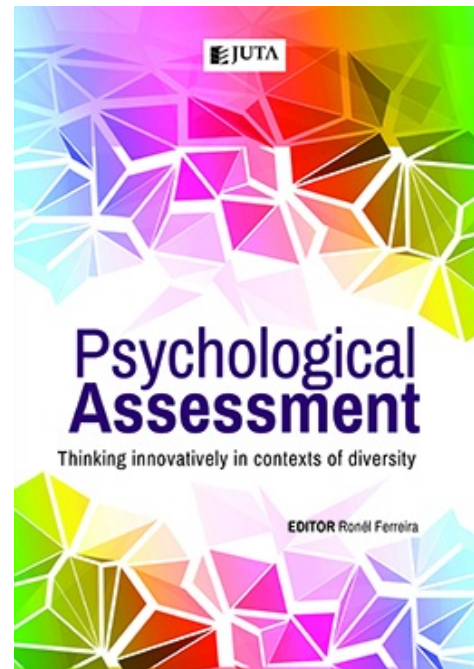


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About this Publication:

In Psychological Assessment: authors propose creative way of assessing and working with a range of clients, who may differ from the practitioner in background, culture, age and gender. The authors draw on years of experience and research in the fields of industrial, counselling, clinical, research and educational psychology.

The book complements traditional psychometric approaches to psychological interventions, thereby increasing the repertoire available to psychologists. In addition to presenting psychometric testing and alternative ways of using psychometric instruments, it debates the use of these approaches against the background of indigenous knowledge systems theory as it applies to the South African context.

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Of Interest and Benefit to:

It is aimed at students of psychology both undergraduate and postgraduate. In addition, practitioners in the fields of psychology, social work, counselling and related fields will benefit from the debates presented in this publication.

This book introduces practitioners to current thinking and possible practical approaches, thus successfully blending theory and practice in one volume.