

**Call for Papers**  
**Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**San Francisco**

**"Making our World Anew: Political Psychology in an Age of Global Challenges."**

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Join us for the 2010 ISPP annual scientific meeting in San Francisco! The theme of the conference is "Making our World Anew: Political Psychology in an Age of Global Challenges."

This is a challenging theme. It asks us to interrogate our discipline on a number of levels. Do we have the insights to deal with the various phenomena that assail us from the effects of the global economic downturn, through the impact of mass migrations and cultural encounters, new and inter-connected forms of tension and conflict, to the challenges of creating environmentally sustainable communities? Do our concepts, largely developed in the US and Western Europe, allow us to understand these phenomena across the globe? Can we transform ourselves—Political Psychology—into a truly global community that is able to address phenomena on a global scale. Our ambition is to see the conference as a stepping stone towards such a community.

To address this year's theme, the Program Chair aims to create a culture of informed discussion and exchange of ideas between people from different countries, people from different disciplines and between academics and practitioners. We are particularly keen to make this a truly diverse conference, to include people from many disciplines, to showcase young scholars and more established scholars, and, most particularly, to welcome people from areas where, traditionally, Political Psychology has been under-represented.

San Francisco is renowned as a vibrant and diverse city, both culturally and intellectually. It therefore provides an ideal setting for us to work together, think together and socialize together. We want the conference to be invigorating and we want to make the conference fun. So do come and join us, meet old friends, make new ones, challenge old ideas, gain new insights—have a great week in one of the world's great cities!

## **Format**

*Paper and Panel proposals:* Each panel normally includes up to four papers addressing a common substantive topic, a chair, and up to two discussants. In exceptional circumstances, we will accept panels of up to eight papers. This should be negotiated in advance with the Program Chair. We accept individual paper submissions, which subsequently will be grouped into panels with similar papers, and will be assigned a chair and (possibly) discussants. We also accept proposals for complete panels that include all papers and identify the chair and discussant (if you choose to utilize discussants), which can be submitted by the panel chair as a complete session.

*Posters:* Poster sessions are designed to present research projects in all their phases. Posters can include information on data, results, conclusion, applications, or implementation of instruments and techniques. The aim of poster sessions is to be interactive and to provide exchange and discussion of ideas between the poster's author and the people viewing the posters. We accept individual poster proposals, which should be submitted to the appropriate section chairs.

### *Discussants and Chairs:*

Because every panel will have a chair and many will have discussants in order to stimulate discussion and valuable feedback, all presenters at the conference will most likely be assigned the role of a discussant or a chair at a panel on which they are *not* presenting a paper. If you would like to serve in this role for a specific area of study that fits your interests and expertise, you can submit a request through the online submission system.

**Roundtables:** Roundtables involve two or more presenters who articulate their views on a particular topic. This can be a research area, a particular book, a method, or some other topic. We accept only proposals for whole roundtables, including the participants and a chair, which can be submitted by the roundtable chair. We do not accept individual proposals to join a roundtable.

**Workshops:** Workshops serve to instruct or give the audience practice in methods for political psychological research or might focus on practical program training relevant to political psychology. Workshops not charging additional fees will be given the same time slot as the other formats. Those wishing to require a fee for materials and/or needing a longer time slot to conduct a workshop should contact the program chair. We accept proposals for workshops, which can be submitted by the workshop chair. We do not accept individual proposals to join a workshop.

There will also be 60-minute keynote addresses as well as 60-minute keynote discussions where two or more people will debate an issue of importance. These will be solicited for the program by invitation only.

### **Sections**

Individual papers and posters, as well as entire panels, roundtables, and workshops can be submitted to a maximum of two of the 10 sections listed below, with one designated as the presenter's first choice and the other designated as second. Each section is marked with keywords associated with its most relevant topics, to assist participants in identifying the sections that best match their research interests. A list of section chairs is posted on our conference website: <http://ispp.org/meet.html>.

|   | <b>2010 – San Francisco Sections</b>                            | <b>Key Words</b>   |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | Globalization and international relations                       | Globalization, transitional politics, global and local economy, societal and environmental change, international negotiation   |
| 2 | Migration and acculturation                                     | Migration, refugees and asylum seekers, cultural encounters and cultural understanding, acculturation, contact, racism   |
| 3 | Regional studies  | In this section, we particularly encourage panels and papers from countries and regions which, historically, have not had a strong tradition of political psychology |
| 4 | Political culture, identity and language                        | Political and national identities, political discourse, cultural memory and identity, political narratives   |
| 5 | Electoral behaviour, political communication and public opinion | Voting, political campaigns, political debates, mass media, internet, framing, priming, persuasion, advertising, propaganda, deliberation.                           |
| 6 | Social inequality and social change                             | Tyranny, poverty, social justice, democracy, civic engagement, political alienation, social movements, collective action   |
| 7 | Political Decision Making                                       | cognition, affect, motivation, information processing, heuristics, biases, impression formation, political learning  |

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| 8  | Crisis and conflict                 | Political crises, natural disasters, conflict, violence, genocide, ethnic cleansing, war, peace.                       |
| 9  | Intergroup and intragroup relations | Stereotyping, prejudice, belonging, othering, solidarity, cohesion, social dominance, legitimacy, permeability.        |
| 10 | New perspectives, new developments  | New areas of study and application, methodological developments, theoretical developments, critiques and controversies |

The International Society of Political Psychology and the Chair for the 2010 conference emphasize methodological and theoretical plurality in all participations and welcome all approaches and all topics.

### Proposal Submission

Submission of proposals opens in October 2009. To submit your proposal, visit the ISPP Annual Meeting website at: <http://ispp.org/meet.html> where you will be able to submit your proposal electronically. In order to contain the size of the conference and limit the number of parallel sessions, participants will be limited to no more than two presentations of a given type (paper, poster, roundtable, workshop). **The deadline for submissions of proposals is February 5, 2010.**

Please note that all presenters, panel chairs, and discussants will need to register and pay for conference attendance. Also, if your paper submission is accepted, you will be expected to electronically upload a copy of your research paper online by **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** for panel chairs, discussants, and public archives. You are also expected to distribute it by email to all members of your panel (other presenters, chair, and discussant) by the same date. Finally, if your submission is accepted, you may be assigned a presentation time on any of the days of the conference.

We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [ispp.conference@yahoo.com](mailto:ispp.conference@yahoo.com)

Best Wishes,

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