

## Invitation to Submit Proposals for a New SPSSI-SASP Small Group Conference Series

Dear Colleagues,

Proposals/Letters of Interest are invited by February 3, 2014 and August 1, 2014 for the inaugural meetings of a new small group conference series jointly sponsored by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) and the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP).

A total of \$7,000 in support is available for each meeting as part of a collaboration between SPSSI and SASP. The purpose of the collaboration is to help strengthen links between the two organizations so that members of each may have opportunities to discuss research questions of mutual interest. This new series is modeled after the successful SPSSI-EASP small group conference series.

SPSSI and SASP wish to hold the first small group conference in 2014 in either the Eastern Pacific (anywhere in the United States) or Western Pacific (anywhere in Australia, New Zealand or another East Asian location) and to hold the 2015 meeting in the alternative location. Those interested in submitting a proposal for a 2015 meeting have the option of planning the small group meeting as a pre-conference event prior to the SASP Annual Meeting in Newcastle, NSW, Australia, but this is not required.

### Deadline for Proposals:

2014 Small Group Conference: February 3, 2014 with an April 1, 2014 decision

2015 Small Group Conference: August 1, 2014 with an October 1, 2014 decision

### Conference Proposal Guidelines:

*In most cases:*

- This program will support one meeting a year.
- Conference themes will be related to social issues and have international relevance (i.e., not focused on intra-national issues).
- At least 80% of persons attending the conference will be members of one or both organizations
- Representation from the two societies will be balanced: with no more than two-thirds of the participants being members of one of the organizations.
- Each conference will have two (or more) organizers; at least one will be a member of SPSSI and one a member of SASP. Preferably one organizer will be located in Australasia and the other in North America.
- Conference organizers are encouraged to facilitate publication of material on the conference topic through the [Journal of Social Issues](#) or SPSSI's [book series](#).

### Questions:

This new series will parallel the already-established SPSSI-EASP Small Group Series. Please see the SPSSI website for additional details:

<http://www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=970&nodeID=1>.

Those interested in submitting a proposal are strongly encouraged to send a short email with an Expression of Interest to David Livert [livert@psu.edu](mailto:livert@psu.edu) and Stefania Paolini [stefania.paolini@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:stefania.paolini@newcastle.edu.au) so that we can answer any questions and provide assistance in developing your proposal.

Regards,

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