

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSHIP SCIENCE Interpersonal Relations

- I. Introduction
- II. Obstacles to the Study of Relationships
 - A. Societal Taboos (read in Berscheid & Regan, pp. 64-65)
 - B. Ethical Considerations
 - C. Methodological and Analytical Challenges (read in Berscheid & Regan, pp. 70-72)
- III. Experimental Studies
 - A. Theory
 - B. Independent and Dependent Variables
 - C. Random Assignment
 - D. Between-participants vs. Within-participant
 - E. Main effect vs. Interaction
- IV. Natural Experiments (read in Berscheid & Regan, p. 76)
- V. Nonexperimental (Correlational) Studies
 - A. Longitudinal and cross-sectional studies (read in Berscheid & Regan, pp. 76-77)
 - B. Advantages: when manipulation impossible, efficient, predictions can be made
 - C. Disadvantages: which variable is cause and which is effect?; third variable problem
- VI. Qualitative Studies (read in Berscheid & Regan, p. 83)
- VII. Disciplines Contributing to Relationship Science
- VIII. Cultural Differences in Relationships (read in Berscheid & Regan, pp. 92-94)