

First insights into applying the Game Transfer Phenomena framework for positive means

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Abstract. Gamers have reported that their gaming experiences are pervasive and manifest even when they are not playing, re-experiencing sensorial perceptions (e.g., seeing images, hearing sounds, voices, tactile sensations), automatic responses toward game-related cues, urges to performed activities as in the game, etc. This paper proposes applying the GTP framework and what has been learned on GTP for: (i) strengthening interventions using virtual technologies, (ii) developing or enhancing pedagogic tools for intrusions in mental disorders, and (iii) understanding underlying symptoms of psychiatry and neurological conditions, including gaming addiction or Internet Gaming Disorder. Can we apply the GTP mechanisms to develop virtual applications for positive means such as learning skills, modifying interpretation of stimuli, changing dysfunctional habits, etc.? This paper overviews GTP (e.g., GTP types and characteristics), introduces the GTP framework, outlines core factors relevant for GTP, GTP mechanisms, and game contents commonly transferred, and discusses potential applications of GTP.

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