

News and Announcements

Call for Papers

“Advancing Sustainable Livelihoods: Non-WEIRD Psychological Perspectives”

A Topical Issue of *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation* (as Part of a Multi-Journal Special Issue)

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Sustainable livelihoods are all about having hope for the future. They protect people from crises, and they enable people to flourish and thrive. (Professor Stuart Carr, UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Livelihoods, UNESCO New Zealand National Commission, 2022)

Drawing from the standpoint of Humanitarian Work Psychology (Carr, 2023) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this special issue seeks to focus on sustainable livelihoods by examining the role of work in reaching the SDGs. Specifically, we welcome **papers that are inclusive of authors in non-WEIRD (Western, Educated, Industrialised, Rich, Democratic) societies that consider the Indigenous context and explore from a psychological perspective:**

- The nexus among work, wellbeing, and work effectiveness
- Social protection for working individuals, their families, and/or communities
- Quality of work life
- Rights at work
- Living wages
- Precarious and informal work
- Equalities and inequalities in the workplace
- Work justice
- Individuals' experiences in sustainable organizations
- Alternatives to paid work for creating sustainable livelihoods

Submissions can be empirical papers with samples/ participants from one or several countries that utilize qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods approaches as well as systematic reviews or policy briefs. Submissions must include at least one author from the geographical region to which the manuscript refers. Authors must connect their work to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with particular focus on SDG 1—No Poverty; SDG 3—Good Health and Wellbeing; SDG 8—Decent Work and Economic Growth; and SDG 10—Reduced Inequalities.

Timeline

- December 31, 2023: Deadline for the Letter of Intent to be a part of the Special Issue

Interested authors may submit a letter of intent to mcalleja@ateneo.edu. The letter should include: (1) a tentative title, (2) a description (600 words or less) of the proposed submission, including anticipated methods, samples, and how this research advances the interface between research and practice, (3) a short statement of 1–3 sentences written in plain English for the educated public at the beginning of the manuscript on how your study is important to helping to meet SDGs 1, 3, 8, and/or 10; (4) names and affiliations of all anticipated authors; and (4) contact information of the corresponding author.

- January 31, 2024: Editors will contact the authors of the submitted letters of intent, inviting those with good promises to submit their full paper.
- July 31, 2024: Deadline for full paper submission.

About the Multi-Journal Special Issue

Coordinators: James H. Liu and Itesh Sachdev

In a world threatened by existing problems like working poverty, income inequality, racial injustice, human rights violations, political instabilities, gender inequities, pandemics, and housing water and food shortages, academic silos are a luxury/vanity that none of us can afford. This is especially true as climate change threatens to exacerbate some of these issues. Psychology is relatively fragmented, and like other social sciences is not yet focused on sustainability in the deeper and more interconnected sense. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its Common Agenda (see <https://sdgs.un.org/>

goals or <https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda>) for achieving these are used as the framework for coordinating a Multi-Journal Special Issue, where each journal issues its own Call for Papers, but communicates and coordinates with the others to advance the connections between research and practice across association and regional divides. Participating journals currently include *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, *Journal of Pacific-Rim Psychology*, *Political Psychology*, *Vietnamese Journal of Psychology*, *Philippine Journal of Psychology*, and *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research Practice Consultation* (with more journals invited to join).

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