

 [IP--Handbook on Indian Psychology, discussion](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 04]

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Regards
Kiran

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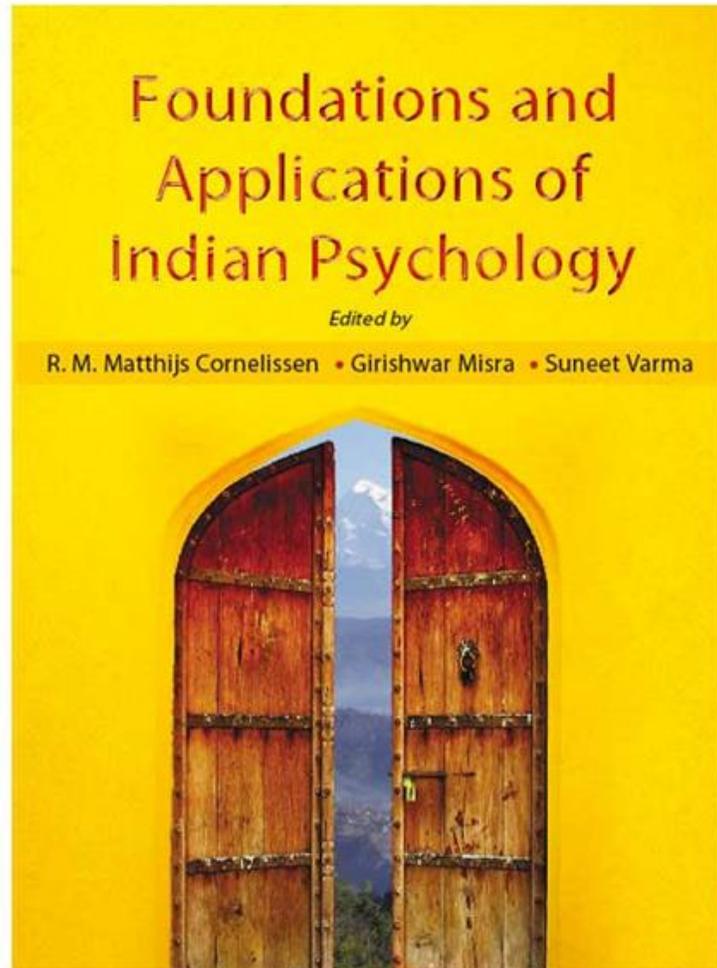
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Warm regards,
Matthijs Cornelissen



[Comment by Paul TP Wong](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 03]

Is there a similar handbook on the foundation and application of Chinese psychology?

Paul

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[Comment by Louise Sundararajan](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 03]

Good point, Paul. Chinese Psychology needs to catch up. I see this as one of the important functions of the IP Task Force-- that IP'ers inspire each other instead of running after mainstream psychology as the only game in town or the only model to emulate in psychology.

The race is on,

Louise

 [Comment by Zhang Xuexin John](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 03]

in response to Louise Sundararajan, who wrote: "Chinese Psychology needs to catch up."

Professor KK Hwang has a book on this.

best,

john

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Foundations of Chinese Psychology: Confucian Social Relations

Kwang-Kuo Hwang

Springer, 2011.12.4

Mainstream psychology emanated from European-American and Judeo-Christian philosophical and scientific traditions. The application of this viewpoint, which embeds colonial and imperialist concepts is less relevant to Asian and other indigenous cultures. Although it has been accepted by non-Western scholars in an attempt to emulate Western scientific practice, the mainstream viewpoint is in a process of transformation to accommodate geographically relevant perspectives. In this light, Foundations of Chinese Psychology, bridges the gap between western and eastern traditions and elaborates on theories based on local phenomena, findings, and experiences by research methods that are contextually appropriate. Using a guiding principle of cultural psychology – ‘one mind, many mentalities’, this book advocates the balancing of a global psychology concept without sacrificing that of a specific locality and people. It analyzes the basics of Confucianism and compares them to Western ethical thinking, arriving at a series of theories concerning social exchange, face, achievement motivation, organizational behaviors, and conflict resolution. Beyond the specifics of a particular culture, this book exemplifies the act of constructing autonomous social science that may be emulated in other non-Western settings. It also serves as an excellent guide for cross-cultural research as well as a caveat on the limitations of presumptive individualism and exclusionary perspectives.

 [Comment by Louise Sundararajan](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 03]

Dear John,

Professor Hwang's excellent book is not a handbook on Chinese Psychology. We do have a handbook on Chinese Psychology by Professor Bond, but that is more cross cultural psychology than IP. So we still need an IP handbook on Chinese Psychology.

Warmly,

Louise

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 [Comment by Paul TP Wong](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 06]

I agree with Louise. The foundation of Chinese psychology is broader than Confucianism, because it also based on Buddhism and Taoism.

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 [Comment by Peter Ping Li](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 06]

Dear All:

I also agree that we do not have a fairly developed framework of Chinese psychology largely because that the extant research on Chinese psychology has surprisingly neglected the philosophy of Taoism, which is the core of Chinese philosophies.

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 [Comment by John Zhang](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 06]

Although I like the paper All psychologies are indigenous and fully appreciate the points, I do have a concern here. By using 'All psychologies', one is already preassuming multiple psychologies. regarding cultural or social psychology, I totally agree that there are multiple psychological theories and constructs pending on specific cultures. but if one goes to cognitive psychology or brain science, much basic mechanisms are the same or independent of culture. we will not say there is Chinese cognitive psychology or American cognitive psychology, So I am not sure when the phrase 'all psychologies' is used, is it supposed to mean social psychology or all branches of psychology? I do brain part of psychology and we see much much more commonalities in basic mechanisms than differences.

best,

john

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 [Comment by Peter Ping Li](#) by Louise S. [2014, Feb 06]

Dear John:

I partly agree with you, but partly disagree because there are always something commonly shared across all cultures and also something unique and indigenous to a particular culture, including cognition and brain functionality.

Richard Nisbett's book, The Geography of Thought, is about the cultural differences in cognition. See the attached for a new documentary about the cultural effect on brain functionality (I am somewhat involved in this project).

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