



The human being: A view of cultural psychology

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The success story of modern psychology, which was primarily developed at western universities in the 19th century, is closely linked to the fact that it has shown how scientific methods - especially the laboratory based experiment - can be applied to the study of human thought, feeling and behavior. This methodology is accompanied by a conception of the human being as primarily a natural being and at best secondarily as a cultural being. - In this lecture, I will attempt to present the cultural-psychological perspective as an alternative and in many ways different view of the human being. The lecture is intended as a basic introduction to cultural psychology that will also illustrate the type of psychological research that is conducted and promoted at the Hans Kilian and Lotte Köhler Center (KKC) at the University of Bochum.