

**Future perspectives for cross cultural psychology:  
Some conderations of a developmental psychologist**

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Scholars who are interested in the interplay of culture of human psychology have been traditionally classified as representing different theoretical traditions with different methodological implications: cross cultural psychology, cultural psychologies and indegenous approaches. This talk is aimed at demonstrating that all three orientations are necessary for the understanding of human behavior, thought and emotion. From the perspective of a developmental psychologist, especially the following topics need to be addressed in future conceptions and empirical studies: the relationship between culture and biology, the adaptive nature of culture and the content of culture. A plurality of methods is needed to accomodate different perspectives. Multiple, contextually based, developmental pathways are resulting, which together form human psychology. Perspectives for the role of the International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology as the home for multiple approaches of the interplay between culture and psychology are discussed.