EDITORIAL

Exciting Developments in *International Perspectives in Psychology*

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This is the last issue of *International Perspectives in Psychology (IPP)* for 2019, and an opportune moment to announce some exciting new developments, and opportunities for readers and contributors, being ushered in for 2020. First and foremost, we would like to thank all our global Editorial Board Members, Expert Peer Reviewers, Research Contributors, and Readership for your marvelous work and for continuing to support what *IPP* and the Division stand for, namely, improving the lives of people around the world, by drawing on context-appropriate research approaches and interventions.

In a similar vein, we are aware that not everyone has access to the same privileges in terms of resources and access to mentorship. In many parts of the world, research is conducted under difficult circumstances and with very limited resources. This often results in work conducted in more resourced contexts and/or by more resourced researchers standing a greater chance for publication, which undermines the diversity which the Division seeks to achieve. Across contexts, in our experience, authors also often hit speed bumps too late for them to be successfully navigated at later peer review.

As a way to address these two challenges and following extensive discussion at the 2019 APA Convention, from 2020 we offer article authors to submit ideas for articles, policy briefs, and/or studies to the journal before any data are actually gathered, but after conceptualization and approach have been sketched. Authors wanting to make use of this opportunity submit their work as a “Registered Report” and will receive an informal review and advice about the viability of their research design and/or plan for their article or policy brief without the formal review process. By consulting with us, as editors and reviewers, *before* you finalize. . . . we hope to increase the chances that articles and briefs eventually reach their publication destination. Please just e-mail s.c.carr@massey.ac.nz if you have an article or brief in mind, which is already conceptualized and designed but not yet executed and written-up.

Second, we wanted to highlight that Division 52 has a number of publication outlets, each of which is designed to cater for different *types* of publication. The D52 website (<https://www.div52.net>) connects all branches and publication outlets within and across the Division. It contains key information about division

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membership, purpose, mission, and resource. The Division's Online Newsletter, the *International Psychology Bulletin*, is designed to share information on new books, international events, people, and issues around the globe (<https://www.div52.net/index.php/publications/international-psychology-bulletin-ipb>). *International Psychology Bulletin* does not publish research articles, however. This last function is the role of *IPP*, whose mission, purpose, ethos, and ambit can be found in our Masthead, and Instructions to Authors, contained in this volume and provided on the journal's own website (<https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/ipp>).

On this website, readers will also find *IPP*'s new calls for articles for two topical and important special issues: *Decent Work and Living Wages* and *Humanity on the Move*. These special issues each respond to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (or "SDGs"), which the journal strongly supports, as well as to recent key APA initiatives (United Nations, 2019). These include (e.g.) the "Deep Poverty" initiative (<https://www.apa.org/about/governance/president/deep-poverty-initiative>) and "Tackling the Escalating Immigration Crisis" (Stringer, 2019). Such pivotal humanitarian concerns, and our twin special issues, speak directly to our watershed goal, above, of improving people's lives.

Last but certainly not least, the contributions in this issue of the journal are self-evidently relevant to a number of humanitarian issues and initiatives. These include, for example, the work of the International Psychology Network for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender and Intersex Issues (IpsyNet, 2019), gender equality and empowerment (<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/women-and-the-sdgs/sdg-5-gender-equality>), socioeconomic inclusion, sustainable consumption and production (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-consumption-production/>), and access to safe sustainable livelihoods (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg8>). On that note, please do send us your ideas and work for the next Special Issue(s) of *IPP*!

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