

Review of: "Is psychopathology a bit rusty? A critical essay"

Valentina Cardella¹

¹ University of Messina

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Many of the assumptions of this paper are very controversial. For example, even though 'current progress in cognitive sciences thoroughly explain interconnection between mind and body, blurring the border between them', claiming that the problem of dualism has been solved is not true (in philosophy of mind, and even in some areas inside the cognitive sciences, the debate is still open). Moreover, when the author talks about the 'tripartite division of psychological functions', it is not clear what references he has in mind, and I think that many authors in the field of cognitive sciences would disagree with this division. But the major problem of the paper (besides its many language issues) is that it is grounded on a outdated vision of the mind, i.e. the mind as an information processor. Today, there are a lot of alternative views of the mind that acknowledge the complexity of the relationship between mind, body and environment (embodied theories, enactive theories etc...).

For these reasons, even if I appreciate the acknowledgement of the role of language and empathy in psychopathology, I'm afraid that I can't value this paper as suitable for publication.