



Call for *Social Psychology* Special Issue Proposals

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Dear Colleagues,

Social Psychology (<https://www.hogrefe.com/us/journal/social-psychology>) invites proposals for Special Issues. There is no submission deadline, as we will be reviewing proposals on a rolling basis.

Social Psychology made a splash in 2014, when Brian Nosek and Daniel Lakens edited a Special Issue on “Replications of important results in social psychology.” After that issue, the journal saw great growth. The journal has had a rough couple of years, but I, as the new Editor-in-Chief, have created a plan to rebuild the journal’s impact and reputation. I have laid out these plans in my recent Editorial (<https://econtent.hogrefe.com/doi/full/10.1027/1864-9335/a000565>). In short, we would like to create (good) trouble in the pages of the journal and ask researchers to push the boundaries, where special issues invoke debate and evidence-based challenges and criticism.

With this in mind, we are putting out this call for Special Issue proposals. You can read more about what we are looking for in the above linked Editorial, but here are the basic ideas and styles of Special Issues we are looking for:

1. **Lay Down the Gauntlet:** Guest Editors pose an ongoing argument (e.g., the importance of moral concerns in everyday life), and researchers submit their work that addresses this argument.
2. **Empirical Contests:** Guest Editors pose a single problem (e.g., reducing conspiratorial thinking), and researchers propose and test their solutions via registered reports.
3. **Theoretical Debate:** Guest Editors write a theoretical article and then invite commentaries on that article, followed by a rebuttal.

In each of these cases, the Special Issue is aimed at starting conversations that will have a strong impact on social psychological theory and the field. Of course, Guest Editors are *not* limited to the aforementioned styles or structures of Special Issues. We are open to all types and topics.

Proposals

Proposals should be sent to Adam Fetterman (akfetterman@uh.edu).

Special Issue proposals should include the following:

- Proposed title of the Special Issue
- Name(s) and contact information of the Guest Editor(s)
- A brief description of the topic and structure/style of the special issue (300–500 words)
- A brief justification for the Special Issue, which could include potential authors, interest to the broader field, impact statement, etc. (max. 200 words)
- CV for Guest Editor(s)

Submissions

Once a Special Issue and plan is agreed upon, there will be an open call for submissions which will be advertised in *Social Psychology* and throughout various listservs. Guest Editors are encouraged to target specific authors and invite them to submit a paper.

All submissions, within the Special Issues, should be submitted exclusively via the online submission system (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/sopsy>) and will go through the standard peer-review process at *Social Psychology*. Guest Editors can serve as coauthors on submissions, but these submissions will be handled by the Editorial team at *Social Psychology* and go through the same peer-review process.

Best,

Adam Fetterman on behalf of the Editorial Team at *Social Psychology*

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