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Editor's Preface

The latest issue, Issue 15, of the scientific journal "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society" (No.15/2026) has been published.

Currently, the scientific journal "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society" is no longer indexed in the Scopus scientometric database. On September 4, 2025, the Ethics Committee of the journal received a notification from the Scopus Content Selection & Advisory Board that the journal had been selected for re-evaluation. As part of the journal's re-evaluation process, the Editor was to complete a standard evaluation form. There were no reasons for non-compliance with the guidelines for publications. The most significant comments were as follows: 1) a considerable number of references of the Editorial Board to the studies in "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society" in other journals. This was followed by a rebuttal stating that this does not contradict the current guidelines of these journals but rather raises questions about their editorial policies; 2) the number of citations of the studies in "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society" by the authors publishing their works in "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society" has decreased, which may attest to a decline in interest in the journal. The Ethics Committee and Editorial Board of "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society" have responded to the comments: 1) manuscripts submitted by the members of our journal's editorial board did not include more citations than permitted by the

guidelines (the guidelines of journals varied, some permitted up to 20%). In other words, the current journal guidelines were not violated. We agree that the editorial policies overlooked the guidelines of these journals; 2) in SCImago Journal & Country Rank, one of the twelve indicators tracks self-citations within the journal. A rate above 20% is considered unsatisfactory, whereas a rate of up to 10% is considered excellent. In "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society", self-citation decreased from 27.6% to 6.1% in the current year. This was achieved by adding a clause to the review template that limited the number of self-citations within the journal and regulated self-citations in authors' manuscripts. Unfortunately, this was regarded as manual manipulation of the journal's ranking. On October 13, 2025, a notification was received from the Scopus Content Selection & Advisory Board regarding the termination of the journal's indexing in the Scopus database. On October 14, 2025, an appeal was filed, and the layout of the latest issue 14/2025 was submitted. The response stated that appeals are not considered. All published content remains in the Scopus database. A new application can be submitted no earlier than October 10, 2030. On November 7, 2025, the journal's profile in the Scopus database indicated that the coverage had been discontinued. Notably, throughout the entire period of indexing the journal's articles in the Scopus database, there were no comments regarding the published works and the journal's

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website.

The journal's strategy remains as follows: publishing high-quality studies; supporting high-quality psychological research on current topical issues; addressing relevant fundamental issues in psychology; expanding authors' geographical diversity; publishing articles exclusively in English; indexing in the Web of Science scientometric database; Publisher: Kherson State University.

On July 12, 2025, an application for indexing in the Web of Science database was submitted. The estimated review period for applications is six to twelve months.

Currently, the journal is officially registered in Category B, in accordance with the resolution of the Attestation Board of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated December 11, 2025.

The scientific journal "Insight: the psychological dimensions of society" continues to publish high-quality psychological studies and supports policies of an open and democratic society with the conviction that knowledge is universal.

Issue 15 contains four documents: three scientific studies and the Editor's preface. Studies in Issue 15, 2026, represent the following sections: "General psychology; personality psychology and "Social psychology; psychology of social work".

Two works are included in the section "General psychology; personality psychology". Researcher Viktor Plokhikh investigated students' psychological defenses in implementing coping strategies. The research assumed that students engaged in the learning process and motivated to successfully develop academic and professional competencies report that activation of psychological defenses in stressful conditions hinders their ability to focus on solving various problems and leads them to avoid problematic situations. The researcher found and substantiated that respondents under the influence of stressors, when choosing coping strategies, mainly focus on problem-solving strategies and are less inclined to avoid problematic situations. The research shows that respondents with heightened stress choose avoidance strategies, exhibiting psychological defenses such as regression, displacement, projection, compensation, and rationalization. Researcher Mariia Poheketa conducted an empirical review of studies on post-traumatic growth during wartime between 2022 and 2025,

using the PRISMA model. The literature search was conducted in PubMed, Scopus, and Google Scholar databases. The researcher concluded that post-traumatic growth during wartime is not an automatic consequence of trauma but is shaped by individual and social resources. The study highlights that the findings warrant further longitudinal research, particularly in the Ukrainian context, to gain a deeper understanding of post-traumatic growth mechanisms during wartime and in the post-war period.

The section "Social psychology; psychology of social work" is represented by one study. Greta Raboczki and Balazs Orsi examined the perception of female video game characters in relation to gender stereotypes and sexism. The researchers aimed to assess people's attitudes towards games and the reflection of gender stereotypes, or the lack of them. It was found that modern sexist views were more prevalent in the sample of males and females alike. Higher adherence to beauty standards was associated with greater sympathy, but did not correlate with perceived story relevance. Assigned traits were predominantly masculine, which differed from past studies' findings. The researchers generalized that female characters in today's video games deviate from pre-established stereotypical gender representations, with appearance not being the primary factor in forming opinions about sympathy or plot relevance.

The Editorial Board publishes authors' studies exclusively in English, accompanied by abstracts in English and Ukrainian. Each issue of our journal aims to publish high-quality studies. The best article will be featured in the next issue.

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