

## **The network approach to psychopathology: Advances in theory and its application to clinical practice**

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With the increasing popularity of the network theory of mental disorders in recent years, it has been intensively discussed how the network approach can be applied to clinical practice. Meanwhile, empirical evidence for the implications of the network theory is only emerging, no consensus exists on how to implement network approaches in clinical practice and few clinical studies have examined the advantages of using these approaches in psychological interventions.

For this special issue of “Cognitive Therapy and Research”, we invite manuscripts that advance knowledge on the network theory and its application to clinical practice. Manuscripts should outline latest work on the network approach for describing, preventing or treating mental disorders, for example with regard to case conceptualization, treatment monitoring, or treatment evaluation. We specifically focus on manuscripts reporting empirical research, systematic reviews or consensus processes. Given the developing nature of the field, all papers should include a careful discussion of the methodology used including lessons learned for future studies.

We encourage diversity for both author groups and studied populations (e.g. with regard to gender, age, cultural background, experience and clinical setting).

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Submissions must include:

- Manuscript title
- Structured abstract (300 words max, double-spaced)
- Author affiliation and contact information for all authors
- One lesson learned from your study regarding the aim of this call

All abstracts will be reviewed by the guest editors and authors will be notified whether they are invited to submit a full manuscript until **November 15, 2024**. The deadline for submission of full papers is **April 1, 2025**. Of note, invitation to submit a full manuscript does not guarantee acceptance for publication and all full submissions will be peer-reviewed. Final decisions will be made by the guest editors in consultation with the editor-in-chief, Dr. Stefan Hofmann.