

**EXAMINATION PROGRAMME  
FOR DOCTORAL APPLICANTS  
IN VIRTUAL WORLD AND SOCIAL NETWORKS PSYCHOLOGY**

1. Internet addiction. Factors related to Internet addiction. Treatments of Internet addiction.
2. Information overload. Implications for attention. Effects on memory.
3. The Self. Structure of the Self. Self concept. Self-assessment. Self-efficacy. Identification.
4. The Self in the real and virtual world. Public and private in social networks. Social capital in virtual social networks.
5. Emotional phenomena. Moods. Types of emotions. Feelings. Emotion control.
6. Emotions in the virtual world. Expressing positive and negative emotions in the virtual world. Sharing emotions online. Social networks as a platform for emotional regulation.
7. Motivation to participate in social networks. Basic theories of motivation in social networks. Research tools. Relationships of motivation and activity in social networks. Social network participation and life satisfaction.
8. The individual style. Dispositional style. Optimism and pessimism as dispositional styles. Resilience and endurance.
9. Self-representation in social networks. Sharing and self-disclosure on social networks.
10. Virtual reality. Possibilities of using virtual reality in education and psychological counseling.
11. Gender differences. Gender-role stereotypes. Specificity of cognitive functioning. Differences in personality traits between the two sexes. Achievement motivation. Affiliation need.
12. Gender differences in behavior in virtual social networks. Avatar selection. Photo submission. Self disclosure. Purposes of using social networks. Participation in computer games.

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