, and Society
- Cultural Clinical and Transcultural Psychology/Psychiatry
- Cultural Variation and Similarities: Cognition and Perception
- Cultural Variation and Similarities: Emotion and Motivation
- Cultural Variation and Similarities: Self, Values and Traits
- Development, Parenting, and Education
- Discrimination, stigmatization, segregation, and other exclusion processes
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Practice
- Intergroup Relations, Prejudice and Recognition, Conflict, and Peace
- Methods for (Cross-)Cultural Psychology
- Religion and Spirituality
- Work, Organizations, and Institutions

– **you will meet inspiring colleagues and get excited by the latest findings and bold ideas at IACCP 2026 in Leuven!**

### Meet the first three of our seven keynote speakers here!

We are delighted to welcome an outstanding group of keynote speakers, who will share their latest insights and perspectives in cross-cultural psychology.

In this bulletin we would like to introduce the first three to you!

 **Joint Keynote from Professor Ayşe K. Üskül & Professor Vivian L. Vignoles**

**Tentative talk title: Researching Honor in The Mediterranean Region and Beyond**





**👤 Professor Karim Bettache**

**Tentative talk title: *From System to Self: A Political Economy of Capitalism, Cultural Syndromes, and Individual Psychology***



Learn more about our speakers: <https://iaccp2026.com/speakers/>

## Conference highlights, beyond the academic program

IACCP 2026 isn't just about presentations. It's also about community, culture, and connection. The conference has organized an expanded program of social activities (some of them are included in your registration), designed to enrich your experience in Leuven and offer opportunities to network in relaxed and inspiring settings.

### 🗺️ Decolonial tour of the Africa Museum (Tuesday, 14 July)

Immerse yourself in art, culture and thought-provoking exhibitions at one of Belgium's most renowned museums.

### 🌟 Welcome reception (Tuesday, 14 July)

Kick off the conference with a warm gathering in one of Leuven's historic university halls – the perfect occasion for informal networking with fellow attendees.

### 🍷 Local culture & experiences (Wednesday Afternoon, 15 July)

Choose from a variety of social experiences that highlight Leuven's unique culture – all free for participants (registration required):

- Local micro-brewery & beer tasting: discover traditional brewing techniques and taste signature beers.
- Guided city walk: explore charming squares, streets, and hidden gems.
- Heritage tours: including University Library & Tower, the historic Great Beguinage (UNESCO World Heritage), and more.

Active options: join a social run to scenic Arenberg or a relaxing yoga session to recharge.



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**🍷 Conference BBQ & party (Thursday, 16 July)**

Enjoy an evening of food, music, and camaraderie in the beautiful setting of the Faculty Club in Leuven's Grand Beguinage.

**🏰 Optional Day Trip to Medieval Bruges (Saturday, 18 July)**

Extend your stay with a full-day excursion to picturesque Bruges – including train travel, a historic walking tour, lunch, museum entry, and a scenic boat ride.

Don't forget to register now and enjoy the benefits of the early bird fee!

<https://iaccp2026.com/registration/>



## Obituary Marshall H. Segall

By Pierre R. Dasen  
 Professor emeritus of anthropology of education and cross-cultural  
 psychology  
 University of Geneva

Marshall Segall died on December 20, 2025 at the age of 95 (He was born in 1930). For many years we have not only been colleagues in cross-cultural psychology but also very good friends. A few years ago, Marshall challenged me to write an obituary about him, with some humour (which is not antinomic to sadness) and personal anecdotes, and he wanted to read it before he died. I didn't agree to that last part of the demand, believing it might bring bad luck, telling Marshall « I know newspapers prepare obits in advance for famous people, but I don't think we are famous, are we? ». But I agreed to the main idea on the condition that it was reciprocal. The odds were obviously in his favour, since he was my senior by more than a decade. But then, one never knows.... He did consider himself as a long-term survivor, judging by what I heard him say for many years: The average age of my friends is « dead ».

Marshall Segall (2009) himself described how he became a cross-cultural (rather than experimental) psychologist and how he later worked mainly on broad social and political issues such as persisting racism in the USA (despite the biological evidence for the absence of human races, cf. Segall, 1999). His autobiography is not complete in terms of academic achievements, but gives a good idea of what Marshall's main interests were.

I first heard of the name Segall when the book by Segall, Campbell and Herskovits (1966), « The influence of culture on visual perception » became almost my bible during my PhD research in Australia, my main topic being the developmental trends in the susceptibility to visual illusions in Aboriginal children. My own training at the University of Geneva led me to start with Piaget's (1961/1969) take on visual illusions, my supervisor, Prof. Gavin Seagram, having just finished the English translation of Piaget's book on the subject. But it lacked the cultural dimension which Segall, Campbell and Herskovits provided, together with methodological advice on how to take such laboratory techniques to the field and how to ensure meaningful communication. So, Prof Segall, without knowing it, became one of my mentors.

On the way back from Australia to Geneva, it so happens that we travelled through USA and Canada, and were supposed to have a flight connection in Syracuse. But the airport closed down because of a snow storm and we were stuck. Knowing that Prof. Segall taught at Syracuse University, I thought of looking up his number (there were booths with phone books at the time!) and calling him for help. But who was I, just a young graduate student, to call up such a senior person? My shyness made me miss this opportunity. (In fact, John Berry drove through the snow storm from Kingston to come and rescue us.)

So, the first time we met was actually some seven years later, in Nairobi. I was on a local contract at the Child Development Research Unit (initially set up by J. and B. Whiting from Harvard) of the University of Nairobi; Marshall Segall was there on a sabbatical, for him no doubt a second choice, Kampala having become unsavory because of Idi Amin. Marshall scolded me for not having called him while in Syracuse, and offered to help me teach an MED-level seminar on cross-cultural research. So we got friendly. Marshall told me he was there to write an introductory textbook in cross-cultural psychology, and would I help him in dealing with developmental psychology. Second opportunity missed! My silly answer was that I could not divert time from my research, and that, anyway, Nairobi seemed to be a bad choice of location, given that it had very limited library resources. Marshall's answer was: « Whatever is not in my head, students don't need to know! ». He did write it, ... alone (Segall, 1979).



At the end of his sabbatical in Nairobi, his family having returned home to Syracuse, Marshall came to stay with us for a few weeks, and so we became further acquainted. Among the many things he taught my wife and me is to play poker, with a large number of variants, and black jack, for which he had a counting trick. From time to time he would say he was low on cash and had to go replenish at the local casino. The Italian-owned Casino was in the process of training local croupiers, so Marshall had plenty of time for counting and he came back with some new cash every time.

Marshall has been a gambler all his life, playing the stock market (Microsoft was his favorite investment for his wife; he bought options for himself), going to the horse track in Saratoga once a Summer, even buying scratch lottery tickets whenever stopping for a coffee while on a trip. Occasionally I gave him some money to invest or play for me, but I certainly never saw any profit from these ventures....

Fortunately, Marshall didn't give up the idea of writing a textbook together with me. He asked me again to join him in writing a revised and expanded version of this textbook. I remember working with him on an outline, having set up my first personal (8 bit) computer in front of a small farm I have outside of Geneva, with a view of Mt. Blanc. Marshall always loved to come to Geneva. He had spent a year there on a fellowship in 1952, and he often said that it had been a major event in his life. He did go to some lectures by Piaget, but I think he mainly had a good time, and he built up a deep love for Europe (to complement his love for Africa). At the 1984 IACCP conference in Acapulco, of all places, we discovered that John Berry and Ype Poortinga were also thinking of a more advanced level textbook, and so we decided to make it a joint effort (cf. Segall, Dasen, Berry & Poortinga, 1990/1999; Berry, Poortinga, Segall & Dasen, 1992/2007). Writing and later revising these textbooks as a team, and often testing the material by teaching it together, proved to be a most rewarding and formative experience. You'd think that sharing the writing among four co-authors would reduce the effort to a quarter – in fact it multiplied it by four, each sentence having to be discussed and approved. But well worth while! And as a sideline, we got to meet in all sort of interesting locations. We dedicated one of the textbooks « to our partners in life, who suffered not only our absence, but our common presence ».

Marshall's love of Europe certainly helped him in deciding to accept heading several overseas programs of Syracuse University, in Florence, Strasbourg and Geneva. One anecdote I remember him telling about Florence was that one of the students felt so homesick that he started negotiating with her parents to send her back to Syracuse (NY, not the original one). But a couple of days later the student came to his office all smiles. « Professor Segall, I'm happy now, I discovered a place where they serve American food: last night, we had pizza.... »

In Strasbourg, the Syracuse curriculum even entailed a course in French gastronomy and wine tasting! I must admit we had some interesting outings with the teacher who took us to some of the best vintners in the Alsace, and she even cooked a meal for us at her home one New Year's eve, with a capon fully spiked with black truffles. All this, I suppose, to impress the boss!

Marshall spoke enough French to teach a class, and he did so several times at the University of Geneva; the students loved it, because he spoke very slowly, so it was easy to take notes. He also came to several meetings of the francophone equivalent of IACCP, the « Association pour la Recherche Interculturelle (ARIC) », where on one occasion he introduced the HRAF system as a research tool (Segall, 1989). At another conference he argued (Segall, 1993) that « cultural psychology » had always been a part of « cross-cultural psychology », building on the analogy of early European explorers claiming to have « discovered » Lake Victoria, as if it hadn't existed before as Lake Mwanza.

These overseas programs usually included a course in cross-cultural psychology, but with a very broad spectrum since most students came from other disciplines, often political science because that was Marshall's home department at Syracuse, but not only. In Florence, most of them were interested in art history. Marshall always believed that cross-cultural psychology should have relevance to current affairs and public policy (e.g. Segall, 1967), and one of his major early interests was the cultural vs. biological origins of aggression (Segall, 1988; Segall, Ember & Ember, 1997).



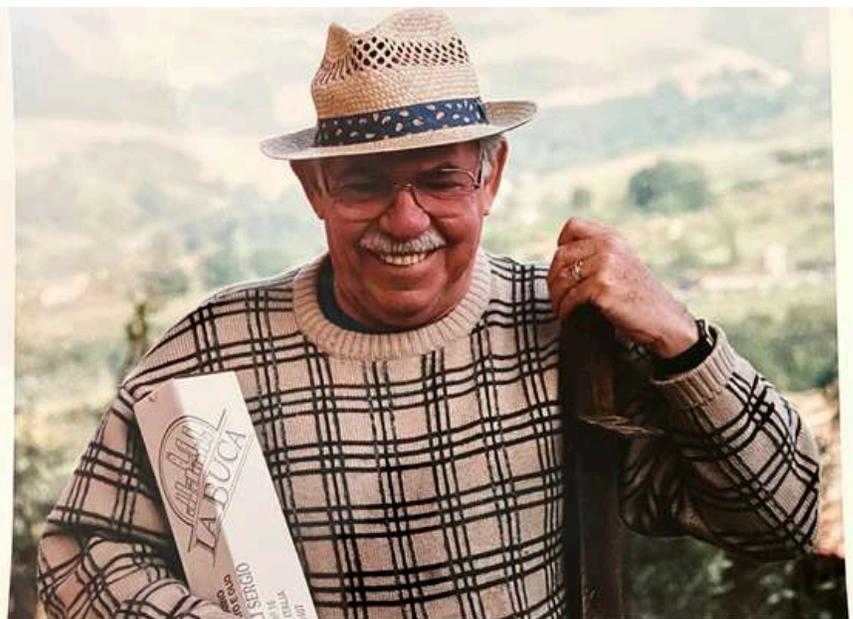
In the later part of his professional life, Marshall focused almost completely on racism (Segall, 1999). He had discovered the exhibit « Tous parents, tous différents » at the Paris Musée de l'Homme produced by anthropologists of the University of Geneva (Langaney, Van Blijenburgh & Sanchez-Mazas, 1992). The exhibit showed that there is no way to classify people on physical or physiological features that amount to categories such as « race ». « Race » is not a biological concept but a sociological one. Marshall thought that this finding should be widely publicized in the USA. He submitted a proposal to the Smithsonian, who answered in a four page letter that all the science behind the exhibit was correct, but that the American public was not ready to hear that. Marshall happened to be in Geneva at the time, and I don't remember seeing him more furious. He went ahead and translated the exhibit to English and the University of Syracuse (2002) produced it as « All of us are related, each of us is unique ». Marshall spent much of his later career giving opening speeches wherever the exhibit was shown.

Marshall was also politically active, rooting for the Democrats, or chairing the school board on Martha's Vineyard, where he and his wife Sally lived happily for many years after his retirement.

In Martha's Vineyard, Marshall started painting, first water-colors and later oils. He produced a nice collection of cards showing shop fronts and other local sites, which he had printed to sell to tourists, under the signature of « Marshall Arts ». Later he painted a similar series on Paris highlights, and one on the British Virgin Islands. Some of these can be seen on : <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mhsegall/>

Marshall was also a keen fisherman. One highlight for me was to team up with him in 2009 for the « Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish derby », trying to win a boat if fishing from shore and an SUV fishing from a boat. Marshall's barber (and then friend) was a high end hair stylist charging enough to own a nice deep sea fishing boat. That friendship took a beating when Marshall, having caught the biggest bluefish of the party, discovered when weighting it in, that his buddy had switched the labels and won that day's prize for himself.

I hope that our friendship would not have taken a similar beating if Marshall had been able to read this obit ahead of time. It is certainly incomplete, since I have focused on personal memories rather than attempting to sketch a professional career. Be it a sincere tribute to one of my very best friends as well as an ex-IACCP colleague.





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## **Obituary for Professor Jan Deregowski, IACCP member Professor, University of Aberdeen, Scotland who has died at the age of 92**

**John Berry**

Jan Bronislaw Deregowski was born in Poland in 1933, and died in Aberdeen in 2026. During the Second World War, he escaped with his family through Russia, Palestine and finally to the UK, where his father joined the Free Polish Forces.

He received his PhD (1968) from the University of London, and went to the University of Aberdeen as a psychology Lecturer in 1969, being promoted to Full Professor and Emeritus Professor on his retirement. He was made a Doctor of Science by the University of Aberdeen in 1988, and was appointed Head of the Psychology Department in the 1990s. He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1994.

Professor Deregowski was a hugely influential figure during his five decades of research, mainly in the cross-cultural study of perception and cognition, much of it carried out in Africa (see references below). He was the organiser and host of the International Congress of IACCP in Aberdeen in 1982.

In addition to his contributions to the fields of cross-cultural psychology, Jan was well-known and appreciated for his wry sense of humour, practical jokes and ribbing of friends and colleagues alike. As an example, when I was very ill in India at an IACCP conference, he would come to my bed with a shovel, and ask "Is he ready yet?"

Dr Doug Martin, Head of the School of Psychology, said: "Jan has been an ever-present figure in Aberdeen psychology for more than five decades and played a pivotal role in the lives of current members of our School. His drive to keep doing research and publishing was indefatigable. Jan was in the William Guild building more often than most, and while much of this time was dedicated to latest research project, he would also take the time to playfully rib and torment his younger colleagues, always with a twinkle in his eye and a raised eyebrow.

"He had a very long list of notable collaborators across the years including John Shepherd, Peter McGeorge, Hadyn Ellis and more recently, our own Ben Tatler. It is fair to say that he used a diverse range of methods, and his many and ever varying requests for novel bespoke pieces of equipment must surely have been responsible for around 50% of Jim Urquhart's role workload as a technician!

"Jan, or 'Prof' as he was to many of us, was an influential scientist and educator, and was held in fond regard by many who worked alongside him. He will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife Eva, with whom he had three children, Sven, Niels, and Anna. Jan's family have requested people respect their wishes for a small private funeral. However, given his influence on the field, the School, and those who worked with him, we will look to hold a fitting tribute to Jan at some point in the next few months."



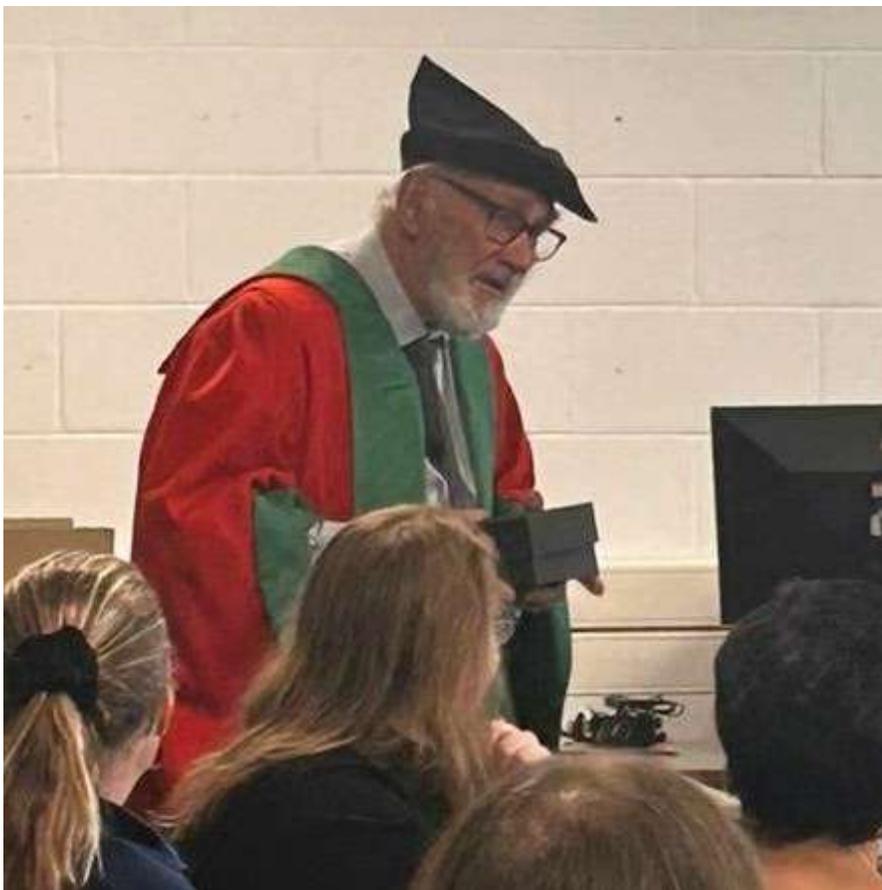
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## Advancing Cross-Cultural Psychology: Updates from the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology

As the flagship journal of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP), the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology (JCCP) continues to serve as a leading interdisciplinary forum for research on the dynamic interplay between culture and psychological processes. Our mission remains firmly rooted in advancing rigorous, theory-driven, and methodologically sound work that addresses central questions in social, developmental, cognitive, linguistic, personality, organizational, and other areas of psychology, all viewed through a cultural lens.

### Scope, Reach, and Sustainability

JCCP's broad scope and international reach have helped solidify its role at the forefront of cross-cultural psychology. **In 2025, the journal received a record high of over 800 submissions from authors based in more than 60 countries.** This global representation reflects not only the vitality of our field, but also the journal's role as a key platform for scholarly dialogue across diverse cultural, geographical, and methodological contexts.

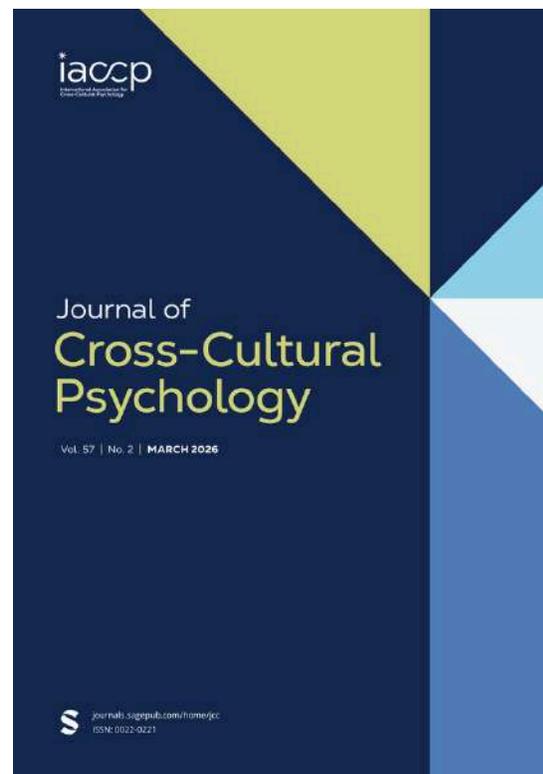
To support both environmental and financial sustainability, JCCP transitioned to a digital-only format in 2025, discontinuing the printed version while maintaining our publication frequency of eight issues per year. This change allows us to better serve a widely dispersed international readership, facilitate rapid dissemination of research, and reduce our ecological footprint, all while maintaining our high editorial and production standards.

**Our acceptance rate currently stands at 9.4%.** This selectivity reflects our commitment to publishing work of the highest quality and strongest contribution to cross-cultural theories, methods, and applications. At the same time, we remain committed to providing constructive, developmental feedback to authors whose work is still emerging, with the goal of strengthening scholarship in the field more broadly.

In the past two years, JCCP has published two Special Issues that highlight emerging directions and methodological innovation in cross-cultural research:



Sylvia Xiaohua Chen  
Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology





## Advancing Cross-Cultural Psychology: Updates from the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology

### 1. "Diverse Methods for Assessing Cultural Identity"

Guest Editors: Jessica McKenzie & Adriana M. Manago

### 2. "Mapping Human Morality: Human Universals and Cultural Differences"

Guest Editors: Xiaomeng Hu, Emma E. Buchtel, Feng Yu, & Joan G. Miller

### Milestones and Indicators of Impact

*JCCP* has continued to thrive and evolve, marking several significant milestones in recent years. We celebrated the journal's 50th anniversary in 2019 and, in 2022, joined the broader IACCP community in commemorating the Association's anniversary as well. These milestones offer an opportunity both to recognize the foundational contributions that shaped cross-cultural psychology and to look ahead to new challenges, populations, and contexts that demand our attention.

In terms of bibliometric indicators, *JCCP* has performed strongly despite a general downward adjustment in Impact Factors following the COVID-related citation spike in 2020–2021:

- According to the **2025 release of Journal Citation Reports (JCR)**, the **2-year Impact Factor** increased from **2.4 in 2023** to **2.8 in 2024**, with *JCCP* ranked **32 out of 78** in the *Psychology, Social* category, keeping the journal in **Q2 and close to Q1** within its JCR category.
- In **Scopus**, *JCCP*'s **CiteScore** rose from **3.9 (2022)** to **4.6 (2023)** and **5.3 (2024)**. The ranking of **38th out of 1371** positions *JCCP* in the **97th percentile (top 3%)** in *Social Sciences – Cultural Studies*, recognized as a **Q1 journal in Scopus**.
- The **SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)** places *JCCP* **12th out of 1398 journals in Cultural Studies**, also **Q1**.
- In 2026, the **CiteScoreTracker 2025** already indicates a further increase to a **CiteScore 5.6 (2025) in Scopus**.

While we regard citation-based metrics with appropriate caution, these indicators demonstrate the journal's increasing visibility and influence, as well as the relevance of cross-cultural psychological research to broader scholarly and societal conversations.

### Acknowledgments and Looking Forward

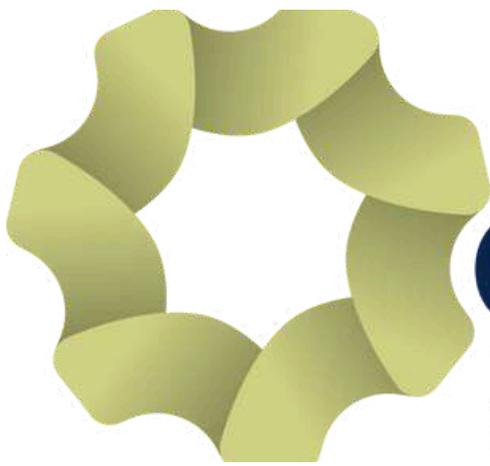
The journal's achievements are fundamentally collective. The editorial team is deeply grateful to our authors for entrusting us with their work and for advancing the intellectual boundaries of cross-cultural psychology through innovative theory, rigorous methodology, and rich empirical data. Our readers—across academic, applied, and policy settings—play an equally important role by engaging critically with published work and bringing cross-cultural insights into practice and teaching around the world.



## Advancing Cross-Cultural Psychology: Updates from the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology

We extend our sincere appreciation to our reviewers, whose expert, thoughtful, and often time-consuming efforts are essential to maintaining *JCCP*'s standards of quality and relevance. Their constructive feedback not only improves individual manuscripts but also helps nurture and shape the next generation of cross-cultural scholars.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the editorial team, authors, reviewers, readers, and the broader IACCP community, the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* remains the premier outlet for research on culture and psychology. We look forward to working together to deepen our understanding of cultural processes and their implications for human behavior, well-being, and society worldwide.



# educate

## International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology

### EDUCATE in Motion: Highlights and What's Ahead

EDUCATE has been busy this year, here's what's new.

As the educational wing of IACCP, the E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Initiative continues to focus on what matters most to our members: learning, connection, and support across career stages. Over the past year, EDUCATE has been turning these goals into concrete opportunities, both online and in person.

Building on our earlier forums and webinars, 2025 marked an exciting milestone with the launch of the EDUCATE Mentoring Program, which paired over 60 mentors and mentees based on shared research interests and career stage. The program has sparked guidance, candid conversations, and community-building across countries and career trajectories. We also had a strong presence at IACCP Brisbane 2025, where many of you stopped by to chat, ask questions, and learn how to get involved. As a fun keepsake, we gave away luggage tags featuring our logo, some of you may still have yours!

And we're not slowing down, here's what's coming next.

In the next few months, the EDUCATE committee will host a forum and a webinar. The forum will take place on Friday, March 6th, and will include presentations of original research and a knowledge exchange focused on decolonizing research in cross-cultural psychology. The webinar will take place in late May, and will focus on decolonizing psychology curricula. More information and registration links are available on the EDUCATE webpage.

Looking ahead to IACCP Leuven 2026, EDUCATE will host both a roundtable discussion and a pre-conference training workshop. These events are designed to be practical, interactive, and welcoming, whether you're looking to build new skills, reflect on emerging issues in our field, or simply connect with others navigating similar professional paths. Keep an eye out for us in Leuven, we promise we'll be easy to find.

EDUCATE continues to grow alongside the IACCP community, responding to evolving needs with new workshops, webinars, and forums. If you're curious, enthusiastic, or simply interested in learning more, we'd love to hear from you. Visit the EDUCATE page on the IACCP website (<https://www.iaccp.org/the-e-d-u-c-a-t-e-initiative/>) or reach out directly at [educate.iaccp@gmail.com](mailto:educate.iaccp@gmail.com).

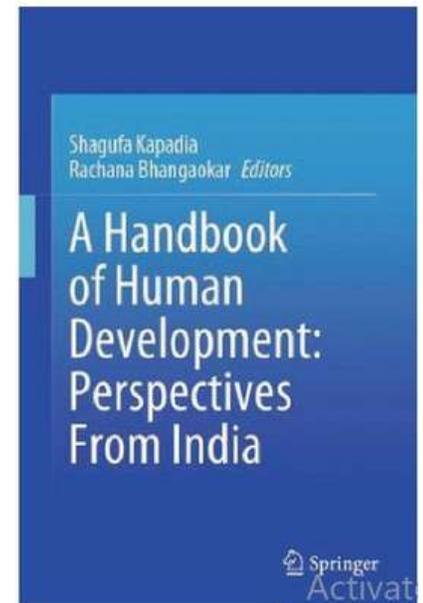
See you in Leuven, and in the meantime, keep engaging with EDUCATE!

On behalf of the EDUCATE Committee  
Saba Safdar, Director





## Congratulations!



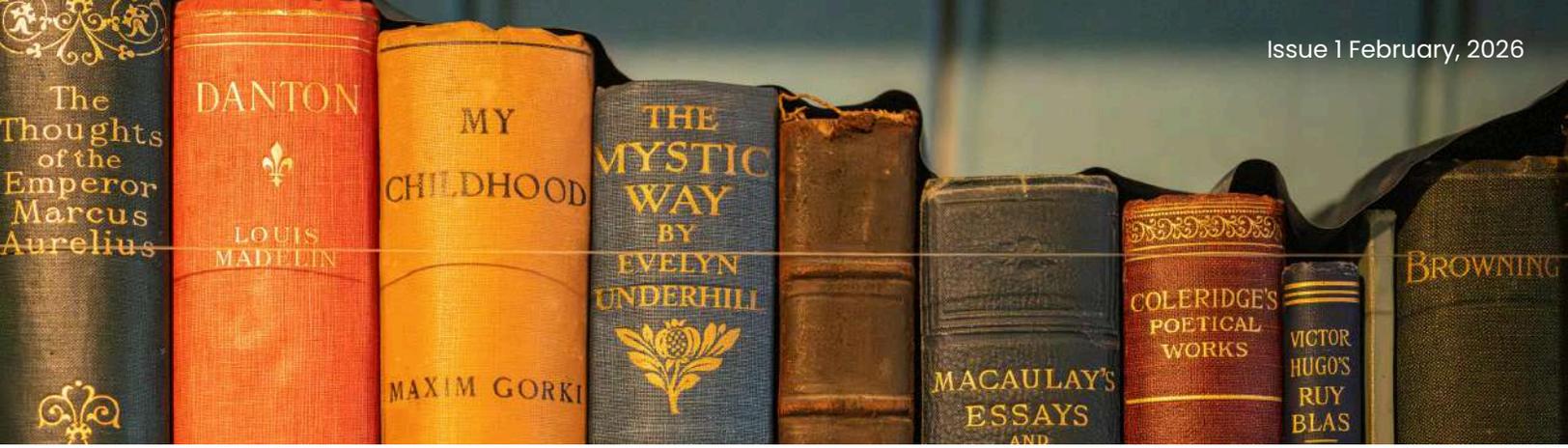
Huge congratulations to our members **Shagufa Kapadia** and **Rachana Bhangaokar** on the newly released book they edited, '**A Handbook of Human Development: Perspectives From India**'!

### The book

- Presents Indian philosophical and cultural perspectives in human development and family studies
- Discusses issues of contemporary relevance in the field of human development
- Offers views from top scholars and emerging Indian scholars of human development

This book offers an integrated perspective of theory, research, and applications in human development across the life span in the Indian context. It addresses central aspects of human development and presents an overview of research trends, issues, and concerns as well as applications in areas of contemporary relevance. The book engages with indigenous cultural models and frameworks to examine and understand human development. It offers directions for future research and highlights a wide range of social applications for positive human development. The book showcases the work of renowned scholars in human development from India and abroad, underlining the immense potential of the discipline for human wellbeing across the globe. The book thus contributes to global scholarship across a wide range of academic and practice domains and is of enormous use to scholars of human development, psychology, and other social science disciplines.

The book can be found [here](#).



## New publications!

*Please, check out these new publications by our members!*

### **Kimberly A. Noels**

[Fostering empathic connections between domestic students and international students in Canada via expressions of hope](#)

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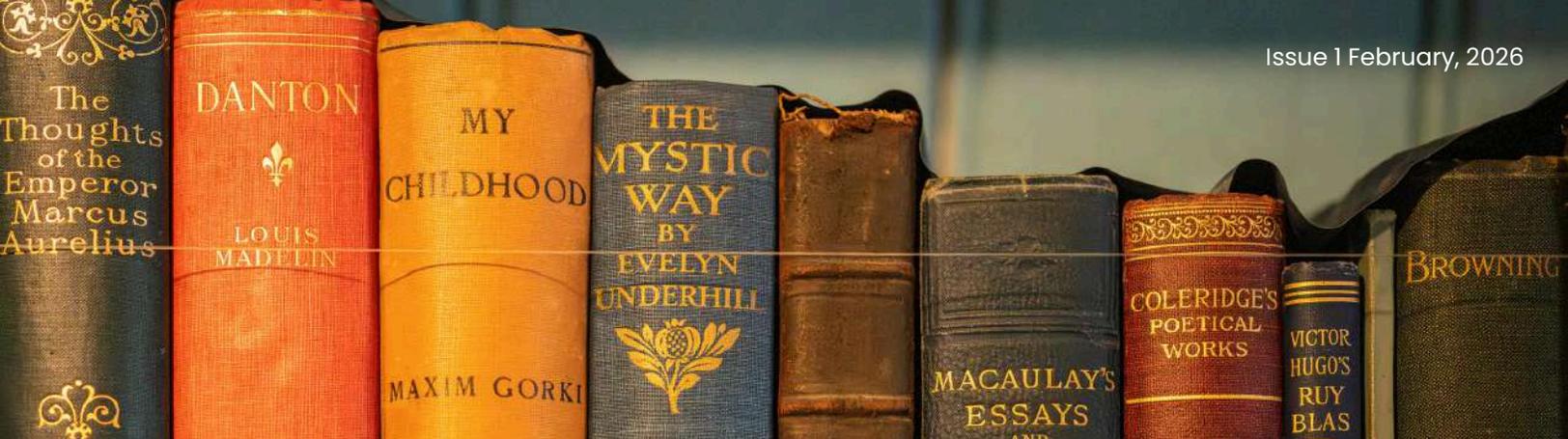
[Adapting Interventions to Culture Can Improve Effectiveness and Cost-Efficiency](#)

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## New publications!

**Othman H. Alkhadher**

**The Emergence and Indigenization of Psychology in Kuwait: From Imported Practice to Local Identity.**

### Article summary

The development of psychology in non-Western societies offers an important lens for understanding the global circulation of scientific knowledge and its cultural adaptation. Kuwait provides a particularly instructive case, illustrating how psychology was first introduced as a professional welfare service and later institutionalized as an academic discipline, while gradually engaging with the broader movement of indigenization in psychology. This contribution summarizes a historical–interpretive study that traces the emergence, professionalization, and academic consolidation of psychology in Kuwait and examines the ongoing challenges of building a culturally grounded psychological science in an Arab–Islamic context.

### Two Phases of Psychological Development in Kuwait

The study identifies two major phases in the evolution of psychology in Kuwait:

#### 1. The Professional Phase (1940s–1960s)

Psychology first entered Kuwait through welfare, education, and mental health services rather than through academic institutions. Early responses to mental illness were embedded in traditional beliefs involving spirit possession, the evil eye, and spiritual healing practices. Key milestones included: The establishment of the first mental health facilities in the 1940s and 1950s; The founding of the Psychiatric and Neurological Hospital in 1955 (later Kuwait Center for Mental Health); The introduction of school psychological services in the 1960s; Early efforts in special education and disability services; And Kuwait became the first Arab country to issue a formal national mental health policy in 1957. This phase reflects psychology's initial role as a humanitarian and custodial service rather than a scientific discipline.

#### 2. The Academic Phase (1966–present)

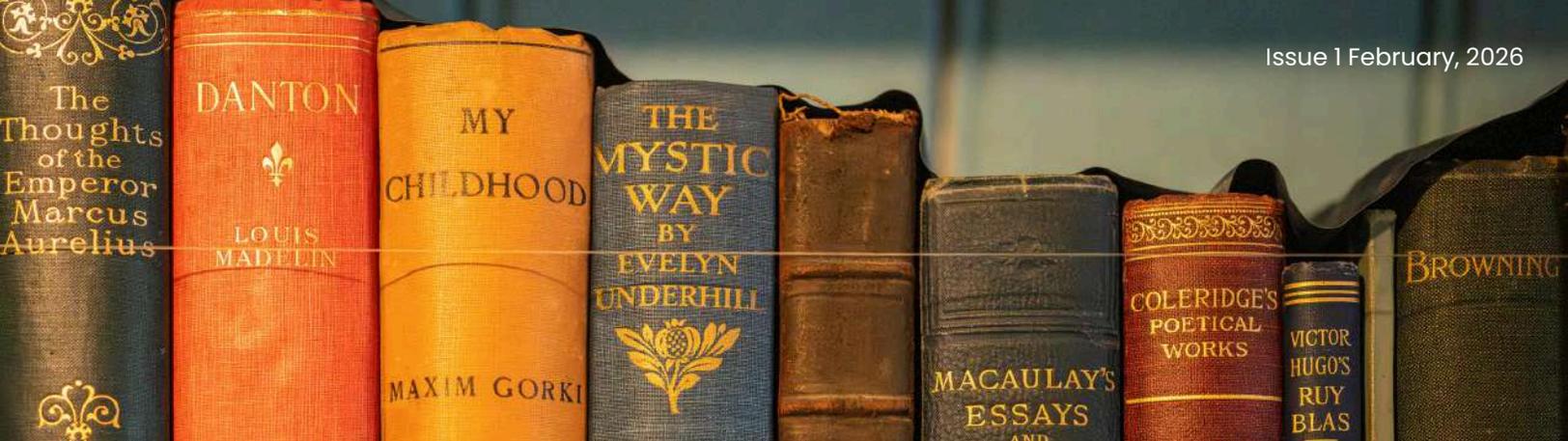
The academic institutionalization of psychology began with the founding of Kuwait University in 1966 and the establishment of the Department of Psychology. The discipline expanded rapidly through: Undergraduate and postgraduate programs; Specialized departments in education, medicine, and applied education; A growing national faculty trained in the US, UK, and Egypt; And integration of psychology into public education and teacher training. Today, psychology is one of the largest disciplines in the College of Social Sciences, with nearly 3,000 students enrolled, reflecting strong national demand for psychological education and professional services.

### Indigenization of Psychology in Kuwait.

While psychology in Kuwait has achieved strong institutional maturity, the study shows that its epistemological foundations remain largely dependent on Western paradigms. Localization efforts have progressed mainly through adaptation rather than theoretical reconstruction. Three main dimensions of indigenization are identified:

#### Research Indigenization.

Most psychological research continues to rely on Western theories, constructs, and instruments, often with limited cultural adaptation. However, recent initiatives signal a shift toward indigenous theorizing, including: the development of culturally grounded measures (e.g., the Kuwait Raha Scale); the indigenous conceptualization of Gulf prosocial behavior through the concept of Faz'ah; and meta-analytical reinterpretations of organizational justice in Arab contexts. These initiatives illustrate how local constructs can enrich global psychology while remaining anchored in indigenous moral and social systems.



## New publications!

### Academic Indigenization

University curricula still rely heavily on translated Western textbooks and imported theoretical frameworks. Local authorship remains limited, and epistemological critique of Western models is still emerging. The study argues that true academic indigenization requires not only translation but the integration of Arab-Islamic conceptions of the self, morality, and community into the theoretical core of psychology education.

### Professional and Legislative Indigenization

Psychological services in Kuwait operate within a comprehensive legal and policy framework, including the Mental Health Law (2019), disability rights legislation, and family welfare regulations. However, clinical practice remains largely grounded in Western therapeutic models, underscoring the need for culturally responsive intervention frameworks that reflect local religious, moral, and communal values.

### Conclusion

The Kuwaiti experience illustrates a broader regional pattern in which professional and educational expansion has outpaced epistemic indigenization. Psychology in Kuwait has achieved structural maturity but continues to exhibit epistemological dependence on Western paradigms. Localization remains fragmented and primarily adaptive rather than transformative.

Nevertheless, the emergence of indigenous constructs, culturally grounded measurement, and growing scholarly reflection signals a gradual transition toward culturally embedded psychological science. Indigenization in Kuwait is best understood as an ongoing dialogue between global psychology and local moral worlds rather than a final endpoint. Kuwait's trajectory offers an important comparative case for cross-cultural psychology, demonstrating how a small welfare-based society can transform psychology from an imported science into a locally meaningful discipline rooted in shared cultural values.

To read the full article, please contact the author at [prof.alkhadher@ku.edu.kw](mailto:prof.alkhadher@ku.edu.kw).

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