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How to Write and Evaluate Psychological Reports

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is the English translation of the 5th revised and extended edition published in German in 2008. The 1st edition was published in 1991.

Essential

This book has a unique approach to its subject. It integrates scientific theory and methodological knowledge in psychology to provide help with the complex process of writing psychological reports.

Basic and Advanced

All German-speaking countries use this book as a primary reference work in basic and graduate university courses. It is also used in advanced courses on psychological assessment and in training on how to write psychological reports.

Instructive

Thanks to its clarity of expression, its structure that follows the assessment process step by step, and its reader-friendly layout (e.g. colored advanced organizers for each sub-chapter), the book is easy for all students of psychology to understand and to work with.

Checklists

The rules of decision-oriented assessment methodology are summarized in 37 checklists (Chapter 23). User feedback generally confirms these checklists as being very helpful in the assessment routine.

A complete psychological report in the field of personnel psychology illustrates psychological assessment using the decision-oriented method. This example can, in a broader sense, also be read as a case study of vocational rehabilitation.

Non-psychologists who want to or have to evaluate psychological reports (especially lawyers) frequently asked for support in understanding such reports. They will find special help in Chapter 22 and in corresponding checklists in Chapter 24.

References

The current edition follows the "Guidelines for the Assessment Process" of the European Association of Psychological Assessment. The 3rd edition served as a major source for these guidelines.

The German Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof) cited the book in a very important judgment on the psychological assessment of the credibility of witnesses' accounts.

Lawyers appreciate psychological reports based on the decision-oriented method because of their structure and clarity. Many confirm the usefulness of the book's special aids and checklists for evaluating such reports.