

First Name Use Across Cultures: Understanding Name Avoidance



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Alexinomia—i.e., the fear of calling others by their name—has recently been described and introduced into the psychological literature. Its core characteristic is the inability to use personal names in interpersonal communication. Individuals affected by alexinomia experience anxiety and shame when attempting to address others by name, which can lead to the avoidance of a wide range of social situations. However, name use practices are different across cultures and name avoidance is common in a variety of societies for different reasons. In this talk, I will start by introducing the topic of involuntary name avoidance (i.e., alexinomia) and its clinical implications. In the second part, the phenomenon will be linked to and compared with non-pathological name avoidance practices across different cultures. I will consider differences in social norms and conventions across cultures and languages and will present psychological, anthropological, and onomastic research relevant to the topic.

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