



# ISPP

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## Welcome to our Spring 2013 newsletter!



### Executive Director's Corner

I'd like to extend a big thanks to all those who responded to the Membership Survey conducted in December 2012, and a big thanks to those at Stony Brook University who conducted the survey for us. Much of the data has been synthesized, providing ISPP with a better understanding of what members value, what you'd like in terms of additional benefits/features, where you'd like to go for conferences, and other information. A report on the primary survey results was presented at the Governing Council Meeting in January 2013. The Central Office is working through the more detailed responses from the survey and, over time, ISPP will work to implement elements of your feedback.

But don't wait for a survey to give us your thoughts and express your concerns. ISPP belongs to all members. The Governing Council makes the decisions, but they need to know what the membership wants in order to factor in your wishes. The ISPP web site has several ways for member communications

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### Submission Information:

ISPPNews welcomes submissions focused on teaching and methods, as well as short essays or opinion pieces on current issues or debates in the discipline. We also publish book announcements, member kudos, and other professional news on a bi-annual basis.

Announcements of upcoming meetings, workshops, and events should be sent to the Central Office for distribution.

Your ideas for further improvements or additions to the ISPPNews are also welcome - please let us know what you would like to see here in the future!

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ISPPNews Editor

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and participation: e-mail the Central Office directly (see the “Contact” page), send us a message via the “Suggestion Box” (located in the bottom ribbon of each page on the ISPP web site), send us news/announcements via the “Share Your News” button (upper right corner of the ISPP web site), and tell us about your accomplishments and those of your colleagues for the “Member Spotlight” (located on the right side of the ISPP web site, just above the Member Log In; send information for this feature directly to the Central Office). The Central Office gathers and passes on member suggestions and concerns to the Governing Council. Your accomplishments can result in awards and small grants from ISPP, as well as nominations to serve on the Governing Council. So let us hear from you, survey or no!

A few brief updates and reminders:

- ISPP’s Nominating Committee is nearing completion of its nominating tasks. Keep an eye out for candidate bios and your opportunity to vote for the new Governing Council members soon!
- ISPP memberships for 2012 were still on the calendar year system and expired on 31 December 2012. As of 1 January 2013 however, ISPP shifted to a 12-month membership system, meaning memberships will expire one year from the time you joined or renewed (note: if you renewed your membership for 2013 in December, your membership will run on the 12-month cycle). You will still receive 6 issues of *Political Psychology* during the term of your membership.
- ISPP continues to work on improvements and expansions to the ISPP web site and systems. As of this newsletter, our membership system and the ISPP web site are still separate, so please allow us some time to extract member data from the membership system, and upload it to the ISPP web site for access to the Member area. We are working to get these systems integrated, but we’re not quite there yet.

- If you have any problems or complications with your member benefits, please e-mail the Central Office. Often the culprit is a duplicate member account, or an incorrect mailing or e-mail address, and is quickly rectified.
- Please keep ISPP updated with your current contact information. Some of you will graduate in a month or two and your e-mail and mailing addresses will change. Some of you will change jobs or go on sabbatical. Please be sure to notify the Central Office of changes in your contact information, so that we can keep you connected with ISPP, ensure that you get your issues of *Political Psychology*, and keep you informed about the Society via e-mail announcements. You can e-mail your new contact information to the Central Office, and we will make certain to update it for you right away.

Thank you all for your membership, and have a wonderful spring and summer!

Sincerely,  
Sev

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## President's Message

Dear ISPP members:

This has been a very eventful year for the Society as we have begun to professionalize our Central Office for the first time in our history under the able leadership of our new Executive Director, Sev Bennett. She has done a wonderful and admirable job of sifting through literally decades of materials to improve our record keeping and bring other aspects of our organization up to date and compliant with relevant laws and regulations. In that spirit, I encourage any members who have old records or archives that might be helpful for filling in some of the gaps in our history to contact the Central Office, since these records may be very useful to us. Many of you have had the chance to meet or interact with Sev, but others of you will notice some of the more public changes which have

recently taken place, especially the new design of the Society's website. More changes will be coming in this area as we work to try to increase both the membership and the internationalization of our organization. My successor—Stanley Feldman—will continue to work with Sev to further professionalize the Central Office in ways that should make future experiences with membership renewal, conference registration and all other aspects of interacting with the Central Office more streamlined and efficient.

We have had a few changes in leadership during this past term. James Druckman stepped down as Vice President as he assumed the co-directorship of the Time Sharing Experiments in Social Sciences. His wisdom and support are sorely missed, but we are very fortunate that Daniel Bar-Tal generously agreed to step in and fill the remainder of the term. In addition, we are in the process of searching for a new Treasurer for the Society. Please send any nominations, including self-nominations, to [Andrea Grove](#), the outgoing Treasurer, who will complete her term after the Annual Meeting. We will also be searching for a new newsletter Editor as well, since we have also come to the end of Melinda Jackson's term. Please also send nominations, including self-nominations for that position to [Melinda](#) or [Sev](#). I would like to express my sincere and deep gratitude to Andrea, Melinda and Jamie for their long, gracious, generous, selfless and extremely devoted service to the Society.

We are all looking forward to our Annual Meeting this summer at IDC-Herzliya in Israel July 8-11. The theme of the meeting is "Political Psychology of Global Conflict, Protest and Reconciliation." It is being hosted by the Dean of the Lauder School and the current Editor-in-Chief of our journal, *Political Psychology*, Alex Mintz, along with his Co-program Chairs Daphna Canetti and Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom. They are being assisted by a team of section leaders who are helping to organize what promises to be an exciting line-up of intellectually stimulating talks, panels and posters. We look forward to seeing everyone in Israel in July. I note in passing

that next year's 2014 meeting will be held in Rome, Italy.

It is also noteworthy that the journal has been flourishing, achieving a record number of submissions and achieving a high impact factor. I would like to thank all those Co-editors-- Paul 't Hart, Helen Haste, David Redlawsk, Katherine J. Reynolds, and James Sidanius and Associate Editors Eran Halperin and Steven Redd—who have all worked so hard to aid Alex Mintz in achieving such a strong showing for our flagship journal. We strongly encourage all our members to submit their best work for consideration at *Political Psychology*.

Finally, I would very much like to congratulate the winners of this year's small grants competition. The committee, composed of Bert Klandermans, Stanley Feldman, Andrea Grove, Rose McDermott, and Michael Bang Peterson awarded five grants of \$5,000 each to the following recipients: Anca Minescu; Grace Deason & Rebecca Hannagan; Gerhard Reese; Katherine Reynolds and Erin Hennes & Chadly Stern. We also continued our award for the Summer Academy for a third year. We are all very grateful to Tereza Capelos for her leadership in making this program such a success.

I look forward to watching our Society continue to grow and thrive as we continue to move into a new phase in our organizational development. We welcome any thoughts and ideas you may have on how to improve our Society in order to make it more useful and supportive for all its members.

Sincerely,  
Rose McDermott  
ISPP President

## Announcements

1. Job Announcements - Please see our [Announcements page](#) for job postings. They will be posted as they come to ISPP.

2. 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting in Rome, Italy - There has been a minor adjustment in

the conference dates to avoid conflicting with other events. Please see [this page](#) for the updated information.

3. Remember to create your profile in the Member area of the [ISPP web site!](#) Log in and create your profile to tell your fellow members all about yourself!

4. Be sure to check out the new Calendar Page in the Resources section on the ISPP web site. The Calendar lists events around the globe by month that may be of interest to ISPP members. If you have an event to announce, please [e-mail](#) the ISPP Central Office.

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### Be in the *Member Spotlight!*

ISPP has a feature on its web site to highlight member news, major achievements, who is doing significant work in the field, and the like. But we need your input! Brag about yourself and your colleagues! If you have some material for this section, please send an [e-mail](#) to the Central Office.

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### Registration for ISPP's 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting in Israel now open!

Conference registration is now open [here](#). Please see our [Meetings page](#) for additional important event and travel/visa information, and [here](#) for local information. Please note that your registration includes free admission to the Welcome and Awards Receptions! Be sure to register by 19 April to secure the discounted Member rate of \$205 USD!

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### Junior Scholars Committee

Greetings from the Junior Scholars Committee!

While in Western Europe the last snowflakes are twirling down, the ISPP Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) is looking forward to the annual meeting in Herzliya, Israel this summer. We are pleased to announce that

this year we will again organize several programs aimed at Junior Scholars. The JSC will prepare two roundtables related to professional development. One roundtable will focus on *Teaching Political Psychology* and discuss teaching experiences, pedagogies and strategies for Junior Scholars interested in political psychology classes. The second roundtable on *Translational Research and Public Policy* will relate to political psychology's unique perspective to inform public policy as well as intervention programs in settings of, to name a few, intergroup conflict and political transition. Like every year, the JSC will organize the Mentoring Tea where Junior Scholars can discuss their research interests and projects with leading scholars in their field, while enjoying tea and cookies. Registration for both mentees and mentors will be available soon. Furthermore, we are happy that we will again be able to award 13 Travel Awards of up to \$500 for Junior Scholars attending the annual conference. Details about eligibility and the application procedure can be found [here](#).

Apart from conference activities, the JSC is active on the web. For our blog we regularly solicit contributions by Junior Scholars on particular themes. Surf to <http://www.ispp.org/jsc/blog> to read about the meaning of hyphenated identities (by Yasemin Acar), emotional consequences of identity denial (by Yashpal Jogdand) and Latino identities in the American political world (by Angel Saavedra Cisneros), or about the psychological consequences of the economic recession (by Rosalie D. Clark). Our next theme is "Applying for Research Grants" and we invite Junior Scholars to exchange ideas and experiences by submitting an article for the blog (deadline June 14, 600-800 words). The blog is furthermore, together with Twitter (@ISPP\_JSC) and our Facebook page (/ISPPJuniorScholars), the place to find information on conferences, publications and discussions of interest to (junior) scholars in political psychology.

Soon we will be accepting applications for the 2013-2014 JSC, taking office after the annual meeting. Serving on the JSC provides you with the opportunity to get in touch with other

members of ISPP, the experience of working in an association such as the ISPP, and it will help to ensure the ISPP will take into account the unique needs of Junior Scholars. We will be accepting nominations for the position of newsletter-editor, professional development coordinator, mentoring program coordinator and chair-elect. For more information keep an eye on our blog, look out for the Junior Scholars newsletter, or contact us at [jsc@ispp.org](mailto:jsc@ispp.org).

As always, we appreciate any comments, advice or feedback on how we can best serve you, you can reach us at [jsc@ispp.org](mailto:jsc@ispp.org).

From the Junior Scholars Committee, we wish you a productive semester and we are excited to see you in Herzliya!

Jolanda van der Noll, Chair JSC 2012-2013  
Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

## Sign up as an ISPP Mentor!

This year's conference will once again host the popular Junior Scholar Mentoring Tea, which provides junior scholars with the opportunity to connect with leading researchers in their area of research. Through small group discussions (usually 3 junior scholars per mentor), the event offers junior scholars the chance for mentorship beyond their advisors or committee members. After the annual meeting, mentors and mentees are encouraged to maintain communication with one another.

Please consider signing up as a mentor. We would be delighted to add your name to the list so that junior scholars may have the opportunity to meet with you and learn from your experience. Young scholars are welcome too.

If you agree to participate in the Mentoring Tea, then please fill out the short form at the following website:

<http://tinyurl.com/ISPPmentor>

Feel free to contact us with questions or comments at [ispp.mentoringtea@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.mentoringtea@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
Jojanneke van der Toorn  
Monica Gerber

## Congratulations to the 2013 ISPP Small Grant Recipients!

ISPP is pleased to announce five recipients of 2013 small grants, each receiving \$5,000.

**Anca Minescu:** support for the project Marginalization of ethnic minorities in European countries, with a special focus on Travellers and Roma groups.

**Grace Deason & Rebecca Hannagan:** support for a research workshop to form and develop a network of political psychologists whose research focuses on gender with particular emphasis on intersectionality.

**Gerhard Reese:** small group conference on "Identity in a globalized world – Social psychological dynamics in the face of globalization", to be held from 31st May 2013 – 3rd June 2013 at the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Putbus, Germany.

**Katherine Reynolds:** funds for an ISPP pre-conference attached to the Australasian Society of Social Psychologists (SASP), the annual social psychology meeting for Australia and New Zealand.

**Erin Hennes & Chadly Stern** (for SPSP): support for political psychology pre-conference at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), the largest organization of social and personality psychologists in the world, February 2014.

Thank you to the ISPP allocations committee members: Bert Klandermans, Stanley Feldman, Andrea Grove, Rose McDermott, and Michael Bang Peterson.

For information about the ISPP Small Grants application cycle, check back [here](#) in late 2013.

## 2013 Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP)

### THE 2013 SUMMER INSTITUTE IN POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

**at Stanford University from July 14 – August 3, 2013**

Applications are being accepted for the 21st Annual Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), to be held at Stanford University July 14 to August 3, 2013. The SIPP program takes up to 60 participants and is filling up; there are still some spots available.

The Summer Institute offers three weeks of intensive training in political psychology. Political psychology is an exciting and thriving field that explores the origins of political behavior and the causes of political events, with a special focus on the psychological mechanisms at work.

Research findings in political psychology advance basic theory of human cognitive and social behavior and are an important basis for political decision-making practice.

SIPP was founded in 1991 at Ohio State University, and Stanford has hosted SIPP since 2005, with support from Stanford University and from the National Science Foundation. Hundreds of participants have attended SIPP during these years.

The 2013 SIPP curriculum is designed to (1) provide broad exposure to theories, empirical findings, and research traditions; (2) illustrate successful cross-disciplinary research and integration; (3) enhance methodological pluralism; and (4) strengthen networks among scholars from around the world.

SIPP activities will include lectures by world-class faculty, discussion groups,

research/interest group meetings, group projects, and an array of social activities.

Some of the topics covered in past SIPP programs include race relations, conflict and dispute resolution, voting and elections, international conflict, decision-making by political elites, moral disengagement and violence, social networks, activism and social protest, political socialization, and justice.

In 2013 SIPP will accept up to 60 participants, including graduate students, faculty, professionals, and advanced undergraduates. For detailed information and to apply, visit this website: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/sipp/>

Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis until all slots are filled, so applying soon maximizes chances of acceptance.

### ISPPNews Editor Search

ISPP is now inviting nominations for the next *ISPPNews* Editor, for a five-year term beginning this July. All current members are eligible to be nominated, and self-nominations are welcome. If you are interested in this position, please email [me](#) or [Sev Bennett](#) in the Central Office with a short statement describing your relevant skills and your vision for how the *ISPPNews* can best serve the membership in the next five years. I am also happy to answer any questions you might have about duties and details of the position – please feel free to email [me](#) with inquiries.

The new editor will be elected by the Governing Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, at this year's annual meeting in July. The *ISPPNews* Editor also serves as a member of the Governing Council and is expected to attend its meetings.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as the *ISPPNews* Editor for the last five years. This has been an exciting and innovative time as the society has welcomed a new website and moved to a more interactive communications model, and I am happy to have had the opportunity to play a part in this process along with the dedicated Central Office staff and

Governing Council members. I look forward to seeing the new communication features that will continue to evolve in the next few years!

Melinda Jackson  
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## ISPP Treasurer Search

ISPP also invites nominations for Treasurer, for a five-year term beginning July 2103.

The Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of the Society. He or she shall be elected by the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall:

1. In consultation with the President and Executive Director, develop an annual budget for the Society;
2. Manage the finances of the Society, receiving and dispensing funds in accordance with the policies and programs established by the Governing Council;
3. Report on the financial status of the Society to the Executive Committee, the Governing Council, and the annual Business Meeting.
4. Serve as a member of the Executive Committee and the Governing Council.

For more information on the Treasurer position, see the [ISPP Constitution](#).

Nominations, including self-nominations, should be sent by email to the outgoing Treasurer [Andrea Grove](mailto:andrea.grove@csuci.edu) (andrea.grove@csuci.edu).

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## Member Kudos

Herbert C. Kelman, the Richard Clarke Cabot Professor of Social Ethics, Emeritus, at Harvard University, received the Gold Medal of Honor from the Federal Capital of Vienna, "in recognition of his significant

achievements." The medal was presented to him at a ceremony in Vienna's City Hall on December 12, 2012. Professor Kelman was born in Vienna in 1927, escaped Nazi persecution with his family in 1939, and settled in the United States in 1940.

Congratulations to Professor Kelman on this well-deserved honor!

## ***The Sons of Pigs and Apes* by Neil J. Kressel Wins Book of the Year Award**

Neil J. Kressel's "[\*The Sons of Pigs and Apes\*](#)": [\*Muslim Antisemitism and the Conspiracy of Silence\*](#) (Potomac Books, November 2012) has just been selected as Book of the Year for 2012 by the *Journal for the Study of Antisemitism*.

Kressel charges that many in the West have ignored, minimized, or misunderstood a growing epidemic of virulent Jew-hatred in the Muslim world. He argues that reactions to this bigotry constitute a litmus test for Western liberal values, and that, increasingly, according political leaders, human rights activists, academics and – above all -- the antiracist Left have been failing this test.

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## Book Announcements

### ***Intractable Conflicts: Socio-Psychological Foundations and Dynamics***

Daniel Bar-Tal

Cambridge University Press-2013

This book provides a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and holistic analysis of the socio-psychological dynamics of intractable conflicts. Daniel Bar-Tal's original conceptual framework is supported by evidence drawn from different disciplines, including empirical data and illustrative case studies. His analysis rests on the premise that intractable conflicts share certain socio-psychological foundations, despite differences in their context and other characteristics. He describes a full cycle of intractable conflicts--their outbreak,

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escalation, and peace-building through reconciliation. Bar-Tal's framework provides a broad theoretical view of the socio-psychological repertoire that develops in the course of long-term and violent conflicts, outlines the factors affecting its formation, demonstrates how it is maintained, points out to its functions, and describes its consequences. The book also elaborates on the contents, processes and involved factors in the peace building process.

Daniel Bar-Tal has served as President of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) and received various prizes for his work, including ISPP's Harold Lasswell Award, given for distinguished scientific contributions in the field of political psychology, and ISPP's Nevitt Sanford Award, recognizing the practical application of political psychological principles and the creation of knowledge used by practitioners to make a positive difference in the way in which politics is carried out.

Click [here](#) to order.

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## **Submit a Proposal for a Future ISPP Annual Scientific Meeting Location!**

ISPP strives to expand its reach, domestically and internationally, and bring its Annual Scientific Meeting to different areas around the world. Efforts are made to hold two meetings outside of North America, followed by one in North America.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a future ISPP meeting location, please contact the Central Office at [info@ispp.org](mailto:info@ispp.org). They can provide you with the list of information needed to submit a proposal. Proposals can be submitted throughout the year, and will be considered by the Governing Council for the next selection of meeting locations as appropriate--North America, or the rest of the world.

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