

Project VEGA 1/0523/20 Problem behaviour of adolescents. Cross-sectional and longitudinal analysis of the protective and risk factors.

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Annotation: Problem behaviour of adolescents is reflected in many externalizing and internalizing behaviours. A comprehensive theoretical model of problem behaviour emphasizes the existence of broad risk and protective factors of such behaviour on both interpersonal and intrapersonal level. Current trends in problem behaviour research stress the importance of complex models and longitudinal research designs. The project aims to improve the knowledge regarding the factors associated with problem behaviours by (a) applying a longitudinal design and multilevel modelling, (b) broadening the number of intrapersonal and interpersonal factors investigated in relation to problem behaviour in order to achieve a better understanding of the complexity of this behaviour, (c) focusing on a vulnerable group of adolescents in psychological care who manifest high levels of problem behaviour, (d) including data from more informants.