

INTRODUCTION TO A SPECIAL ISSUE ON PSYCHOLOGY: SCENES OF TOMORROW

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The present issue only presents some of these contributions, but this restricted sample illustrates quite well the huge variety of José's interests along his fructuous career: from political commitment in our society to political considerations in science (Tim Shallice's and Olivier Klein's papers), from rationalism to emotions (Nathalie Pattyn's paper), from psycholinguistics (Jacques Mehler's paper and Katia Lecocq and collaborators' paper) to music (Isabelle Peretz' paper) and faces (Beatrice de Gelder and

Paul Bertelson's paper). José Morais has always been an enthusiast and stimulating researcher, and we all hope that he will let us benefit for a long time to come from his inspired and inspiring collaboration, although we know that he also walks along other roads that take him through the landscape of more literary scenes.