

Journal of Social and Political Psychology Call for Papers Special Thematic Section on "The Social Psychology of Citizenship, Participation and Social Exclusion"

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We invite submissions to a special thematic section on "The Social Psychology of Citizenship, Participation and Social Exclusion".

Manuscripts can be theoretical articles, review articles, original research reports, replications and refinements, or commentaries. We are interested in submissions that examine the implications of various conceptualizations of citizenship for people's everyday lives. This includes the study of how formal definitions of citizenship, as encoded and enforced by government policy, impact upon the perceptions and experiences of citizens and non-citizens; how the informal everyday regulation of the public sphere (such as public space or government services) affects the rights and entitlements of groups or individuals; and how different understandings of citizenship across gender, socioeconomic class and culture lead to different perceptions of what is worthwhile civic behaviour. In particular, we would welcome papers which consider the inclusive potential of concepts of citizenship in facilitating participation across the spectrum of political, civic and community life as well as papers which consider the exclusive nature of citizenship in marginalizing, stigmatizing and denying rights and entitlements to individuals or groups.

In addition, we encourage submissions that offer innovative views and/or identify how the psychological study of citizenship might be enriched by other perspectives, within and outside of academia.

The deadline for submission of articles is 15th May 2014 (although manuscripts may already be submitted earlier and will be reviewed on a rolling basis). All submissions may be made via the journal's on-line system (<http://jspp.psychopen.eu/author/submit/>). The initial review and feedback process should be completed within three months and we aim to finalise the special section by the end of 2014. Informal inquiries concerning potential papers can be made to Clifford Stevenson (<mailto:clifford.stevenson@qub.ac.uk>).