

EDITORIAL

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In a recent article published in "Acta Psychologica", two German researchers, Lindner and Echterhoff, underline the role of active imagination on Self representation, proposing that a simple action "can induce a memory error, a false memory of self performance" thus initiating a phenomenon called "imagination inflation". The authors also note that this phenomenon can affect both personal behavior and that of others. This study is of particular interest because it emphasizes the existing diversity between the mechanisms underlying other-imagination, primarily sustained by visual imagery, and those underlying self-imagination, primarily supported by motor imagery. Moreover, the article in reference doesn't merely convey facts, but rather stimulates a salient reflection on the determinant role of imagination both in psychopathology and in the assessment of others' behavior. We employ this reflection to turn our attention to the grave illegal immigrant dilemma that presently afflicts the Mediterranean which has been abhorrently transformed from "mare nostrum" to "coemeterium nostrum": too many migrants fleeing conflict, in search of survival; too many persecuted by their religious choices, too many inhumane tragedies in the midst of universal rights that we naively believed all to possess. Clinical psychology is not a neutral science and thus, in addition to describing

phenomena, it must fortify itself by adopting a comprehensive epistemological perspective. The latter does not merely embrace etiology, but also regards a teleological reflection concerning man and his destiny. Hence our journal's decision to publish articles that differ in their thematic content, but that remain nevertheless linked by a common denominator of multiplicity, upon which complexity is founded. From this perspective, not all variables carry equal weight; instead they present a variety of probabilities and possibilities. In light of the latter, opportunity arises when a concrete reality solicits our human dimension, urging us to leave our Mediterranean Sea in better conditions than we found it.

Lindner I., Echterhoff G., 2015, *Imagination inflation in the mirror: can imagining others' actions induce false memories of self-performance?*, *Acta Psychologica* 158, 51-60.

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