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Title:

The lack of conceptual clarity in psychology

Abstract:

Concerns about validity and replicability in psychology are widespread. A neglected cause is insufficient conceptual clarity: constructs are under-specified and mapped to heterogeneous indicators. This undermines construct validity, especially convergent validity, producing poor cross-study replicability. I will illustrate the problem with interoception, a rapidly expanding topic, and show that the same pattern is pervasive across psychological constructs. I then outline ways forward: precise and consensual construct definitions and hierarchical conceptualizations that align constructs across levels of analysis.