Editorial

International Perspectives in Psychology for Sustainable Life

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2023 is the half-way mark for accomplishing the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs, United Nations, 2023). The 17 SDGs, that set the world’s development agenda up to the year 2030, emphasize the need for global partnerships to achieve meaningful impact. Increasingly, psychology as a discipline is claiming its place as an important contributor to realising these goals. Such positioning is reflected in this year’s themes of international psychology conferences such as the European Congress of Psychology, “Uniting communities for a sustainable world,” and the International Congress of Applied Psychology, “Applied Psychology for a Better World.” We are proud that International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice and Consultation (IPP) as the American Psychological Association’s (APA) International Psychology division (Division 52) journal has been playing a pioneering role in this regard. For many years already, each publication in IPP has been accompanied by an impact statement that indicates how the research findings address the SDGs. In this way, IPP has demonstrated how psychology as a discipline can contribute to attaining peace and prosperity for all as well as share in efforts to protect our planet by extending its focus from health, and substance abuse among young people, which are the variables considered in the work by Bachem et al. (2023) and Agwogie et al. (2023) in this IPP issue, while also showing commonalities despite varying contexts. This issue concludes with two special section articles. These complete the special issue on Building an Equitable Global Psychology – Giving Voice to Indigenous Psychology in Southeast Asia (issue 2/2023), guest edited by Sing-Kiat Ting et al. (2023). Both relate to experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic. Balmores-Paulino et al. (2023) present their work on the relationship between stigma and social support with quality of life in Indonesia and the Philippines, while Umil et al. (2023) provide an interpretative phenomenological analysis of the mental health of Filipino rural doctors.

Our multi-continental editorial team now includes Mendiola (Joy) Teng-Calleja, PhD, who has been serving as IPP’s associate editor since January 2023. She is an academic in the Psychology Department at the Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines and the Executive Director of the Ateneo Center for Organization Research and Development (Ateneo CORD). She has gained many years of practice in different areas of human resources (HR) management and organization development, amongst others while working as an internal HR consultant for The Coca-Cola Export Corporation and Organization.
Development consultant for the Philippine government’s Department of Foreign Affairs as well as for Save the Children’s capacity building efforts for Civil Society Organizations. Joy obtained her PhD in Social-Organizational Psychology from the Ateneo de Manila University where she also earned her Master’s degree in Industrial-Organizational Psychology. She is a prolific researcher and widely published author with interests in humanitarian work psychology, living wage and employee relations, employee engagement and well-being, leadership, organization development, and human resource management.

As editorial team, we will continue to work towards building global partnerships with you. We invite you to submit your work, especially if it provides new insights in regions of the world not commonly featured in psychology journals, and if it includes local authors, or novel, especially Indigenous, methodological approaches and perspectives on psychological constructs, models, theory and practice in the form of conceptual or empirical articles and policy briefs. We continuously welcome proposals for special issues on topics which reflect how global humanitarian concerns like peace and climate change shape experiences of people in various regions. These might include, for example, interventions that evidently helped in guiding changes and transitions in communities and workplaces, diversity and inclusion especially in relation to technological advancements, and decent work vis a vis precarious work among others. These are important areas in which psychological knowledge with an international perspective can really make a difference. We aim to translate these to more popular platforms of information dissemination in future which will hopefully reach even wider and more diverse audiences. Already in progress are three exciting changes and transitions in communities and workplaces, diversity and inclusion especially in relation to technological advancements, and decent work vis a vis precarious work among others. These are important areas in which psychological knowledge with an international perspective can really make a difference. We aim to translate these to more popular platforms of information dissemination in future which will hopefully reach even wider and more diverse audiences. Already in progress are three exciting

on Environmental Issues, for which abstracts can still be submitted until 31 August 2023.

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