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Editor's Preface

The latest – sixteenth – issue of the scientific journal “Insight: the psychological dimensions of society” (No.16/2026) has been published.

Our journal continues to implement the strategy of publishing high-quality research, covering psychological studies on current issues, addressing fundamental problems in psychological science, expanding the geographical diversity of authors, and focusing exclusively on the English-language versions of articles. The Editorial Board is continually raising the scientific requirements for the publication of research guided by international standards. The application for inclusion in the Web of Science scientometric database, submitted on July 12, 2025, is valid and is currently under review. According to the decision of the Attestation Board of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated December 11, 2025, the journal is classified in Category B.

The scientific journal “Insight: the psychological dimensions of society” consistently adheres to the policy of academic integrity, publishes and disseminates high-quality psychological studies, and supports the policy of an open and democratic society based on the conviction that knowledge is universal.

This issue features six research articles and an Editor's Preface. The articles in this issue are presented in the following sections: “General Psychology; Personality Psychology”, “Pedagogical and Developmental Psychology”, and “Legal Psychology”.

The section “General Psychology; Personality Psychology” features one study. Researchers Anzhela Myshenina and Oleksii Chebykin established a correlation between manifestations of female attractiveness style and communicative comfort, a subjective psychological indicator of successful professional interaction, and identified the individual psychological correlations of these manifestations with regard to the partner's gender and the formality of the situation. The findings support treating style manifestations primarily as continuous self-presentation tendencies. They should be considered in psychological counseling and communicative competence development programs.

The section “Pedagogical and Developmental Psychology” features four articles. Ihor Halian and Andrii Halian examined the structure of value orientations among students enrolled in professional pre-higher education programs. Factor analysis was used to identify three complementary latent factors in the individual's value system: “Transcendence and Personal Autonomy” (F1) that combines openness to change with a humanistic orientation and psychological well-being; “Social Status and the Desire for Influence” (F2) that reflects the motivation for achievement and leadership; and “Traditionalism and Normative Regulation of Behavior” (F3) that characterizes an orientation toward social norms, cultural continuity, and maintenance of social order. It is noteworthy that

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the obtained factor structure demonstrates a high level of integration of the value system and mainly reproduces the classical circumplex model of S. Schwartz. The results of confirmatory analysis are particularly valuable from a scientific perspective as they empirically confirm the effectiveness of the observed three-factor model of value orientations of young people. Ivan Obyskalov and Nataliia Shevchenko theoretically substantiated and empirically verified the impact of reflection development on improving decision-making efficiency among youth. The greatest changes in decision-making were observed in the volitional and cognitive domains. The findings suggest that structured reflection helps young people recognize problem situations and draw on internal resources to address them. The results of the formative experiment confirmed the research hypothesis and positioned reflection as a tool for improving their decision-making efficiency. Researcher Daria Pavliuchek empirically identified the specificity of the structure of existential anxiety among Ukrainian students with different profiles of post-traumatic and clinical symptomatology and, on this basis, substantiated differentiated targets of psychological counseling. The author found that the structure of existential anxiety differs significantly by symptom type, and the leading components of concern do not coincide across contrasting groups. The study found that standard screening for anxiety and depression yields the least differentiated picture, which argues for extending the diagnostic protocol in counseling. The researcher concluded that the identified configurations outline differentiated targets of assistance: restoring self-continuity in the avoidance profile, legitimizing death anxiety

in the intrusion and hyperarousal profile, and relationally oriented work in the depressive profile. In the final article in this section, researcher Ruslana Posobchuk assessed the influence of parental relationships on the specific features of adult women's interactions with their partners. The author argues that codependency in women is associated with childhood relationships with parents. A markedly expressed level of codependency is observed in the group of women whose parents were divorced. The study showed that the presence of optimal control and involvement of both parents during childhood contributed to a more harmonious formation of personal boundaries in adulthood.

The issue concludes with the section "Legal Psychology", which features a single article. Researchers Svitlana Karskanova, Iryna Larchenko, and Dmytro Hryshyn examined the resilience and occupational functioning of police in the frontline city of Kherson. The study established associations between resilience and perceived stress, occupational burnout, and individual work performance among police officers. The researchers confirmed that a greater capacity to recover from stress was associated with lower subjective stress and less pronounced burnout symptoms.

The Ethics Committee and the Editorial Board carefully review all submitted manuscripts to ensure objective and high-quality selection of psychological studies that align with the journal's aim and scope. In each issue, readers can expect the best scientific studies.

Thank you for your cooperation and contribution to science!