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MAURO ANTONELLI

## EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that I present the first volume of the *European Yearbook of the History of Psychology. Sources, Theories, and Models* (EYHP). This new journal aims to respond to a specific need, that is to make available to historians of psychology, European and worldwide, an international scientific publication forum. This in an era in which the internationalisation of research has progressively led to the depletion of many national journals within the field, ipso facto forcing many historians to revise their texts for the publication in non-historical scientific journals.

The number of scholars active in this field in each European country is currently too small to guarantee the survival of national publishing initiatives. This is also true for Italy and the journal of which I have long been the Director, *Teorie & Modelli* (T&M), which closed in 2013 after almost 30 years of activity. Since its founding in 1984, and in particular with the foundation of its new series in 1996, T&M became an important point of reference for scholars – not only Italian – of history, methodology and epistemology of psychology because of its attention to the close connection between historiographical surveys and methodological reflections, accurate reconstruction of moments and figures of psychology and the analysis of the logical structure of research. It has also consistently paid particular attention to borderline or ‘overlapping’ areas between psychology and contiguous sciences, in order to provide an image of the discipline closer to its actual development and historical progress.

Thanks to the scientific and editorial expertise accumulated over the years by T&M, it was possible to develop with the Belgian publishing house Brepols the project of the *European Yearbook of the History of Psychology*, which has involved numerous colleagues of many different countries in and outside of Europe.

EYHP therefore intends to be a peer-reviewed international journal, devoted to the history of psychology that – as T&M previously did – pays particular attention to the to the interconnections between historiographical surveys and epistemological issues. The *Yearbook* welcomes contributions that offer precise reconstructions of specific moments, topics, and figures in the history of psychology, by means of the retrieval and critical analysis of archival as well as published sources. Critical editions of relevant primary texts or archival sources are also welcome. The national traditions in Europe are respected, not only in their own right and in their interrelations, but also in their further connections and comparisons to non-European research traditions. With this focus, the *Yearbook* aims to uncover paths that will aid the understanding of the common and of the specific roots of European scientific thought, and its building connections with non-European traditions.

With a focus on the interdisciplinary nature of cultural studies, the *Yearbook* pays special attention to those common areas between psychological research and its adjacent disciplines, in particular to human and life sciences (philosophy, sociology, anthropology, psychiatry, physiology, neurology, biology, zoology, etc.).

Aimed primarily at historians and philosophers of psychology, epistemologists, historians of philosophy, and historians of human sciences, the *Yearbook* is also open to contributions from all areas of psychology that address a phenomenon or a topic of interest in psychology from a historical perspective and/or with an epistemological approach.

Besides ‘Original essays’, EYHP encompasses the following sections: ‘Short papers’; ‘Discussions’ (a space where authors can compare views and discuss specific topics); ‘Documents and archival material’; ‘Interviews’; ‘Book reviews and reading recommendations’.



English is today the standard language for those who work in empirical or experimental psychology; on the other hand, those who are engaged in historical research cannot ignore other languages. It was thus decided to admit, along with English, as publication languages in the section 'Documents and archival material', also German, French, Italian and Spanish for the critical edition of unpublished sources or the reissue of rare or hard to find printed documents. However, the text that introduces the material published in 'Documents and archival material', whatever the language of such material, must always be written in English to allow full comprehension to scholars worldwide.

I hope that the release of this first volume of EYHP, which has already gained the interest of many scholars and potential authors, is welcomed and can contribute to foster the spread of the new journal and of the cultural project it promotes. Thanks are due here to all those who have actively supported this scientific and publishing project, first of all to my colleagues, scholars of the history of psychology who were willing to join the Editorial Board, and to the publishing house Brepols that with great cultural sensitivity allowed it to see the light.