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Special Issue Call for Papers: Psychological Measurement and Methodology in the Caribbean

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Most measures and methods for studying psychological phenomenon are developed in WEIRD (Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, and Democratic; Henrich et al., 2010) societies for WEIRD people. These measures and methodologies are then used in other countries and cultures around the globe without seriously considering whether they are appropriate. Though it is possible that some psychological phenomenon can be measured similarly, reliably, and validly across cultures (e.g., emotional facial expressions), most concepts require psychometric testing prior to use. Further, methods of assessment that work well in some cultures (e.g., Likert-scale self-reports) may not be as effective in cultures where education or literacy is low, for example.

The Caribbean region and its people, because of its history and economic development, is one region of the world that does not always meet WEIRD delineations. Thus, those of us working in the region or studying its people, should be questioning the psychometric properties of the measures we use and the methods we employ. The goal of this Special Issue is thus to provide a forum for researchers to present work about measurement and methodology of psychological phenomenon in the region. We are seeking contributions by researchers in the Caribbean, or researchers who conduct studies on Caribbean samples in the wider diaspora and abroad. We invite papers that include, for example, validation studies of widely-used measures in psychology or measures that may be particularly important to the development and wellbeing of Caribbean

people. Researchers developing novel methodologies relevant to Caribbean people are also encouraged to submit. Empirical work is preferred to review or discussion papers.

Submission Information:

Interested individuals should submit a 750-word abstract by **August 31, 2017** to Sideeka Ali. The abstracts will be reviewed by the guest co-Editors and full submissions will be invited and notified by **September 15, 2017**. The full manuscripts are due by **December 15, 2017**. Submission of a full-length manuscript does not guarantee eventual publication, as all manuscripts will be peer-reviewed. Note that authors who have submitted a full manuscript will also be asked to serve as a reviewer for 1 to 2 other manuscripts that are being considered for inclusion in this Special Issue. The expected publication date for the Special Issue is **April/May 2018**.

Manuscripts are to be submitted via the *Caribbean Journal of Psychology (CJP)* website:

<http://ojs.mona.uwi.edu/index.php/cjpsy/index>, and note that the submission is intended for the Special Issue on *Psychological Measurement and Methodology in the Caribbean*. Manuscripts should stick to the guidelines of the CJP: 10,000 words in length (all inclusive, except references) and APA style formatting.

For further information, or if you have any questions on whether your work is appropriate for the Special Issue, contact the guest co-Editors: Nicole Alea (Nicole.Albada@sta.uwi.edu) or Sideeka Ali (sideekaali@gmail.com).