

Editorial Report and Acknowledgement of Reviewers, 2022

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What Was New in 2022?

The *Journal of Social and Political Psychology* (JSPP) experienced several changes to the editorial team in 2022. Ana Figueiredo (Universidad de O'Higgins, Chile) and Idhamsyah Eka Putra (Persada Indonesia University), who both have served as associate editors of the journal for several years, joined Christopher Cohrs and Johanna Ray Vollhardt as main editors of the journal. This team of four now handles all initial submissions and decisions about desk rejections, journal policies etc. together. Several of our associate editors finished their terms or had to leave for other reasons, including to join other journals as editors. We are sad to lose Fouad Bou Zeineddine (University of Innsbruck, Austria), Zoe Leviston (Australian National University, Australia), Kesi Mahendran (Open University, UK), Silvia Mari (University of Milano-Bicocca), Marta Miklikowska (Umeå University, Sweden), Cliodhna O'Connor (University College Dublin, Ireland), Hema Selvanathan (University of Queensland, Australia), and Wendy Sims-Schouten (University College London, UK) as members of our team, and thank them for their service and contributions to the journal over the last (extra challenging) years! Our team currently includes 19 editors located in 14 different countries on six continents (see <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/editors> – note that this list does not yet reflect all departures as several editors are still finishing up remaining manuscripts).

Over the next months we will launch a call for new applications for the role as Associate Editor at JSPP; please contact us any time if you are interested in this role at editors@jspp.psychopen.eu. Our Editorial Board now includes 90 members from 40 countries. You can see the complete list of Editorial Board members here: <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/ed-board>.

Issue No 1 of 2022 includes 23 original research articles and our editorial report. Issue No 2 includes one theoretical article and 16 original research articles, as well as a special thematic section on Political Psychology of Southeast Asia (guest edited by Ali Mashuri, Idhamsyah Eka Putra, and Cristina Montiel) with five articles and an introduction by the guest editors. A breakdown of the country statistics for authors' locations is provided in Table 1. As these numbers show, despite our mission and efforts to publish articles from authors across the globe, there is still significant overrepresentation of authors from English-speaking and European countries. Specifically, over one third of all first authors (36.96%) are from English-speaking countries (U.S., U.K., Australia, Canada, and New Zealand); and 58.69% of the first authors are from European countries. Within Europe, representation is also skewed – the vast majority (81.48%) of first authors from Europe are from Western European countries, and only 14.81% of this group are from Southern European and a mere 3.7% from Eastern European countries. Thanks to the special thematic section this year, authors from (Southeast) Asian countries are represented with 10.87% of all first authors published in JSPP in 2022, but there is only one author from an African country (and no first authors), and authors from South American countries are not represented at all. Clearly, we still have a long way to go to fulfill our journal's goals of representing a more



global and inclusive version of social and political psychology. We strongly encourage authors from regions that are underrepresented in JSPP to submit their work to our journal, and we will continue to think of how we can improve on this crucial aspect!

Table 1

Country Affiliations of Authors of All Articles Published in 2022 (Frequencies)

Country	First Authors	All Authors
USA	9	32
Germany	6	20
Sweden	4	12
Indonesia	3	11
United Kingdom	3	10
Finland	3	7
The Netherlands	2	10
Australia	2	7
Philippines	2	6
France	2	4
Greece	2	4
Canada	2	3
Belgium	1	6
Poland	1	6
New Zealand	1	3
Portugal	1	3
Spain	1	3
Austria	1	1
Hungary	0	1
Slovakia	0	1
South Africa	0	1
Total	46	151

Because of the page limits we have for the journal due to limited resources for this open access journal without author fees, there is a longer queue of accepted articles that have not yet been published in an issue. Our list of forthcoming articles and available author-accepted manuscripts, as well as instructions for authors on how to make their manuscripts that were accepted for publication in JSPP available early access, can be found here: <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/aam>. To address the problem of limited journal space, and further increase the congruence between our journal aims and mission on the one hand (including a better global representation of research) and the articles we end up publishing on the other, we also further refined our review criteria (that are used to determine desk rejections as well as serve as a guide for peer reviewers and handling editors) and started using these for all editorial decisions. The new review criteria, which authors should always consult prior to submission to ensure fit of their submissions and reduce the likelihood of desk rejections, can be found here: <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/peer-review>.

Finally, 2022 marks the year of 10 years of publishing the Journal of Social and Political Psychology! Our first issue appeared in September 2013. The full archive of all issues published over the past decade can be found here: <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/issue/archive>. We look forward to what the next decade brings for the journal, and how we can continue to shape it in line with our journal mission and aims!

Submission Numbers and Rejection Rate

In 2022, JSPP received 271 new submissions (compared to 290 in 2021, 235 in 2020, 186 in 2019, 148 in 2018, 101 in 2017, and 79 in 2016). 166 submissions (60.9%) were desk-rejected and an additional 59 (15.1%) were rejected after review. The average number of days to reject was 50. The average number of days to accept was 372.

Publications, Citations, and Download Statistics

To date, JSPP has published (not including our editorial reports) 357 peer-reviewed articles (46 of which were published in 2022). According to Google Scholar, these articles have been cited 8286 times (as of February 12, 2023) (see <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAAJ>).

The number of downloads of articles in JSPP has further increased, from 121,742 downloads in 2021 to 172,438 in 2022 (a 41.64% increase). The top ten most frequently downloaded articles (from the new website, as of February 20, 2023) are listed in Tables 2 and 3. Table 2 includes all articles that have been published so far in JSPP since its first issue. Table 3 shows only those articles published in 2022.

Table 2

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published Between 2013 and 2022

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
The Role of the Media in the Construction of Public Belief and Social Change (Happer & Philo, U.K.)	13723	Dec 16, 2013
Empathy and the Liberal-Conservative Political Divide in the U.S. (Morris, U.S.)	10174	Feb 28, 2020
Decolonising Australian Psychology: Discourses, Strategies, and Practice (Dudgeon & Walker, Australia)	9887	Aug 21, 2015
Social Psychological Perspectives on Trump Supporters (Pettigrew, U.S.)	8982	Mar 2, 2017
Recurrent Fury: Conspiratorial Discourse in the Blogosphere Triggered by Research on the Role of Conspiracist Ideation in Climate Denial (Lewandowsky et al., U.K. & Australia)	8089	Jul 8, 2015
Stages of Colonialism in Africa: From Occupation of Land to Occupation of Being (Bulhan, Somaliland)	6268	Aug 21, 2015
Mistrust and Misinformation: A Two-Component, Socio-Epistemic Model of Belief in Conspiracy Theories (Pierre, U.S.)	6175	Oct 12, 2020
Do Conspiracy Beliefs Form a Belief System? Examining the Structure and Organization of Conspiracy Beliefs (Enders et al., U.S.)	5063	Jun 29, 2021
Who Coined the Concept of Ethnocentrism? A Brief Report (Bizumic, Australia)	5054	Jan 31, 2014
Investigating Right Wing Authoritarianism With a Very Short Authoritarianism Scale (Bizumic & Duckitt, Australia)	4329	Apr 25, 2018

Note. In brackets listed after the authors is the country location of the first author at the time of publication.

Table 3*Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2022*

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
Political Bullshit Receptivity and its Correlates: A Cross-Country Validation of the Concept (Gligorić et al., The Netherlands)	1553	Aug 26, 2022
Could Your Candidate Shoot Someone on 5th Avenue and not Lose Votes? Identifying “Lines in the Sand” in Ingroup Candidate Transgressions (Howard et al., U.S.)	853	Jul 5, 2022
Psychological Perspectives on Participatory Culture: Core Motives for the Use of Political Internet Memes (Leiser, Germany)	742	Jun 27, 2022
Populist Attitudes and Conspiracy Beliefs: Exploring the Relation Between the Latent Structures of Populist Attitudes and Conspiracy Beliefs (Christner, Germany)	687	Apr 26, 2022
Differentiating Between Direct and Indirect Hate Crime: Results From Poland (Stefaniak & Winiewski, Canada & Israel)	626	May 4, 2022
Vote-Selling as Unethical Behavior: Effects of Voter’s Inhibitory Self-Control, Decision Toward Vote-Buying Money, and Candidate’s Quality in Indonesia Election (Halida et al., Indonesia)	614	Oct 12, 2022
Political Psychology of Southeast Asia (Mashuri et al., Indonesia)	567	Oct 12, 2022
Islam and Politics: A Latent Class Analysis of Indonesian Muslims Based on Political Attitudes and Psychological Determinants (Istiqomah et al., Indonesia)	548	Oct 12, 2022
Tolerating the Intolerant: Does Realistic Threat Lead to Increased Tolerance of Right-Wing Extremists? (Sinclair et al., Sweden)	544	Mar 16, 2022

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