

From the Editors

## Editorial Report and Acknowledgement of Reviewers, 2018

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## What's New in 2018?

As in previous years, in 2018 we saw a continuing trend of increasing numbers of submissions (see below) to the *Journal of Social and Political Psychology* (JSPP). Therefore, we further extended the editorial team and welcomed the following new Associate Editors: Hélder Vinagreiro Alves (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain), Lucas A. Keefer (University of Southern Mississippi, United States), Zoe Leviston (Edith Cowan University, Australia), Silvia Mari (University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy), Alessandro Nai (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands), Seth Oppong (Tubman University, Liberia), Tobias Stark (Utrecht University, the Netherlands), Clifford Stevenson (Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom), and Jasper van Assche (Ghent University, Belgium). We would also like to thank Glenn Adams, Guy Elcheroth, Małgorzata Kossowska, Ioana Maria Latu, Winnifred Louis, and Thomas Teo, who finished their terms as Associate Editors, for their valuable contributions to the journal over the last years.

JSPP has continued with the publication of two issues per year. Issue No 1 of 2018 includes ten original research articles covering a variety of topics and approaches in social and political psychology, based on research conducted in various countries (Australia, Germany, Israel, Kenya, Portugal, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States), as well as one commentary applying self-determination theory to Australian prime ministers (Eidenfalk, Forner, Jones, & Parrish, 2018). Issue No 2 includes nine original research articles (based on research conducted in Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, and the United States), one commentary (about a “Pro-Truth Pledge” as an attempt to address the problem of fake news; Tsipursky, Votta, & Mulick, 2018) and one theoretical article discussing the role of psychosocial interventions with political trauma survivors for comprehensive subjective recovery (Donoso, 2018). Issue No 2 also includes a

Special Thematic Section with 15 articles from a broad range of contexts on “Rethinking Health and Social Justice Activism in Changing Times” that was guest-edited by Catherine Campbell, Flora Cornish, and Cristian Montenegro, focusing on community psychology from the perspective of scholar-activists in the field of community health (see [Cornish, Campbell, & Montenegro, 2018](#)). Our thanks to the guest-editorial team for organizing such a fascinating Special Thematic Section, as well as to all authors!

Some of the articles we published include non-technical summaries and/or summaries in an additional language (see, e.g., [Kahn et al., 2018](#)) – both of which we encourage to facilitate user engagement.

One Special Thematic Section is currently still in progress, and scheduled to appear this year: “Multiple Perspectives in Conflict Settings: From Diversity to Pluralism” (guest-edited by Sandra Penic, Guy Elcherath, Steve Reicher, and Ramila Usoof-Thowfeek).

## Submission Numbers and Decisions

Outside the Special Thematic Sections, 148 (compared to 101 in 2017 and 79 in 2016) new manuscripts were submitted to JSPP in 2018. The first decisions and editorial status of these submissions are presented in [Table 1](#). For these submissions (without those that were desk-rejected, which took place on average within 19 days (range: 0 to 93), the average duration from submission to the first decision was slightly above three months ( $M = 99.9$ ,  $SD = 47.5$ ; ranging from 34 to 232 days).

Table 1

*Number of Submissions and First Decisions*

Total Submissions	Desk-Rejected	Under Review/			Accepted
		Awaiting Decision	Rejected	Revise & Resubmit	
148	58 <sup>a</sup> (39.2%)	22 (14.9%)	26 (17.6%)	40 <sup>b</sup> (27.0%)	2 (1.4%)

<sup>a</sup>Includes 11 manuscripts that were “desk-returned” to the authors with an invitation to resubmit after revisions.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 28 manuscripts with a “Resubmit for Review” decision and 12 with a “Revisions Required” decision.

## Publications, Citations, and Download Statistics

To date, JSPP has published (not including our editorial articles) 185 peer-reviewed articles (37 of which were published in 2018). According to Google Scholar, these articles have been cited 1671 times (as of 25 January, 2019) (see <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAJ>). [Table 2](#) summarizes in which countries the authors of these 185 articles are based. Authors based within the Anglo-American world (USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand) dominate, but 42 percent of all (co-)authors are based outside this group of countries. Altogether the authors are based in 39 different countries, including several African, Asian, and Latin American countries.

Table 2

*Location of the Authors Who Published in JSPP Between 2013 and 2018*

Country	First authors	All coauthors
USA	49	133
United Kingdom	34	91
Canada	13	32
Australia	11	33
Germany	10	30
The Netherlands	9	25
Finland	7	19
Italy	6	13
Israel	5	21
Rwanda	4	10
South Africa	3	8
Portugal	3	7
Chile	3	5
Sweden	2	10
Hungary	2	9
New Zealand	2	9
India	2	6
Spain	2	6
Greece	2	5
France	2	3
Norway	2	3
Egypt	2	2
Belgium	1	8
Hong Kong	1	4
Indonesia	1	3
Estonia	1	2
Brazil	1	1
Denmark	1	1
Ghana	1	1
Malaysia	1	1
Somaliland	1	1
Turkey	1	1
Austria	0	3
Costa Rica	0	2
Switzerland	0	2
Cameroon	0	1
Cyprus	0	1
Lebanon	0	1
People's Republic of China	0	1

The number of articles downloaded from JSPP's website over the year is presented in [Figure 1](#), by month. For comparison, the average monthly downloads for 2014 to 2017 are included in the columns on the left. The numbers of downloads have further increased, with a spike in April and a gap in July and August 2018.

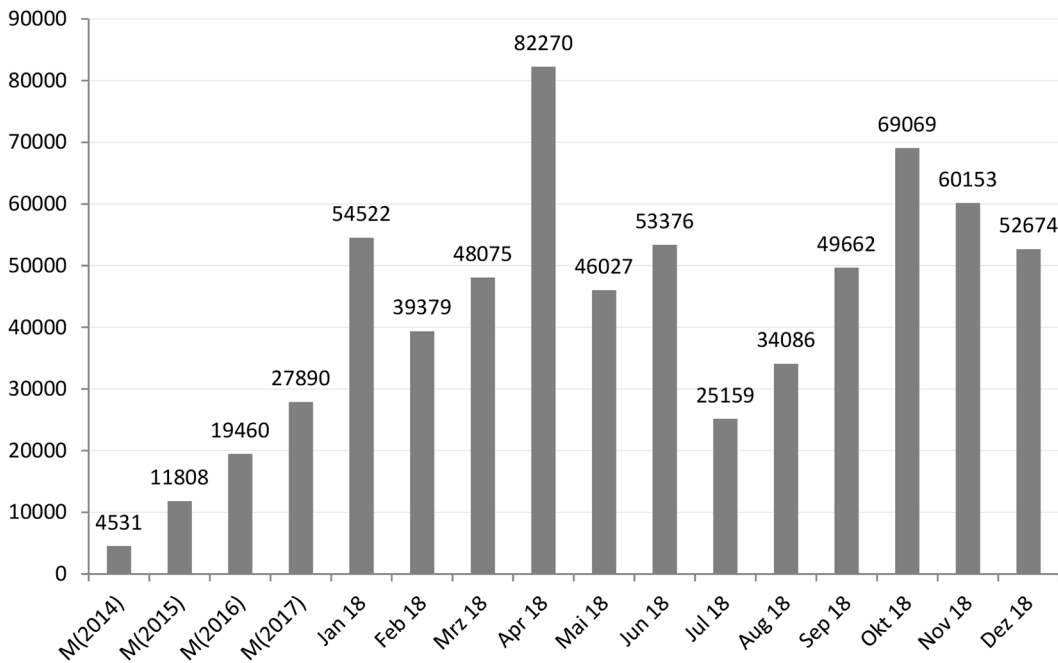


Figure 1. Number of article downloads per month in 2018.

The top ten most frequently downloaded articles (as of 25 January 2019) are listed in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published Between 2013 and 2018

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
The Role of the Media in the Construction of Public Belief and Social Change (Happer & Philo)	318382	Dec 16, 2013
Social Psychological Perspectives on Trump Supporters (Pettigrew)	93023	Mar 2, 2017
Dramatic Social Change: A Social Psychological Perspective (de la Sablonnière et al.)	53298	Dec 16, 2013
Stages of Colonialism in Africa: From Occupation of Land to Occupation of Being (Bulhan)	44241	Aug 21, 2015
A Complex Systems Approach to the Study of Ideology: Cognitive-Affective Structures and the Dynamics of Belief Systems (Homer-Dixon et al.)	34601	Dec 16, 2013
Who Coined the Concept of Ethnocentrism? A Brief Report (Bizumic)	29241	Jan 31, 2014
Objectification, Self-Objectification, and Societal Change (Zurbruggen)	27153	Dec 16, 2013
Recurrent Fury: Conspiratorial Discourse in the Blogosphere Triggered by Research on the Role of Conspiracist Ideation in Climate Denial (Lewandowsky et al.)	22717	Jul 8, 2015
Insights from Societal Psychology: The Contextual Politics of Change (Howarth et al.)	16239	Dec 16, 2013
From I to We: Group Formation and Linguistic Adaption in an Online Xenophobic Forum (Bäck et al.)	15612	Mar 3, 2018

Table 3 includes all articles that have been published so far in JSPP since its first issue. The first nine entries are the same as last year, but there is one new “shooting star” (Bäck, Bäck, Gustafsson Sendén, & Sikström, 2018). Table 4 shows only those articles published in 2018.

Table 4

*Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2018*

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
From I to We: Group Formation and Linguistic Adaption in an Online Xenophobic Forum (Bäck et al.)	15612	Mar 3, 2018
"I Don't Really Want to Be Associated With the Self-Righteous Left Extreme": Disincentives to Participation in Collective Action (Stuart et al.)	2734	Jun 28, 2018
Sociocultural and Individual Manifestations of Sexual Stigma: The Role of Political Ideology and Prejudice in Discrimination Against Sexual Minorities (Hoyt & Parry)	1974	Apr 11, 2018
Self-Censorship Orientation: Scale Development, Correlates and Outcomes (Sharvit et al.)	1869	Jul 27, 2018
Investigating Right Wing Authoritarianism With a Very Short Authoritarianism Scale (Bizumic & Duckitt)	1822	Apr 25, 2018
Prime Ministers as Leaders: Applying Self-Determination Theory on Australian Prime Ministers (Eidenfalk et al.)	1508	Jun 26, 2018
Investigating Processes of Internalisation of Values Through Theatre for Development (Courtney & Battye)	1435	Mar 13, 2018
Political Opposites Do Not Attract: The Effects of Ideological Dissimilarity on Impression Formation (Mallinas et al.)	1404	Mar 13, 2018
The Neoliberal Myth of Austerity: Debt and Solidarity in the Forefront of Public Space (Vavvos & Triliva)	1305	Jul 27, 2018
Tax Climate in the National Press: A New Tool in Tax Behaviour Research (Lozza & Castiglioni)	1304	Aug 17, 2018

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