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**The Adaptive Side of Psychopathy**

Investigating adaptive characteristics associated with the psychopathic personality

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1. Experienced childhood traumas and inadequate parenting styles are linked to elevated psychopathic traits in adults. (Chapter 5)
2. Cognitive performance under stress has a polygenic background. (Chapter 6)
3. Adaptive traits refer to traits maximizing an individual's survival probability within a set environment. (Chapter 7)
4. The Durand Adaptive Psychopathic Traits Questionnaire (DAPTQ) contributes to the prediction of conscientiousness. (Chapter 8)
5. Psychopathy is not exclusively maladaptive.
6. Psychopathic traits are stable over time.
7. Antisocial personality disorder, psychopathy, and sociopathy are different personality disorders and should not be referred to as interchangeable.
8. Identifying individuals with high levels of adaptive psychopathic traits will help reduce mental health problems derived from poor coping in high-stress employment.
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