

From the Editors

Editorial Report and Acknowledgement of Reviewers, 2015

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In 2015, the *Journal of Social and Political Psychology* (JSP) has continued to develop well. It was the first year in which two issues of JSP were published (instead of a single issue), with 10 and 5 regular articles, respectively. In addition, each issue included a Special Thematic Section: “Decolonizing Psychological Science” (with abstracts in English and Spanish), guest-edited by Tuğçe Kurtiş, Luis Gómez, Ludwin Molina, Ignacio Dobles, and Glenn Adams in issue No. 1, and “The Social Psychology of Citizenship, Participation and Social Exclusion”, guest-edited by Clifford Stevenson, John Dixon, Nick Hopkins, and Russell Luyt in issue No. 2. We are grateful for these important contributions and express our heartfelt thanks to the two guest-editorial teams!

The guest-editors for the “Decolonizing Psychological Science” section decided to continue with their work and issued a call for papers for additional submissions to an ongoing series on the topic (see http://jspp.psychopen.eu/pages/view/decolonizing_psychological_science_virt). We hope that JSP can strengthen critical perspectives on social and political psychology through this initiative.

Another Special Thematic Section is currently in progress and is scheduled to appear in the current issue, Vol. 4, No. 1 – “Rethinking Prefigurative Politics”, guest-edited by Jan Haaken, Flora Cornish, Sharon Jackson, and Liora Moskovitz.

Submission Numbers and Decisions

Outside the Special Thematic Sections, 84 new manuscripts were submitted to JSP in 2015. The first decisions and editorial status of these submissions are presented in Table 1. For the new submissions (without those that were desk-rejected, which took place within 1 to 29 days), the average duration from submission to the first decision was slightly below three months ($M = 87.0$, $SD = 41.8$; ranging from 33 to 210 days). In addition to the new sub-

missions, 26 submissions from 2013 or 2014 are still under editorial consideration; 5 of these have now been accepted for publication.

Table 1

Number of Submissions and First Decisions

Number of Manuscripts	Desk-Rejected	Under Review	Rejected	Revise & Resubmit	Accepted
84	31 ^a	8	19	25 ^b	1

^aIncludes 3 manuscripts that were “desk-returned” to the authors with an invitation to resubmit after revisions.

^bOf these, 17 manuscripts are currently with the author/s, 4 have been published or accepted for publication, 3 are under review or with the handling editor, and 1 has been withdrawn by the author/s.

Publications, Citations, and Download Statistics

To date, JSPP has published 82 peer-reviewed articles (34 of which were published in 2015),ⁱ which, according to Google Scholar (see <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=knb2n1kAAAAAJ>), have already been cited 242 times (as of 1 February, 2016). Table 2 summarizes in which countries the authors of these 82 articles are based. If one considers the frequencies for all coauthors, 31 percent are based outside of the Anglo-American world (USA, UK, Canada, and Australia); in total the authors are based in 26 different countries, including 5 African (Rwanda, South Africa, Egypt, Ghana, Somaliland), 3 Asian (Israel, Malaysia, India), and 2 Latin American countries (Brazil, Costa Rica).

Table 2

Location of the Authors Who Published in JSPP between 2013 and 2015

Country	First authors	All coauthors
United States	23	66
United Kingdom	17	48
Canada	8	22
Australia	6	21
The Netherlands	4	11
Rwanda	4	10
Italy	2	5
Germany	2	4
France	2	3
Norway	2	2
Spain	2	2
Hungary	1	4
Israel	1	4
South Africa	1	4
Finland	1	3
Sweden	1	2
Brazil	1	1
Egypt	1	1

Country	First authors	All coauthors
Ghana	1	1
Malaysia	1	1
Somaliland	1	1
Belgium	0	6
Austria	0	2
Costa Rica	0	2
India	0	1
Switzerland	0	1

The number of articles downloaded from JSPP's website over the year has also steadily increased and is presented in [Figure 1](#), by month. For comparison: In 2014 there were, on average, 4531 downloads per month.

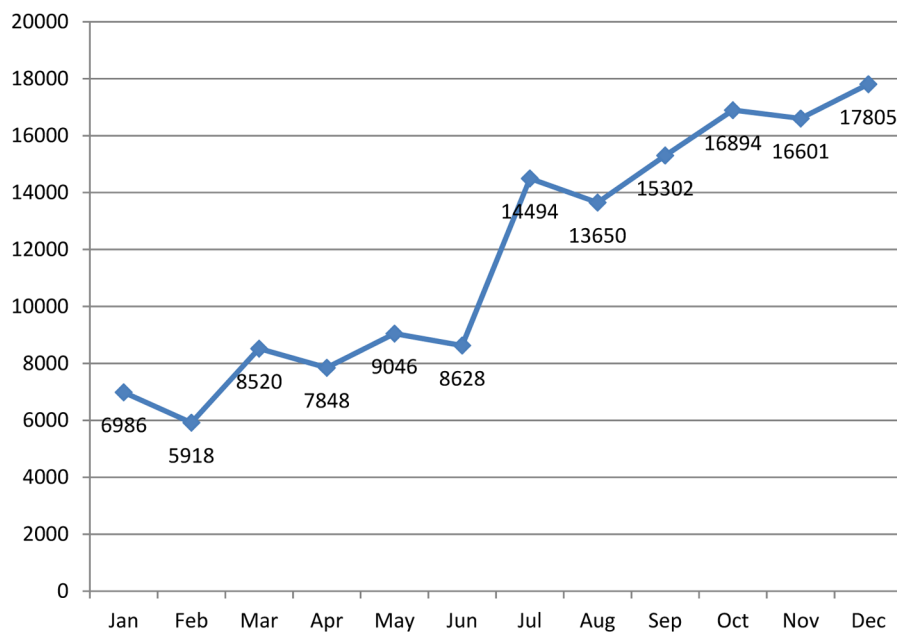


Figure 1. Number of article downloads per month in 2015.

The top ten articles published between 2013 and 2015 in terms of download frequencies (as of 1 February 2016) are listed in [Tables 3 to 5](#).

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)	48108	Dec 16
Dramatic Social Change: A Social Psychological Perspective (de la Sablonnière et al.)	19329	Dec 16
A Complex Systems Approach to the Study of Ideology: Cognitive-Affective Structures and the Dynamics of Belief Systems (Homer-Dixon et al.)	12853	Dec 16

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
Objectification, Self-Objectification, and Societal Change (Zurbriggen)	9888	Dec 16
The Relationship Between Political Ideology and Attitudes Toward Tax Compliance: The Case of Italian Taxpayers (Lozza et al.)	7764	Sept 4
Differential Effects of Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation on Political Candidate Support: The Moderating Role of Message Framing (Crawford, Brady, et al.)	6174	Sept 4
Towards a 'Science of Movement': Identity, Authority and Influence in the Production of Social Stability and Social Change (Reicher & Haslam)	4904	Dec 16
Insights from Societal Psychology: The Contextual Politics of Change (Howarth et al.)	4743	Dec 16
The Needs of Victims: An Empirical Categorization Based on Interpersonal Conflicts (Kirchhoff et al.)	4351	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.)	4013	Oct 31

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)	7748	Jan 31
Ideological Support for the Indian Caste System: Social Dominance Orientation, Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Karma (Cotterill et al.)	3402	Jun 6
The Differential Effects of Hope and Fear on Information Processing in Intractable Conflict (Cohen-Chen et al.)	3299	Feb 5
Review of "Political Psychology: Critical Perspectives" (Nesbitt-Larking)	3215	Apr 28
Defending or Challenging the Status Quo: Position Effects on Biased Intergroup Perceptions (Bäck & Lindholm)	2870	May 27
Media Usage and Civic Life: The Role of Values (Firat)	2861	Jun 26
The Life Cycle of a British Islamist: A Jungian Perspective (Alschuler)	2679	Feb 21
Between Fiction and Reality in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Reflections on a Social-Psychological Media Intervention for Social Change (Bilali)	2468	Apr 11
Parenting and Politics: Exploring Early Moral Bases of Political Orientation (Janoff-Bulman et al.)	2350	Mar 21
How Motherhood Triumphs over Trauma among Mothers with Children from Genocidal Rape in Rwanda (Kantengwa)	2286	Aug 27

Table 5

Top Ten Most Frequently Downloaded Articles Published in 2015

Article title and authors	Downloads	Publication date
Recurrent Fury: Conspiratorial Discourse in the Blogosphere Triggered by Research on the Role of Conspiracist Ideation in Climate Denial (Lewandowsky et al.)	5974	Jul 8
Decolonising Australian Psychology: Discourses, Strategies, and Practice (Dudgeon & Walker)	3224	Aug 21
"No Cause for Action": Revisiting the Ethics Case of Dr. John Leso (Eidelson)	1581	Jul 10
The Military Perpetrator: A Narrative Analysis of Sentencing Judgments on Sexual Violence Offenders at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) (Skjelsbæk)	1536	Mar 2
Invoking "The Family" to Legitimize Gender- and Sexuality-Based Public Policies in the United States: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the 2012 Democratic and Republican National Party Conventions (Pilecki & Hammack)	1435	Jan 30
Tracking Homo Oeconomicus: Development of the Neoliberal Beliefs Inventory (Bay-Cheng et al.)	1395	Mar 20
Why Do Conservatives Report Being Happier Than Liberals? The Contribution of Neuroticism (Burton et al.)	1394	Apr 8
National Identification and Intergroup Attitudes Among Members of the National Majority and Immigrants: Preliminary Evidence for the Meditational Role of Psychological Ownership of a Country (Brylka et al.)	1388	Feb 18
Asylum Seekers and Resettled Refugees in Australia: Predicting Social Policy Attitude From Prejudice Versus Emotion (Hartley & Pederson)	1305	Jul 10
Decolonizing Psychological Science: Introduction to the Special Thematic Section (Adams et al.)	1237	Aug 21

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