

招待講演

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SL01 Science of psychology today: Future horizons
心理学の新しい地平線講演者 Clark University Jaan Valsiner
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講演者の紹介

ヤーン・ヴァルシナ博士は現在アメリカ合衆国クラーク大学心理学部教授である。ヴァルシナ教授はエストニア生まれ、タートゥ大学で心理学を学んだ後母校で教鞭を執った。氏は1980年ソビエト連邦を離れ、ヨーロッパ、オーストラリア、ブラジル及びアメリカの大学で発達心理学を教え、各国の研究者と共同研究をしてきた。数種類の言語を操り、心理学の方法論、歴史と発達の理論、特にヴィゴツキーの理論や思想に関する造詣が深い。氏は人間の心理と行動を文化と発達の視点から独自の文化心理学の理論を展開し新しい心理学の地平を開こうとしている。多数の著書と論文はほとんど日本語に訳されていない。1995年ドイツのHumboldt 社会科学賞を受賞。

講演の内容

Science of psychology has developed along two parallel trajectories over the 20th century—the “American” line of quantitative study of elementary behaviors, and the “Continental European” orientation towards qualitative wholes and their relations with their parts (Toomela, 2007). While the “American” line has largely dominated psychology, it is the “Continental European” line that is gaining prominence in neighboring disciplines of biology (protein genetics, neurogenesis, ecology), sociology, and anthropology. New forms of qualitative mathematics (Rudolph and Valsiner, 2009) are becoming available for the social scientists to replace the intellectual *impasse* of reliance on statistical models. The new psychology that emerges in the 21st Century is qualitative in its methodology, and interested in the dynamic processes as these unfold in irreversible time. First results of such development are found in the applications of the Trajectory Equifinality Model (TEM-Sato et al, 2007) to social and developmental processes. Science develops through careful investigation of the phenomena under study, together with the advancement of high-level abstract generalizations. Psychology is at the doorstep of a major breakthrough in the direction of new focus of general theories in conjunction with new ways of looking at data.

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