Title: Colonial past and intercultural relations

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Abstract submission deadline: 15 April 2016

The consequences of colonialism are not only important in shaping our “world of nations” at the level of international relations. Their contemporary repercussions are also present in the psychosocial dynamics at work among former colonized and former colonizing peoples, such as identity building, collective emotions, traumatic processes, intergroup relations, prejudice, discrimination, and acculturation processes. However, social psychological studies dealing with the current implications of colonial history and memories in contemporary societies are scarce (about this, see Valentim, 2011; Volpato & Cantone, 2005; Volpato & Licata, 2010). This special issue aims at filling this gap, as well as at promoting the development of dialogue and interdisciplinary work in this domain between social psychology and other social sciences, such as history, anthropology and political science. The main focus here is on the relevance of historical representations and collective memories of the colonial past with regard to contemporary relations between groups. In that vein, we invite contributions focused, among others, on: the content and structure of social representations of colonial history; the emotional and cognitive impacts of the colonial past; or the narrative transmission of colonial history; and how colonial past is shaping contemporary acculturation processes and intergroup attitudes and relations.

This special issue will host original empirical-based research, employing different methodologies (e.g. archives, interviews, questionnaire surveys or experiments), as well as theoretical papers that rely on a systematic review of the empirical literature.

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Timeline:
Abstract submission deadline: 15 April 2016 The abstract (around 500 words) should clearly present the theoretical framework, the research goals (hypotheses if appropriate), the methods used (providing specific details about materials/samples and analytical tools), the main results, and the main topics of
discussion (focusing on the scientific novelty and contribution of the study) as well as the general evaluation of fit of the study with the special issue.

A first selection of papers will be made on the basis of these abstracts. The invited articles will be subjected to the normal review process and thus the invitation to submit the full article does not guarantee eventual publication.

Decision on invited papers: 30 April 2016 Paper submission deadline: 30 June 2016 Feedback on manuscripts: 30 September 2016 Revised final manuscript due date: 30 October 2016

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