This double issue of IJDS comprises five regular manuscripts: Kissgen, Franke, Jorjadze, Roth, and Kribs (2021) report results from their study on infant–father attachment in infants born preterm in comparison to full-term infants using the Strange Situation Procedure. Surprisingly, the authors did not find significant differences between full-term and preterm infants regarding attachment security. These results have important implications e.g. with regard to including fathers in the care of preterm infants. Goagoses and Koglin (2021) investigate the association between parental attachment and externalizing behavior and whether this association is mediated by dysfunctional emotion regulation and callous-unemotional traits in adolescents using different questionnaires. Their study expands previous research by “simultaneously investigating familial and cognitive factors that foster externalizing behavior problems” (p. 9). Ioannidou and Zafiropoulou (2021) investigate negative parenting practices, victimization, negative affectivity, and internalizing symptoms in children, testing complex moderated-mediation models. “Moderated-mediation models highlighted that negative affectivity moderates the mediating effect of victimization on the relationship between parenting practices and internalizing symptoms” (p. 19). Rosenbach, Renneberg, and Scheithauer (2021) describe in their two-study paper the development of the German version of the English Children’s Rejection Sensitivity Questionnaire and prove the psychometric properties of the resulting Fragebogen zur Zurückweisungsempfindlichkeit für Kinder und Jugendliche. Finally, Longobardi, Fabris, Prino, and Settanni (2021) investigate the prevalence of online sexual victimization, including online grooming and sexting, and related risk factors in adolescents. Results obtained may inform the development of preventive interventions.

We very much hope that this issue reaches a wide readership. With this double issue, we also want to thank the expert reviewers for the issues of IJDS that have been published in 2020. Without their diligent efforts, we would not be able to implement a successful peer review process.

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