Call for Papers: Call for Papers – Special Issue on Gaming Disorder

In partnership with the Canadian Psychological Association’s section of Addiction Psychology, the Canadian Journal of Addiction (CJA-JCA) is pleased to announce a Special Issue on Gaming Disorder. This call is to solicit contemporary research studies in the area of Gaming Disorder and its psychological correlates. Priorities will be given to articles that contribute to our multidisciplinary understanding of Gaming Disorder using strong longitudinal and experimental methods. This Special Issue will also publish invited reviews highlighting cutting edge research into Gaming Disorder (e.g., neurobiology, treatment) from world renowned experts in the field.

Video gaming has become an immensely popular past time. A recent report by the Entertainment Software Association of Canada found that 61% of Canadians report engaging in video games. Although video games can increase positive affect, well-being, and support, they can also result in considerable harms. Indeed, for some people, excessive video gaming can result in serious negative consequences such as academic failure, physical health problems, and depression/anxiety symptoms. To recognize this risk, the World Health Organization has recently made Gaming Disorder a formal diagnosis in the ICD-11. Gaming Disorder is also relatively frequent with a worldwide prevalence of 3.05%.

The popularity of video games is only increasing, which makes Gaming Disorder a global public health concern. The formalization of Gaming Disorder as a clinical diagnosis has sparked considerable research in the area as of late. However, it is still unclear which factors influence the development of Gaming Disorder and which factors may enhance the positive aspects of gaming.

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