

Call for Papers for the 2018 Special Issue of *Political Psychology*

**The Political Psychology of European Integration: Being mindful of Europe**

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**Overview:** The special issue 'The Political Psychology of European Integration: Being Mindful of Europe' seeks contributions that employ a political psychology perspective to empirically examine contemporary European politics debates (e.g. Brexit, The Eurozone Crisis, migration). The special issue encompasses five thematic sections: (1) Individual psychology; (2) Social psychology; (3) Social constructionism; (4) Psychoanalysis; (5) Critical psychology. Contributions may be theoretical or empirical, must fit one of the five psychological strands mentioned above, and focus on the current evolution of European integration.

**Aim and focus of the special issue:** In an era of European crises over political legitimacy, economic austerity, and collapse of confidence in the EU, the topic of European integration has become an emotional subject. The anger, which protestors demonstrate against economic austerity, the hate, which nationalist far-right parties express for the EU, and the passion with which supporters of the EU argue for greater integration are central to understanding political developments in Europe. Being mindful of Europe - reflecting on the ways in which psychology and politics are deeply implicated in understanding the European project, is no longer a scholarly recommendation; it is a political and practical necessity.

This special issue will provide the first coherent collection of articles, integrating the study of political psychology with European integration. With the above in mind, we invite articles that host empirically tested political psychological theories and approaches which provide valuable insights into European politics. The special issue proceeds from the argument that political psychology offers a strong and much-needed contribution for understanding the contemporary challenges facing European integration. Contributions will represent five different strands of political psychology - individual political psychology, social psychology, social construction (including discursive and narrative psychology), psychoanalysis, and critical political psychology (including critical theory, international political economy and political sociology), using both quantitative and qualitative political-psychological methodologies. This special issue will appeal not only to political psychologists, but also to scholars of European public policy and European integration, as well as practitioners.

**Timeline:** A detailed article draft (500 - 1000 words with abstract) should be sent to **t.capelos@bham.ac.uk** no later than **20 November 2017**. If successful, authors must prepare for an intensive process. Finalized manuscripts (8,000 words) must be delivered by **31 January 2018** to undergo formal review process, subject to the procedures and standards of Political Psychology. Publication in the special issue depends on a successful final review and the editors' final assessment.