

Editorial Report and Acknowledgement of Reviewers, 2024

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Overview of the Journal in 2024

In 2024 we continued to work as a team of four co-Editors-in-chief and 22 Associate Editors, based in 17 different countries across the globe: Belgium, Chile, China, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Switzerland, Turkey, the UK, and the U.S.

The journal published 18 articles in 2024: Issue No 1 of 2024 includes eight original research articles, one theoretical article, and our editorial report. Issue No 2 includes one theoretical article, one review article, and seven original research articles. Five additional manuscripts comprise our list of forthcoming articles (which authors can make available as author-accepted manuscript versions; see <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/aam>). The published articles represent a range of different topics, research methods, and contexts: They include research on various aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic, intergroup contact in the context of violent intergroup relations, media constructions of ceasefire, social representations of prisons, participation in the climate movement, affirmative action and identity processes, attitudes towards immigrants and refugees, identity claims of party leaders, constructive patriotism and voting intentions, active citizenship, misinformation, political extremism, populist attitudes, and ideology and affective polarization. Research methods represented in the published articles in 2024 include surveys (including several representative surveys and longitudinal surveys) and other correlational studies, experiments, interview research, several mixed-methods studies including ethnography, focus group interviews, qualitative survey questions, social media analysis, and qualitative evaluation of interventions, as well as discourse analysis and other qualitative approaches. The contexts (countries) represented in articles the journal published in 2024 include Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Israel/Palestine, the Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, the UK, and the U.S.

Despite this relative diversity represented in the articles published in the *Journal of Social and Political Psychology* in 2024, we note that although a main aim of our journal is to publish more research from underrepresented contexts, several continents and regions in the world remain underrepresented in our journal. For example, we did not publish any articles in 2024 reporting research from South American countries, and there was only one article each from the MENA/WANA region, Asia, and Africa, respectively. We welcome and invite more submissions from these regions, and encourage authors to carefully consult our review criteria prior to submission, here: <https://jspp.psychopen.eu/index.php/jspp/peer-review>



Submission Numbers and Rejection Rate

In 2024, JSPP received 278 new submissions (compared to 244 in 2023, 271 in 2022, 290 in 2021, 235 in 2020, 186 in 2019, 148 in 2018, 101 in 2017, and 79 in 2016). 229 submissions (82.0%) were desk-rejected (compared to 83.6% in 2023 and 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>. While we received more submissions from underrepresented countries, many were desk-rejected due to mismatches with our criteria, with submissions often being outside JSPP's focus and scope. Notably, our review criteria include several that are more specific to our journal and deviate from more general journals in the subdiscipline, to reserve journal space for manuscripts that include underrepresented methodological approaches, topics, and contexts in our field and encourage these submissions. To avoid delays and unnecessary labor for both editors and authors we urge authors to consult these criteria before submitting their manuscript to the journal. In the future, we are planning to offer an online workshop to address common issues that result in desk rejection of manuscripts, and how authors can avoid these.

The post-review rejection rate, in contrast, was merely 3.2%. The average number of days to reject a manuscript was 26, which is a considerable improvement compared to the previous year (where it was 50 days). The average number of days to accept (which can include multiple rounds of reviews and revisions) was 468 (compared to 500 days in 2023).

Publications, Citations, and Download Statistics

To date, JSPP has published (not including our editorial articles) 417 peer-reviewed articles (18 of which published in 2024). According to Google Scholar, these articles have been cited 13,132 times (as of January 31, 2025; see <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAJ>).

The number of downloads of articles in JSPP has further increased, from 172,438 downloads in 2022 and 228,714 in 2023 (a 32.6% increase) to 282,402 in 2024 (a 23.5% increase). The top ten most frequently downloaded (as PDF) or viewed (as HTML) articles in 2024 (as of January 31, 2025) are listed in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#).

Table 1

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published Between 2013 and 2024 (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)	93080	Dec 16, 2013
Decolonising Australian psychology: Discourses, strategies, and practice (Dudgeon & Walker, Australia)	27627	Aug 21, 2015
Empathy and the liberal-conservative political divide in the U.S. (Morris, U.S.)	22595	Feb 28, 2020
Social psychological perspectives on Trump supporters (Pettigrew, U.S.)	22568	Mar 2, 2017
Stages of colonialism in Africa: From occupation of land to occupation of being (Bulhan, Somaliland)	15076	Aug 21, 2015
Recurrent fury: Conspiratorial discourse in the blogosphere triggered by research on the role of conspiracist ideation in climate denial (Lewandowsky et al., UK & Australia)	14975	Jul 8, 2015
Who coined the concept of ethnocentrism? A brief report (Bizumic, Australia)	10545	Jan 31, 2014
Mistrust and misinformation: A two-component, socio-epistemic model of belief in conspiracy theories (Pierre, U.S.)	10379	Oct 12, 2020
Do conspiracy beliefs form a belief system? Examining the structure and organization of conspiracy beliefs (Enders et al., U.S.)	7704	Jun 29, 2021
Objectification, self-objectification, and societal change (Zurbriggen, U.S.)	7513	Dec 16, 2013

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 in the top nine citations, with two pairs of articles swapping places, and a new tenth place. Table 2 shows only those articles published in 2024. While the overall top ten comprises almost exclusively (with one exception, from Somaliland) articles from Anglo-American authors, the top ten of 2024 includes several articles from authors in East and South European countries.

Table 2

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2024 (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
Are Today's Young People Active Citizens? A Study of Their Sensitivity to Socio-Political Issues and Their Social Participation (Zlobina et al., Spain)	1086	Mar 6, 2024
Potential Changes in Ties With People All Over the World During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Quantitative and Qualitative Analyses of Polish Adults (Hamer et al., Poland)	709	Oct 10, 2024
The Terrible Unknown: How Uncertainty Fosters Nationalist and Anti-Immigration Attitudes (Alves et al., Portugal)	699	Mar 6, 2024
A Comprehensive Model for Predicting Populist Attitudes (Piterová & Loziak, Slovakia)	579	May 16, 2024
Beyond Redemption: A Critical Analysis of The Sun's Construction of Prisons and Prisoners Through the Lens of Social Representations Theory (Lewis, UK)	455	May 16, 2024
Constructive Patriotism Predicts Voting Intentions: Evidence From State Parliamentary, EU Parliamentary, and Presidential Elections Across Different EU Countries (Rupar et al., Czech Republic)	394	Jul 1, 2024
The Effects of Social Versus Economic Ideology Similarity Information on Explicit and Implicit Political Person Perception (Rubinstein & Bock, U.S.)	335	May 16, 2024
Affirmative Action Alters Identity-Related Psychological Processes: A Phenomenological Study in South Africa (Dharani, South Africa)	308	May 22, 2024
Neoliberalism and Pandemics: A Critical Cultural Psychological Perspective (Jimenez & Schmitt, U.S.)	277	Oct 11, 2024
"The First Jewish Person I've Ever Met": Insights From a Field Study on Jewish–non-Jewish Contact in Germany (Kazarovytska & Ionescu, Germany)	261	Jun 6, 2024

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