

## Call for Papers

### **“The Changing Role of Media Use in Political Participation”** A Special Issue of the *Journal of Media Psychology*

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Political participation underwent fundamental changes in the last decades. Whereas traditional forms of political participation (e.g., voting, party membership) are in decline, other non-institutionalized forms (e.g., actions groups, protesting, political consumerism) have had an impact in different areas of the political life. This change has attracted attention of media psychologists as ‘the media’ seem to contribute to the development in two important ways: On the one hand the proliferation of mass media and new forms of online political communication in particular have increased the possibilities of political organizations, parties and grass-root movements to interact with and mobilize citizens (e.g., online political campaigning via Twitter and Facebook, liquid democracy features in parties and organizations or tools for e-governance ). On the other hand, the implementation of web 2.0 technologies has extended the idea of political participation by giving citizens the opportunity to engage in political processes by means of media use (e.g., sharing political information online, signing petitions online).

In this special issue we aim to show theory-based research that

(a) provides insights into the relationship between media use and political participation. This includes the use of traditional media and online media and their relationship to various forms of political participation.

(b) investigates (new) forms of political participation through online media use (e.g. online referendums, e-participation, e-government) as well as similarities and differences to traditional forms of participation (voting, protesting, petitioning).

The goal of this issue is to showcase a psychological perspective on political participation of media recipients and to advance theoretical approaches to the understanding of how political participation and media use are related. Studies should pay special attention to psychological processes (cognitive, emotional or behavioral mechanisms) and situational or personality moderators of how media use and political participation are related.

#### *Manuscript preparation and submission:*

We invite the submission of original empirical contributions as well as empirical reviews or meta-analyses. Authors should prepare an extended abstract (1000 words max.). Abstracts should include a theoretical outline, method(s) of the study/studies as well as an overview of the results. Please send your abstracts to [otto@uni-landau.de](mailto:otto@uni-landau.de). Deadline for the submission of abstracts is:

**May 15, 2015**

Authors of promising abstracts will receive an invitation to submit full papers for the special issue before June 15, 2015. *Full papers* should be submitted before **October 15, 2015**. Articles will be peer reviewed and a decision rendered within 50 days. The target publication date for the special issue is the third issue 2016. Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the journal’s author guidelines (available on the journal’s website at <http://www.hogrefe.com/periodicals/journal-of-media-psychology/>).

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