

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Section of the European Journal of Social Psychology How do we respond to being wronged by another group: Making sense of collective victimhood

Guest Editors

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Over the last few decades, interest and research activity in understanding collective victimhood have increased—partly due to major world events, such as the fall of the totalitarian regimes in South Africa, Chile, and Eastern Europe, and continued violent conflicts (e.g., in the Middle East), some of which have erupted into mass killings and genocides (e.g., in Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda). These events have prompted scholars to make sense of such atrocities and suffering that human groups endure and inflict on one another. The increase of truth and reconciliation commissions has also brought about a growing interest in collective memories of victimhood.

Social psychologists have recently begun to examine the psychological antecedents and consequences of collective victimhood, and the contributions to these topics are rapidly growing. Alone in the last six years, several new constructs and theoretical accounts were developed and tested by the guest editors (e.g., the need-based model of reconciliation, Nadler & Shnabel, 2008; the intergroup competitive victimhood model, Noor et al., 2008, 2012, 2013, see also Andrighetto, Mari, Volpato, & Behluli, 2012; the notion of inclusive victim consciousness, Vollhardt, 2009; 2012; 2015; Vollhardt & Bilali, 20015) and by other social psychologists (e.g., Hornsey & Wohl, 2013; Klar et al., 2013; Schori-Eyal et al., 2014; Shnabel et al., 2013; Wohl & Branscombe, 2008). This work has also stimulated a number of emerging directions and theoretical questions, as was evident in the recent EASP Small Group meeting on Collective Victimhood in Verona, Italy (Noor, Mari, & Vollhardt, 2014). The aim of this Special Section is to integrate existing theoretical frameworks and to present empirical work addressing novel research questions related to this topic. For example, articles may address how social identities are constructed based on collective victimhood and how such identities shape competition over victimhood; how power and group status may moderate the effects of collective victimhood on intergroup relations; how the social context influences different victim needs (e.g., for empowerment, justice, or acknowledgment); and the consequences of collective victimization for psychological well-being and prospects for intergroup reconciliation. We welcome submissions from a broad range of theoretical perspectives, methodological approaches to studying violent and/or structural conflicts across different geographical locations.

Submissions of research integrating interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged, as well as work on interventions and their effectiveness.

Submission Details

Authors who plan to submit manuscripts are invited to submit a letter of intent to a.m.noor@ljmu.ac.uk by August 1st, 2015 including: a) a tentative manuscript title, b) contact information for corresponding author, c) names and affiliations of all authors, and d) a brief description of the manuscript content (up to 600 words) giving key information about theoretical relevance, design and method, sample details, and implications of findings. Authors who do not submit a letter of intent by the deadline may still submit manuscripts (no later than December 15th, 2015), but these will be considered for the special section only as space and time allow.

Manuscripts (no longer than 10,000 words including abstract, tables, figures, and references) should be prepared in accordance to the editorial guidelines of EJSP (see instructions to authors). Manuscripts should be submitted using the regular EJSP online system, specifying that the submission is for the

Special Section on Collective Victimhood. The submission website is:
<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ejsp>

Important dates

August 1st 2015 - deadline for expression of interest

December 15th 2015 – deadline for manuscripts submission

March 15th 2016 – provisional acceptance of papers

June 15th 2016 – submit final revisions