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[www.psicoterapiaescienzeumane.it/crowdfunding-engl.htm](http://www.psicoterapiaescienzeumane.it/crowdfunding-engl.htm)  
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The PEP (*Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing* - [www.pep-web.org](http://www.pep-web.org)) is the major data bank of full-text psychoanalytic journals since their foundation. It collects the most important international psychoanalytic journals with all articles full-text since the first issue, such as *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis* (since 1920), *The Psychoanalytic Quarterly* (since 1932), *The Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association* (since 1953), *The Psychoanalytic Review* (since 1913), etc. It is a collection of enormous importance not only for amount of data, but also because it allows all sorts of search through keywords, phrases, authors, titles, etc., also with the feature that the searched text is highlighted; it also allows one to use bookmarks, to copy and paste parts of text in case one wants to export quotations, and so on.

In 2016 the PEP has asked the Italian journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* [“Psychotherapy and the Human Sciences” - [www.psicoterapiaescienzeumane.it/english.htm](http://www.psicoterapiaescienzeumane.it/english.htm)] to be part of the collection, so that it will be available to readers and researches worldwide, increasing its visibility and importance for the psychoanalytic community. We have been pleased to accept, also because this invitation came in a special moment: in 2016 the quarterly journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* reached its 50th year of uninterrupted publication, so that this was also a nice way to celebrate this important Anniversary.

The reason why *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* has decided to launch a crowdfunding is simple: the amount of money that has been asked in order to be part of PEP is 50,000 euros. This amount may be surprising, but the reason that it is so high is due to the fact that, for a journal that has fifty years of history, the work needed for scanning and digitalizing each page is enormous (PEP has calculated that about 78,851 million characters will have to be digitalized). And it is not a simple scanning, but a particular digitalization process of each word, which has to be “marked” with a special method (that would be too long to specify here) that allows for those types of search mentioned before. Also other journals of comparable years of publication had to pay a similar amount. It has to be added that this work is not done in the US or in Europe, where the cost would be prohibitive, but in India (where all paper issues of the journal have been sent, and that have been destroyed after the scanning).

A further reason why we have decided to do this crowdfunding among our subscribers, readers and friends is due to the fact that the journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* is one of the few journals that from its foundation, as a choice, is not related to any association or institution, and never accepts funding of any sort (and also never publishes advertising, even if it would be quite lucrative). Almost all other journals are economically supported by the association or institution they represent, and very likely without this support they would have to close down. *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane*, instead, is supported only by subscribers, and challenges the market, continuing to be one of the journals in the field in Italy with the widest circulation. This allows total autonomy and freedom, without pressures of any sort.

This invitation for a crowdfunding is to all those who believe in the cultural project that *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* has followed since many years (critical thinking, passion for the confrontation of ideas, dialogue among the various “schools”, etc.). Each one can send a contribution according to his/her choice. The crowdfunding campaign (<http://linkpdb.me/12444>) ended on December 17, 2016, when in Bologna the 50th Anniversary was celebrated ([www.psicoterapiaescienzeumane.it/50anni\\_17-12-2016.htm](http://www.psicoterapiaescienzeumane.it/50anni_17-12-2016.htm)), but it is still possible to donate with a bank transfer:

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We have already collected almost 40,000 euros. Donors' names are published on the journal and on the web site (please send an email to <[migone@unipr.it](mailto:migone@unipr.it)> in case you send a donation).

*Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* is part of PEP Web regardless of the amount of money collected (the difference will be paid by the journal's editors). We have already paid part of the requested sum, and shortly we'll pay the remaining part. All articles of the fifty years of *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* already appear full-text on the PEP web site (<http://www.pep-web.org/toc.php?journal=psu>); PEP subscribers have access to all articles full-text, but everybody can see the first page of every article and do searches with key words, copy and paste texts for quotations etc.