Call for Papers - Special Issue on "Emotions in Socio-Political Contexts" of Journal "Affective Science"

Theme of the Special Issue: Emotions and other relevant affective processes play a key role in almost every aspect of our social and political lives. In recent decades, scholars from various disciplines have studied the ways in which emotions shape and direct our political decisions and behavior, as well as the ways in which social and political events influence our daily emotional experiences. This research has focused on how affective processes relate to a broad range of political processes and behaviors, including voting, political participation and collective action, intergroup conflict and its resolution, ideology and political polarization, radicalization and political intolerance, social media, and more. These social and political emotional processes can be studied at the individual as well as the collective level, and insights from both approaches can both illuminate fundamental socio-political processes and inform interventions designed to alter and improved them (through different forms of emotion regulation).

The goals of this special issue are to showcase novel theoretical ideas and empirical evidence on the interactions between emotional processes on the one hand and social-political processes on the other hand across a range of (inter)disciplinary areas. We invite submissions from multiple disciplines, including – but not limited to – psychology (social, political, developmental, cultural, cognitive, psycholinguistics, etc.), political science, sociology, communication science, computer science, and neuroscience. At Affective Science, affective processes are broadly construed, and include emotion, mood, stress, motivation, reward processes, and affective evaluations. This call is directed at empirical articles, but theoretical articles may be considered in exceptional cases.

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• Specifications for the research article: limit to 2,000 words (including all introductory and discussion material in the main text, any footnotes, and acknowledgements). Abstract to be no longer than 150 words. Method and Results have no word limits. There are no limits on figures, tables, or references.

• Specifications for the brief report: limit to 750 words (including all introductory and discussion material in the main text, any footnotes, and acknowledgements). Abstract to be no longer than 150 words. Method and Results have no word limits. Maximum of two figures or tables and 20 references.

• Specifications for the theoretical article: limit to 4,000 words (including all main text, any footnotes, and acknowledgements). Abstract to be no longer than 150 words. They are no limits on figures, tables, or references.

• Supplemental materials/results may be submitted with the article and will be part of the review process. We will not publish supplemental material that is un-reviewed (SOM-U).

Proposals are due by May 1, 2020. Authors who will be invited to submit a full article will be notified by June 1st. Full manuscripts will be due by December 1, 2020, with the plan to finalize the special issue by mid-2021.

Proposals should be one-page double spaced. For research articles a description of the question, participants, design, methods, and results are required. Data collection must be completed and data
must be fully analysed at the time of submission. For theoretical articles, include a synopsis of the major themes of the paper.

Proposals can be submitted through emotions.in.politics.aff.s@gmail.com.

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