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 [Comment by Maureen O'Hara](#) by Louise S. [2014, Apr 04]

Thank you for this. I think it would be important to have an IP/Humanistic perspective as part of this conversation.

Just a quick thought, I can't help noticing that the WHO Action plan referred to be this task force paints a a devastating picture of the gap between suffering and resources. It emphasizes justice, poverty, civil rights, violence and neglect as relevant factors in the mental health and calls for massive expansion in availability of "non-specialized" resources. It is sad that by chasing the medical model American psychologists have pretty much missed the opportunity to train our students to work on side of the street. It puzzles me that in policy discussion in Europe (EU, UK) psychological input is being given by behavioral economists.

APAs decision years ago to make the doctorate the entry level qualification degree for psychologists and then narrow training requirements to a pathology focused modernist euro-centric paradigm and moving now towards specialist credentials raises the question of how APA might have to change to be a constructive player here. Perhaps our task force can help that change. .

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While we cannot eliminate hunger, we can feed each other. While we cannot eliminate pain, we can hold each other. While we can't improve upon the nature of reality, we can make things better for each other while we're here. Mark Nepo

 [Comment by Kiran Kumar Salagame](#) by Louise S. [2014, Apr 04]

Hello Maureen O'Hara,

The reason I brought this to the notice of this IP group is to ensure that the international

perspective promoted by APA will not again be an imposed etic, against which we are all voicing our views!

I hope you, Louise, and others in this group who are also primary members of APA in different divisions will take an active interest in this matter, in shaping the true international perspectives (derived etic) since you are all in the physical proximity of APA as compared to those us who live far away and are also not members of APA.

Best

Kiran

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 [Comment by Louise Sundararajan](#) by Louise S. [2014, Apr 06]

Kiran and All,

I believe our IP Task Force has unique contributions to make toward a truly international psychology. Toward this goal, I have put together a few programs for the APA Annual Convention 2014, at Washington, DC. I list them in the order of their respective schedules:

Sponsoring Division: 01 (General Psychology)

Session Type: Conversation Hour

Session Title: Is There Really a Unity to Science?

Date & Time: Thu 8/7/2014 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Location: Convention Center Room 146B

Chair: Henderikus J. Stam

Department of Psychology

University of Calgary

Participant:

Richard A. Shweder

Harold Higgins Swift Distinguished Service Professor

Department of Comparative Human Development

University of Chicago

Summary

This Conversation Hour offers an opportunity for psychology to engage in a dialogue with Richard Shweder, one of the most influential researchers in cultural psychology. Those who value critical thinking will find much food for thought in Shweder's talk, which deals with issues that concern psychology deeply-- unification of knowledge, the relationship between science and the humanities, the difference between science and scientism, and what has culture got to do with all these questions in psychology? To plumb the depth and scope of the issues that range from the perennial question of the compatibility between "two cultures" (i.e., science and the humanities) to the timely topic of the STEM model of

psychology, Shweder will engage in a conversation with four Discussants, who weigh in with their expertise in critical theory, creativity, cultural psychology, and indigenous psychology, respectively. Through participation in these conversations, the audience may come to see the unification question in psychology in a new light-- or else come up with new arguments for holding on to the views they already have.

Abstract

Objects, Subjects, and the Study of Unphysical Things: Is There Really a Unity to Science?

The topic of the conversation hour is the proposition that research on what I shall dub “the unphysical sciences” (including the study of psychological or mental processes such as knowing, thinking, feeling, wanting and valuing things as good or bad) calls for the use of methods, procedures and ways of knowing that distinguish it from the methods, procedures and ways of knowing required to study physical things (including the study of neurons or genes). The talk will touch on several related issues: the scope and limits of the “consilience” or unification of knowledge agenda, the relationship between science and the humanities, the question of whether a science of subjectivity is even possible and how or whether humanistic psychology can or should fit into the STEM model, the difference between science and scientism. The philosopher Thomas Nagel has noted “There is a tendency to seek an objective account of everything before admitting its reality. But often what appears to a more subjective point of view cannot be accounted for this way. So either the objective conception of the world is incomplete, or the subjective involves illusions that should be rejected.” The incompleteness of the “object matter” conception of the science of psychology will be explored.

Discussants:

1. Henderikus J. Stam, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology, University of Calgary

2. Dean Keith Simonton, PhD.

Department of Psychology, University of California, Davis

3. Grant J. Rich, PhD.

Editor, International Psychology Bulletin, Juneau, AK.

4. Louise Sundararajan, Ph.D., Ed.D.

Regional Forensic Unit, Rochester, NY.

Sponsoring Division: Cross Divisional Program

Session Type: Symposium

Session Title: Beyond Trauma---Ethnic Minority Groups on Death and Dying

Date & Time: Sat 8/9/2014 10:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Location: Convention Center Room 151B

Program (see attached)

Sponsoring Division: 01 (General Psychology)

Symposium: Mind, Body, and Creativity---Cognitive

Mindfulness and Its Cross-Cultural Extensions

8/09 Sat: 12:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Convention Center Room 202B
Program (see attached)

Sponsoring Division: 08 (Personality and Social Psychology)
Session Type: Symposium
Session Title: New Frontiers in Emotion Regulation---Flexibility, Context, Cognition, and Culture
Date & Time: Sun 8/10/2014 12:00 PM - 13:50 PM
Location: Convention Center Room 154A
Program (see attached)

Hope to see you there!

Louise

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 [Comment by Wael MOHAMED](#) by Louise S. [2014, Apr 07]

Much appreciated Louise

Please see attached the symposium details
Also here is some useful info sent to me:

Sponsoring Division: 52
Session Title: Arab Spring---A Psychosocial Perspective
Date & Time: Thu 8/7/2014 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Location: Convention Center Room 146A
Capacity: 365

Best regards

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