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[3P041] Testing for Multidimensional Color-Emotion Semantic Space

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Attempts to associate particular color concepts and specific emotions were rare although a strong connection was always assumed. We tested for a potentially wide range of semantic connections between emotions and color terms by asking 106 Serbian native speakers (age 19-79) to associate 20 emotions to 12 color terms. This particular dataset is part of a multi-national online survey, where participants are asked to indicate for each color term any number of associated emotions on 5-level intensity scale. We found a significant interaction between the color terms and emotions (F(209,42)1/418.46, p<000), different color terms are associated with different emotions at different intensity. Also there is significant difference between the 12 color terms (F(11) 1/4 16.7, p < 000). Some color terms seem to evoke a single associated emotion (i.e. brown is just disgust) while some color terms cover a number of emotions and intensities (red scores high on 6 different positive and negative emotions; green and turquoise on 5 positive emotions). Factor emotion was also significant (F(19) 1/4 16.7, p < 000): anger, love, disgust, regret, fear and hate are associated to a single color; joy and pleasure are associated with 6 colors. Finally, we did not find particular emotion-color associations for compassion, contempt, guilt or shame.

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