



## Editorial

RPC is a well-known part of Italian clinical psychology, positioned in between the academic and professional fields. Its name is associated with its co-founder and Editor in Chief, Professor Renzo Carli, one of the most influential leading figures of the Italian landscape of clinical psychology over the last forty years.

Under Carli's direction, RPC represented the driver of a view of clinical psychology characterized by the merging of two main theoretical and methodological approaches: A) a broad vision of the function of clinical psychology, according to which clinical psychology has to embrace the ambition to go beyond individual and micro-social issues, and encompass social and institutional phenomena as areas of interventions; B) a critique of the applicative and top-down view of the relation between knowledge and practice, and the corresponding proposal to conceptualize that relation in terms of a recursive dialectics.

From 2022, RPC has a new Editor in chief and a new Scientific Committee. Without giving up its scientific and cultural tradition, the new Scientific Committee intends to enlarge the editorial policy. It aims at making RPC an open space for debate, capable of fostering dialogue between the different souls and sensitivities of clinical psychology, with a particular focus on the dialectic between theory, research and intervention, on the interlocution among conceptual and methodological frameworks and on the analysis and construction of strategies to address the emerging challenges that society presents to psychology and, more generally, to the social sciences.

In the following pages readers will find a position paper on the current compartmentalization of psychology, written by members of the

SC, accompanied by commentaries by authors conveying a variety of sub-disciplinary and theoretical perspectives. The work by De Luca Picione and colleagues provides a theoretically grounded analysis of the notion of reflexivity, conducted in the dialogue between semiotics and psychoanalysis.

This first issue therefore epitomizes the Journal we would love to build: a plural and open-minded arena that brings general theoretical issues back to the core of the discussion, with the purpose of helping to enable professional practice to address the challenges of an uncertain future.

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