

## THE SNARE OF FORMALISM IN WESTERN PSYCHOLOGY AND ITS RECONSTRUCTION

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When we discuss the development of psychology in Taiwan, we can't help facing the crises in western psychology. In the past, most of the psychologists in Taiwan neglected this problem. The purpose of this study is to discuss the five stages in development of western psychology by using the core concepts of pure formalism and vulgar formalism. The author pointed out an "overlimited as well as overgeneralized snare" in the development of psychology. Finally, the author reconstructed the knowledge of psychology in accordance with the concepts of J. Harbermas and M. Polanyi.

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