

## Editorial Report and Acknowledgement of Reviewers, 2023

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### What Was New in 2023?

The *Journal of Social and Political Psychology* (JSPP) experienced several changes to the editorial team in 2023. Several of our associate editors finished their terms. We are grateful to Charlie Rose Crimston (University of Queensland, Australia), Blerina Kellezi (Nottingham Trent University, UK), Alessandro Nai (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands), and Rashmi Nair (Ashoka University, India) and thank them for their service and contributions to the journal over the last years! At the same time, we extended our team following a successful call for applications. We welcome our new associate editors: Joaquín Bahamondes (Universidad Católica del Norte, Chile), Sharon Coen (University of Salford, UK), Lusine Grigoryan (University of York, UK), Waleed Ahmad Jami (Bridgewater State University, USA), Maja Kutlaca (Durham University, UK), Wenqi Li (Nanjing University, China), Emma O'Dwyer (University of Greenwich, UK), Danielle Ochoa (University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines), Sandra Penić (University of Geneva, Switzerland), Zsolt Péter Szabó (Corvinus University of Budapest and Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary), and Maria Xenitidou (University of Western Macedonia, Greece). Our team currently includes 27 editors located in 18 different countries on six continents (see <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/editors>).

Issue No 1 of 2023 includes 23 original research articles, one theoretical article, and our editorial report. Issue No 2 includes one review article and 17 original research articles. Six additional manuscripts comprise our list of forthcoming articles (some of which with author-accepted manuscripts available; see <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/aam>). Our backlog of accepted manuscripts has been reduced, possibly due to our new review criteria (see <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/peer-review>) that are now used in screening incoming manuscripts to further increase adherence to our journal aims and mission. We are currently undertaking bibliometric analysis of all articles published in JSPP to date to evaluate more systematically to what extent they reflect our aims and mission. Findings will be published in due course.

### Submission Numbers and Rejection Rate

In 2023, JSPP received 244 new submissions (compared to 271 in 2022, 290 in 2021, 235 in 2020, 186 in 2019, 148 in 2018, 101 in 2017, and 79 in 2016). 204 submissions (83.6%) were desk-rejected (compared to 60.9% in 2022), due to not meeting one or more of our review criteria, which can be found here: <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/peer-review>. The post-review rejection rate was 6.2%. The average number of days to reject was 50, the same as in the previous year. The average number of days to accept (which can include multiple rounds of reviews and revisions) was 500.



## Publications, Citations, and Download Statistics

To date, JSPP has published (not including our editorial articles) 399 peer-reviewed articles (42 of which were published in 2023). According to Google Scholar, these articles have been cited 10438 times (as of January 26, 2024) (see <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAAJ>).

The number of downloads of articles in JSPP has further increased, from 172,438 downloads in 2022 to 228,714 in 2023 (a 32.6% increase). The top ten most frequently downloaded (as PDF) or viewed (as HTML) articles in 2023 (as of January 26, 2024) are listed in Tables 1 and 2. Table 1 includes all articles that have been published so far in JSPP since its first issue; the list remains the same as last year, with some articles swapping places. Table 2 shows only those articles published in 2023.

**Table 1**

*Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published Between 2013 and 2023 (in Brackets Listed After the Authors Is the Country Location of the First Author at the Time of Publication)*

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
The role of the media in the construction of public belief and social change (Happer & Philo, UK)	50973	Dec 16, 2013
Decolonising Australian psychology: Discourses, strategies, and practice (Dudgeon & Walker, Australia)	17647	Aug 21, 2015
Empathy and the liberal-conservative political divide in the U.S. (Morris, U.S.)	14936	Feb 28, 2020
Social psychological perspectives on Trump supporters (Pettigrew, U.S.)	12574	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., UK & Australia)	12487	Jul 8, 2015
Stages of colonialism in Africa: From occupation of land to occupation of being (Bulhan, Somaliland)	10791	Aug 21, 2015
Mistrust and misinformation: A two-component, socio-epistemic model of belief in conspiracy theories (Pierre, U.S.)	8245	Oct 12, 2020
Who coined the concept of ethnocentrism? A brief report (Bizumic, Australia)	7656	Jan 31, 2014
Do conspiracy beliefs form a belief system? Examining the structure and organization of conspiracy beliefs (Enders et al., U.S.)	6631	Jun 29, 2021
Investigating right wing authoritarianism with a very short authoritarianism scale (Bizumic & Duckitt, Australia)	5889	Apr 25, 2018

**Table 2**

*Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2023 (in Brackets Listed After the Authors Is the Country Location of the First Author at the Time of Publication)*

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
Conspiracy theory vulnerability from a psychodynamic perspective: Considering four epistemologies related to four developmental existential-relational positions (Webb & Rosenbaum, U.S.)	1045	Mar 23, 2023
Returning community psychology to the insights of anarchism: Fragments and prefiguration (Malherbe, South Africa)	728	May 24, 2023
How do those affected by a disaster organize to meet their needs for justice? Campaign strategies and partial victories following the Grenfell tower fire (Tekin & Drury, UK & Turkey)	587	Mar 23, 2023
'I'm going home to breathe and I'm coming back here to just hold my head above the water': Black students' strategies for navigating a predominantly white UK university (Osbourne et al., UK)	573	Sept 19, 2023
From primary to presidency: Fake news, false memory, and changing attitudes in the 2016 election (Grady et al., U.S.)	532	Mar 23, 2023
Social invisibility and discrimination of Roma people in Italy and Brazil (Melotti et al., Italy)	506	Mar 23, 2023
The influence of perceived threat and political mistrust on politicized identity and normative and violent nonnormative collective action (Chan et al., Hong Kong)	487	Apr 13, 2023
Judging job applicants by their politics: Effects of target–rater political dissimilarity on discrimination, cooperation, and stereotyping (Sinclair et al., Sweden)	462	Mar 23, 2023
The online educational program 'Perspectives' improves affective polarization, intellectual humility, and conflict management (Welker et al., U.S.)	427	Aug 21, 2023

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