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FIFTY YEARS OS PSYCHOLOGICAL ACCULTURATION RESEARCH AND THEORY: THEORETICAL ADVANCES AND METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES

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Acculturation as a term is suggested to have first been used at the end of the 19th century (Powell, 1880, 1883), even though the phenomenon had been taking place ever since humans started moving to new places and interacted with people of different cultural backgrounds (see Plato,348 BC/1892). Systematic studies and theories of the phenomenon however stated early in 20th century (see Simons, 1901) and more seriously soon after Redfield et al, (1936) came with a formal definition of the concept (see Linton, 1940). These studies were carried out primarily by anthologists. While psychologists were also concerned with acculturation at about the same time as anthologists (Devereus & Loeb, 1943; Stanley Hall, 1901;), Graves publication in 1967 can be regarded as the start of formal psychological investigations and theorizing of the phenomenon. Thus, psychological acculturation is just a little over 50 years old. There is no doubt mush has occurred during these fifty years, and what has

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happened during these fifty years will form the backbone to this presentation, with special emphasis on theoretical advances and methodological challenges.

In the presentation, I will argue that psychological acculturation has passed through three major epochs during these fifty years, and each epoch can be considered as a generation. The three generations are referred to as (i) Models, (ii) measurements and methods and (iii) contexts and mechanisms. While arguing for three clear generations, activities within the generations are closely linked to each other, and therefore I argue that no paradigm shift has occurred during this half century. I will review the development and evolution of the models, measures and methods that are specific to psychological acculturation research as well as explore the mechanisms underlying acculturation processes.

I will conclude with a note on re-visioning acculturation and speculate about the next cycle of developments

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