

CALL FOR PAPERS – ISPP 2015

San Diego, California 3-6 July 2015

The 38th Annual Meeting

The Psychology of Encounter and the Politics of Engagement

To be held at: Omni San Diego Hotel, San Diego, California (USA)
July 3-6, 2015

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Among the central challenges facing communities, nations, and the global community in recent years has been the growing tendency toward patterns of social and political exclusion, the building of barriers and the enforcement of borders, stigmatization and segregation of minorities, breakdowns in communication among diverse peoples, and the construction of parallel societies. Among other consequences, these trends have conditioned psychological stress and intergroup conflict. The disciplines of psychology and political science have generated research findings and stimulated new thinking that promise to address these challenges. The conference will generate a forum in which to consider the political psychology of integration, contact, dialogue, recognition, care, ethical responsibility, political mobilization and participation as well as the fostering of positive community relations.

We welcome individual papers and posters, as well entire panels and roundtables, which present theory and research on the psychology of encounter and the politics of engagement. Research can draw on all of the theoretical perspectives and methods in the field of political psychology including, but not limited to, social and political identities, discursive, rhetorical and narrative psychology, personality, leadership, values, cognitive and motivational processes, psychoanalytic approaches, intergroup relations, collective action, and genetic and biological factors. We are particularly interested in proposals that provide new theoretical or empirical insights into the psychology of encounter and the politics of engagement.

We also welcome panels, papers, posters, and roundtables on any topic in political psychology. The program chairs are interested in bringing together new research from the fields of psychology, political science, sociology, anthropology, biology, communications, economics, and philosophy. We hope to create an exciting intellectual exchange that will enrich political psychology and help us better understand the dynamics of politics in the world today.