

From the Editors

## Editorial Report and Acknowledgement of Reviewers, 2017

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## What's New in 2017?

Due to the continuing high number of submissions (see below) to the *Journal of Social and Political Psychology* (JSPP), in 2017 we substantially extended our editorial team and were joined by the following new Associate Editors, from eleven different countries: Mark J. Brandt, Tilburg University, the Netherlands; Ana Figueiredo, Universidad Mayor, Chile; Debra Gray, University of Winchester, United Kingdom; Karolina Hansen, University of Warsaw, Poland; Sherianne Kramer, Amsterdam University College, the Netherlands; Ioana Maria Latu, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland; Giovanna Leone, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy; Winnifred R. Louis, University of Queensland, Australia; Müjde Peker, MEF University, Turkey; Idhamsyah Eka Putra, Persada Indonesia University and Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia; Inari Sakki, Helsinki University, Finland; and Thomas Teo, York University, Canada – a warm welcome! We would also like to thank Boris Bizumic, Siew Fang Law, Nurit Shnabel, and Shahnaaz Suffla, who finished their assignments 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. In addition to our editorial report for 2016, Issue No 1 of 2017 includes ten original research articles covering a range of topics and approaches in social and political psychology based on research conducted in various countries (Cameroon, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, United States), as well as two commentaries on support for Trump and on Islamist suicide terrorism. Issue No 2 includes eight original research articles (based on research conducted in Germany, India, Italy, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Sweden, and the United States) and one action teaching report elaborating a winning entry of Social Psychology Network's Action Teaching Award<sup>1</sup>. It also includes a Special Thematic Section on "Collective Memories and Present-Day Intergroup Relations: A Social-Psychological Perspective", guest-edited by Ana

Figueiredo, Jonas Rees, Borja Martinovic, and Laurent Licata, which resulted from work within the Cost Action IS 1205: Social psychological dynamics of historical representations in the enlarged European Union<sup>ii</sup>. This selection of ten articles (plus an introduction) investigate the antecedents of collective memories, the contents and structure of collective memories, the transmission of collective memories, and socio-psychological correlates of collective memories in present-day societies. Our sincere thanks to the guest-editorial team for organizing this Special Thematic Section, as well as to all other contributors!

To facilitate user engagement, over the past year we have started to encourage authors to include an abstract in their local language as well as “non-technical summaries”; some of the recently published articles already include one of both of these possibilities; as an example, see Kende, Lantos, Belinszky, Csaba, and Lukács (2017).

Two Special Thematic Sections are currently in progress. One is 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), and another next year: “Rethinking Health and Social Justice Activism in a Post-Liberal World” (guest-edited by Catherine Campbell, Flora Cornish, and Cristian Montenegro).

We are also pleased to note that JSPP is now indexed in PsycINFO, Scopus, PubPsych, OpenAIRE, DOAJ, BASE, Google Scholar, CNKI Scholar, and Genios.

## Submission Numbers and Decisions

Outside the Special Thematic Sections, 101 (compared to 79 in 2016) new manuscripts were submitted to JSPP in 2017.<sup>iii</sup> 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 18 days (range: 0 to 77), the average duration from submission to the first decision was around three months ( $M = 92.7$ ,  $SD = 40.2$ ; ranging from 30 to 209 days).

Table 1

*Number of Submissions and First Decisions*

Total Submissions	Desk-Rejected	Under Review/Awaiting Decision	Rejected	Revise & Resubmit	Accepted
101	41 <sup>a</sup>	8	20	31 <sup>b</sup>	1

<sup>a</sup>Includes 4 manuscripts that were “desk-returned” to the authors with an invitation to resubmit after revisions.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 20 manuscripts with a “Resubmit for Review” decision and 11 with a “Revisions Required” decision. Seven of these manuscripts have now been published or accepted for publication.

## Publications, Citations, and Download Statistics

To date, JSPP has published (not including our editorial articles) 148 peer-reviewed articles (32 of which were published in 2017). According to Google Scholar, these articles have been cited 1023 times (as of 3 March, 2018).<sup>iv</sup> Table 2 summarizes in which countries the authors of these 148 articles are based. Authors based within the

Anglo-American world (USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand) dominate, but 40 percent of all co-authors are based outside this group of countries. Altogether the authors are based in 36 different countries, including several African, Asian, and Latin American countries.

Table 2

*Location of the Authors Who Published in JSPP Between 2013 and 2017*

Country	First authors	All coauthors
United States	40	104
United Kingdom	28	74
Canada	11	27
Australia	9	26
Germany	8	28
The Netherlands	8	23
Finland	6	15
Italy	5	11
Rwanda	4	10
Israel	3	10
Hungary	2	9
Spain	2	6
Portugal	2	4
France	2	3
Chile	2	2
Egypt	2	2
Norway	2	2
New Zealand	1	6
India	1	5
South Africa	1	5
Sweden	1	5
Greece	1	3
Brazil	1	1
Denmark	1	1
Estonia	1	1
Ghana	1	1
Malaysia	1	1
Somalliland	1	1
Turkey	1	1
Belgium	0	7
Austria	0	2
Costa Rica	0	2
Switzerland	0	2
Cameroon	0	1
Cyprus	0	1
Lebanon	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 2016 are included on the left side. The numbers of downloads have further increased, with a few spikes in March, August, and December 2017.

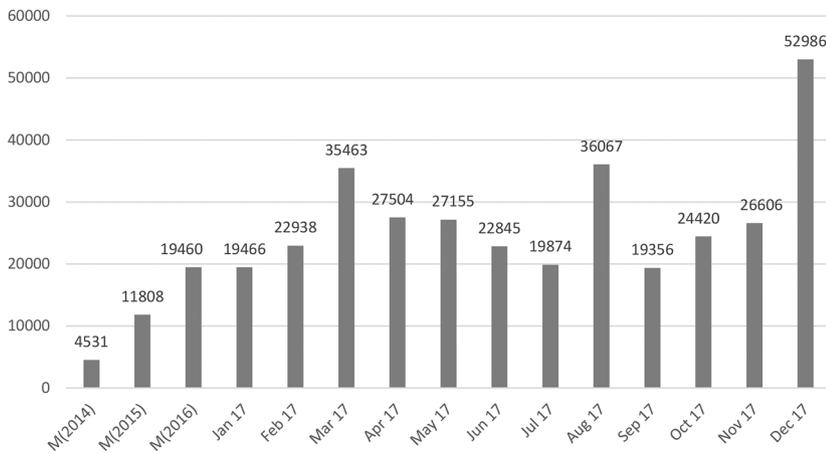


Figure 1. Number of article downloads per month in 2017.

The top ten most frequently downloaded articles (as of 2 March 2018) are listed in Tables 3 and 4. Table 3 includes all articles that have been published so far in JSPP since its first issue, and Table 4 only those published in 2017.

Table 3

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published Between 2013 and 2017

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
The Role of the Media in the Construction of Public Belief and Social Change (Happer & Philo)	238344	Dec 16, 2013
Social Psychological Perspectives on Trump Supporters (Pettigrew)	53226	Mar 2, 2017
Dramatic Social Change: A Social Psychological Perspective (de la Sablonnière et al.)	45490	Dec 16, 2013
A Complex Systems Approach to the Study of Ideology: Cognitive-Affective Structures and the Dynamics of Belief Systems (Homer-Dixon et al.)	26789	Dec 16, 2013
Objectification, Self-Objectification, and Societal Change (Zurbriggen)	21609	Dec 16, 2013
Who Coined the Concept of Ethnocentrism? A Brief Report (Bizumic)	20890	Jan 31, 2014
Stages of Colonialism in Africa: From Occupation of Land to Occupation of Being (Bulhan)	18356	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.)	16132	Jul 8, 2015
Insights from Societal Psychology: The Contextual Politics of Change (Howarth et al.)	12612	Dec 16, 2013
The Relationship Between Political Ideology and Attitudes Toward Tax Compliance: The Case of Italian Taxpayers (Lozza et al.)	12180	Sept 4, 2013

Table 4

*Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2017*

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
Social Psychological Perspectives on Trump Supporters (Pettigrew)	53226	Mar 2, 2017
Support for the Confederate Battle Flag in the Southern United States: Racism or Southern Pride? (Wright & Esses)	3428	May 5, 2017
Donald Trump as a Cultural Revolt Against Perceived Communication Restriction: Priming Political Correctness Norms Causes More Trump Support (Conway et al.)	2905	May 10, 2017
The Politicized Motivations of Volunteers in the Refugee Crisis: Intergroup Helping as the Means to Achieve Social Change (Kende et al.)	2743	May 15, 2017
Science and Politics: Do People Support the Conduct and Dissemination of Politicized Research? (Anglin & Jussim)	2453	Mar 22, 2017
Some Like It Hot: How Voters' Attitude Towards Disrespect in Politics Affects Their Judgments of Candidates (Mölders & Van Quaquebeke)	2332	Feb 3, 2017
Social Representations of Trust Among Teachers and Principals in Cameroonian, Indian, and Finnish Schools (Pirttilä-Backman et al.)	2143	Feb 3, 2017
Islamist Suicide Terrorism and Erich Fromm's Social Psychology of Modern Times (Aysha)	2127	Feb 3, 2017
Hope and Anger as Mediators Between Collective Action Frames and Participation in Collective Mobilization: The Case of 15-M (Włodarczyk et al.)	2003	May 2, 2017
Gaining Economic Profit or Losing Cultural Security: Framing Persuasive Arguments for Two Types of Conservatives (Eschert et al.)	1747	Feb 3, 2017

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- i) See <http://www.actionteaching.org/award/reducing-stress>
- ii) See <http://costis1205.wixsite.com/home>
- iii) One additional manuscript was submitted but withdrawn shortly after submission.
- iv) See <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAJ>

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