

### From the Editors

# Editorial Report and Acknowledgement of Reviewers, 2014

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The Journal of Social and Political Psychology (JSPP) has grown and developed well in 2014. To be able to handle the growing number of submissions to the journal, we expanded the editorial team over the summer. Based on the recommendations of our search committee consisting of four senior members of our Editorial Board (Dan Christie, John Duckitt, Colin Wayne Leach, Susan Opotow), we appointed seven new Associate Editors: Glenn Adams (University of Kansas, USA), Gülseli Baysu (Kadir Has University, Turkey), Boris Bizumic (Australian National University), Rusi Jaspal (De Montfort University, United Kingdom), Małgorzata Kossowska (Jagiellonian University, Poland), Siew Fang Law (Victoria University, Australia), and Shahnaaz Suffla (Medical Research Council/University of South Africa). The composition of the new editorial team reflects epistemological, methodological, theoretical, geographical, and cultural diversity in social and political psychology.

We also welcome several new members of the Editorial Board, located in Brazil, Egypt, Greece, Israel, the Netherlands, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

# **Special Thematic Sections**

JSPP has continued to benefit from the commitment and support of guest editors, after the inaugural Special Thematic Section on "Societal Change" that was edited by Colin Wayne Leach, Leda Blackwood, and Andrew Livingstone and published in 2013 (see Blackwood, Livingstone, & Leach, 2013). We are excited about the Special Thematic Section published in 2014, on "20 Years after Genocide: Psychology's Role in Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Rwanda". It includes eight articles (plus an introduction) that showcase many of the ways in which psychology has engaged with issues of recovery in the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide, in many cases giving voice to Rwandan authors (see McGarty, 2014). Special thanks go to Craig McGarty (University of Western Sydney) for his initiative and dedication in guest-editing this section! Further Special Thematic Sections are already scheduled to appear in 2015 and onwards (see http://jspp.psychopen.eu/pages/view/special sections list). As

we write this, the Special Thematic Section on "Decolonizing Psychological Science" (guest-edited by Glenn Adams, Tuğçe Kurtiş, Ludwin Molina, Ignacio Dobles, and Luis Gómez) is being finalized.

#### **Submission Numbers and Decisions**

In addition to the manuscripts submitted to the Special Thematic Sections, 88 new manuscripts were submitted to JSPP in 2014. The first decisions and editorial status of these submissions are presented in Table 1. For the new submissions (without those that were desk-rejected), the duration from submission to the first decision ranged between 29 and 101 days (M = 57.0, SD = 18.5). In addition to the new submissions, 17 submissions from 2013 are still under editorial consideration.

Table 1

Number of Submissions and First Decisions

| Number of Manuscripts | Desk-Rejected   | In Review | Rejected | Revise & Resubmit | Accepted |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| 88                    | 22 <sup>a</sup> | 12        | 20       | 34 <sup>b</sup>   | 0        |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Includes 4 manuscripts that were "desk-returned" to the authors with invitations to resubmit after revisions.

## Publications, Citations, and Download Statistics

To date, JSPP has published 48 peer-reviewed articles (of these 29 in 2014), which, according to Google Scholar (see <a href="http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAAJ">http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAAJ</a>), have already been cited 45 times (as of 19 January, 2015). Table 2 summarizes in which countries the authors of these 48 articles are based. If one considers the frequencies for all coauthors, 37 percent are based outside the Anglo-American world (USA, UK, Canada, and Australia); in total the authors are based in 22 different countries, including 3 African (Rwanda, Ghana, South Africa) and 3 Asian countries (Malaysia, India, Lebanon).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Of these, 23 manuscripts are currently with the author/s, 5 have been published, 3 are in review or with the handling editor, and 3 have been withdrawn by the author/s.

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Table 2

Location of the Authors Who Published in JSPP in 2013 or 2014

| Country         | First authors | All coauthors |  |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| United States   | 14            | 38            |  |
| United Kingdom  | 8             | 25            |  |
| Canada          | 6             | 18            |  |
| Rwanda          | 4             | 10            |  |
| Australia       | 3             | 11            |  |
| The Netherlands | 3             | 10            |  |
| Germany         | 2             | 4             |  |
| Hungary         | 1             | 4             |  |
| Israel          | 1             | 4             |  |
| Italy           | 1             | 2             |  |
| Sweden          | 1             | 2             |  |
| France          | 1             | 1             |  |
| Ghana           | 1             | 1             |  |
| Malaysia        | 1             | 1             |  |
| Norway          | 1             | 1             |  |
| Belgium         | 0             | 6             |  |
| Austria         | 0             | 2             |  |
| South Africa    | 0             | 2             |  |
| India           | 0             | 1             |  |
| Lebanon         | 0             | 1             |  |
| Spain           | 0             | 1             |  |
| Switzerland     | 0             | 1             |  |

*Note*. The numbers include four cases of authors who have published more than one article.

The number of articles downloaded from JSPP's website over the year has also steadily increased and is presented in Figure 1, by month.

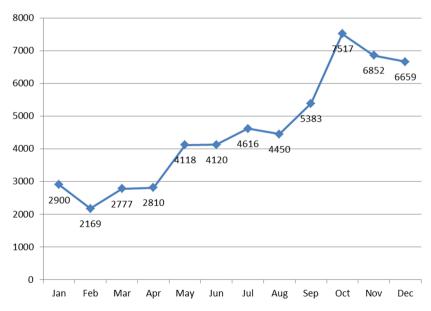


Figure 1. Number of article downloads per month in 2014.



The top ten articles published in 2013 and in 2014 in terms of download numbers are listed in Tables 3 and 4 (as of January 19, 2015).

Table 3

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2013

| Article title and authors   | Downloads | Publication date |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| The Role of the Media in the Construction of Public Belief and Social Change (Happer & Philo)   | 7924      | Dec 16           |
| A Complex Systems Approach to the Study of Ideology: Cognitive-Affective Structures and the Dynamics of Belief Systems (Homer-Dixon et al.)   | 5621      | Dec 16           |
| The Relationship Between Political Ideology and Attitudes Toward Tax Compliance: The Case of Italian Taxpayers (Lozza et al.)   | 4630      | Sept 4           |
| Dramatic Social Change: A Social Psychological Perspective (de la Sablonnière et al.)   | 3905      | Dec 16           |
| Objectification, Self-Objectification, and Societal Change (Zurbriggen)   | 3177      | Dec 16           |
| Towards a 'Science of Movement': Identity, Authority and Influence in the Production of Social Stability and Social Change (Reicher & Haslam)   | 2984      | Dec 16           |
| Differential Effects of Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation on Political Candidate Support: The Moderating Role of Message Framing (Crawford, Brady, et al.)           | 2694      | Sept 4           |
| The Needs of Victims: An Empirical Categorization Based on Interpersonal Conflicts (Kirchhoff et al.)   | 2593      | Sept 4           |
| Bleeding-Heart Liberals and Hard-Hearted Conservatives: Subtle Political Dehumanization Through Differential Attributions of Human Nature and Human Uniqueness Traits (Crawford, Modri, et al.) | 2364      | Oct 31           |
| 'What's So Funny 'Bout Peace, Love and Understanding?' Further Reflections on the Limits of Prejudice Reduction as a Model of Social Change (Dixon et al.)                                      | 2149      | Dec 16           |

Table 4

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2014

| Article title and authors  | Downloads | Publication date |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Who Coined the Concept of Ethnocentrism? A Brief Report (Bizumic)  | 2335      | Jan 31           |
| Ideological Support for the Indian Caste System: Social Dominance Orientation, Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Karma (Cotterill et al.)  | 1463      | Jun 6            |
| Review of "Political Psychology: Critical Perspectives" (Nesbitt-Larking)  | 1318      | Apr 28           |
| The Differential Effects of Hope and Fear on Information Processing in Intractable Conflict (Cohen-Chen et al.)                          | 1242      | Feb 5            |
| The Life Cycle of a British Islamist: A Jungian Perspective (Alschuler)  | 1178      | Feb 21           |
| Media Usage and Civic Life: The Role of Values (Firat)   | 1123      | Jun 26           |
| Parenting and Politics: Exploring Early Moral Bases of Political Orientation (Janoff-Bulman et al.)                                      | 992       | Mar 21           |
| Defending or Challenging the Status Quo: Position Effects on Biased Intergroup Perceptions (Bäck & Lindholm)                             | 981       | May 27           |
| Art and Aging: Digital Projects for Individuals With Dementia (Twedt et al.)   | 923       | Mar 26           |
| Between Fiction and Reality in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Reflections on a Social-Psychological Media Intervention for Social Change (Bilali) | 922       | Apr 11           |



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