

Mindfulness and Motivation

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Question

What goes well?

What is challenging?



Motivation

Drive reduction and incentive motivation

Self-determination theory: levels of autonomy
Intrinsic and identified motivation
Introjected, external motivation and amotivation

Flow and positive psychology

In everyday life, when do we have to be motivated?

Work, productivity
Purpose-driven career, purpose-driven personal life



Mindfulness

Positive association with autonomous forms of motivation Autonomy, self-determination, self-concordant values, increased intrinsic motivation

AND

Negative association with controlled forms of motivation Mindfulness inhibits the pursuit of extrinsic rewards such as money



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