

# MEASURING MENTAL DISORDERS

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Standardized scales and tests have become the rule in the diagnosis of mental disorders in both psychiatry and psychology. However, rarely do we question the origins and fundamental principles of these tests, the reasons for their spread, and their impact on the lives of patients. From the perspective of the social sciences, *Measuring Mental Disorders: Psychiatry, Science and Society* intends to answer these questions.

Using a critical analysis of assessment tools, such as those used in the diagnosis of depression or obsessive-compulsive disorder, this book examines why this type of measure has become the benchmark in the field and whether this reputation can be justified.

Finally, the book discusses in depth two use cases of these tools: in Alzheimer's disease and in testing for drug use in the workplace. How have these tests been constructed, how have they established themselves, and what is their use in practice, particularly in the clinical relationship?

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