

Interbehavioral psychology: Roots and branches.

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AB Discusses interbehaviorism which proceeds from the assumption that psychological behavior is 1 type of natural event in the universe. The nervous system and even the entire organism become participating components of the field, not the locus or the determiner of responses. Interrelations of these field components provide an approach contrasting with phenomenology and reductionism. Forces and entities are replaced by interacting factors as are determinism and will. Internal mediation attributed to language is replaced by referential interactions. Complex but ordinary behavior, seldom touched in other approaches, is analyzed interbehaviorally. Operant shaping also is analyzed. Predictability is possible from an examination of field factors. It is concluded that ecological and epigenetic psychology show signs of moving in the direction of interbehaviorism and operant psychology has considerable potential similarly.