

Call for Papers

“Web-Based Research in Psychology”

A Topical Open Access Issue of the *Zeitschrift für Psychologie*

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Web-based research in psychology became possible with the development of the World Wide Web in the early 1990s. While at first only a few people began using Web browsers, now more than half of humanity uses a browser every day, providing them with ease of access to participate in science. Traditional laboratory-based and field methods were transformed, adapted, studied, and scaled to properly apply to the online environment. Different methods and new possibilities for research emerged, quantitatively and qualitatively, leading for example directly to Open Access and Open Science. As with other methods in psychology, Web-based research methodology has evolved since and has proliferated and diversified with layers upon layers of new major developments in Internet technology and life (e.g., Google search; “Web 2.0”; social media; smartphones; automated agents; intensive and Big Data; Open Science). With the current call we seek to create a collection of selected state-of-the-art pieces on and of Web-based research in Psychology.

We are looking for full original or review articles, shorter research notes, and opinion papers that focus on *Web-Based Research in Psychology*. While we particularly invite experimental work and methodology, we also welcome work using any other empirical method. Our goal is to show how different psychological topic areas best utilize Web-based methodology, broadly defined. Especially welcome is work that advances our current knowledge by addressing new methods, perspectives, theory, and shows the unique potential of Web-based research methods to advance our knowledge in psychology. While investigations of substantive topics in psychology are appropriate, manuscripts should have a strong focus on the methodology and how it enabled the investigation. Studies that simply happen to use methods such as online surveys, for example, would be better published elsewhere.

How to Submit

Interested authors should submit a letter of intent to zfp@uni.kn including: (1) a working title for the manuscript, (2) names, affiliations, and contact information for all authors, and (3) an abstract of no more than 500 words detailing the content of the proposed manuscript to the guest editors Ulf-Dietrich Reips (reips@uni.kn) and Tom Buchanan (T.Buchanan@westminster.ac.uk).

There is a *two-stage submissions process*. Initially, interested authors are requested to submit only abstracts of their proposed papers. Authors of the selected abstracts will then be invited to submit full papers. All papers will undergo blind peer review.

**Deadline for submission of abstracts is
October 1, 2020.**

**Deadline for submission of full papers is
February 1, 2021.**

The journal seeks to maintain a short turnaround time, with the final version of the accepted papers being due by **May 15, 2021**. The topical issue will be published as issue 4 (2021), with immediate free access to the issue for all readers.

For additional information, please contact: zfp@uni.kn

About the Journal

The *Zeitschrift für Psychologie*, founded in 1890, is the oldest psychology journal in Europe and the second oldest in the world. One of the founding editors was Hermann Ebbinghaus. Since 2007 it is published in English and devoted to publishing topical issues that provide state-of-the-art reviews of current research in psychology.

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