

The future orientation, potency and perceived sense of poverty in adolescents showing somatic symptoms – exploring through cross cultural idioms of distress.

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The research study wants to see the future orientation, potency and perceived sense of poverty in economically deprived (lower 25% income in ppp standard) adolescents (12-16yrs) showing somatic symptoms – exploring through cross cultural idioms of distress. The sample distribution are spreaded over two countries – India (Kolkata) and Israel (Haifa). This study would take up a mixed method approach using quantitative (questionnaires) and qualitative (interview & art method) techniques. The broad aims of the research is to see-

- * Does subjective perception of poverty, perceived intrapersonal and interpersonal resources, future orientation among adolescents belonging to lower economic status, has any relationship to somatisation tendency?
- * How does the somatisation experience differ with types of complaints &/or severity on the basis of culture specific illness beliefs, social idioms of distress among adolescents in two countries?
- * Can certain culture specific markers of somatisation & future orientation be identified in the body image drawing of adolescents?