



CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE “Political Psychology: Where Do We Go From Here?”

Submission deadline: February 1, 2010.

The first Special Issue of *Political Psychology* under its new Editors will be published in April/June 2011. It seems to us to be an appropriate time to take stock of the field of political psychology and in particular consider its future directions. We invite papers that address this agenda to be considered for this issue.

Attempting to imagine the future of a field as big and complex as political psychology is a challenging task. We invite both *descriptions* of where it is headed under present conditions and trends, as well as *prescriptions* of where it ought to be heading, how, and why. There are pitfalls in any future-gazing. We tend to predict ‘more of the same’ as now, but tweaked slightly. It is striking how few major political changes or social movements were predicted by social scientists (though we analyze them intensively once they happen). So we urge you to be both brave and creative – though rigorous – in considering possible future scenarios or agendas.

Papers may take any one of a number of approaches; our intent is to think broadly rather than limit. We welcome:

- new theoretical approaches
- approaches from other fields that may enrich our field
- critical, reflective pieces
- contributions focusing on practical/policy implications
- examinations of the methods we use or that we should use
- papers about new domains or topics that are becoming salient, or that should do so

Finally, we also challenge authors to consider tackling sensitive or difficult questions that they feel the field has tended to avoid.

Papers should be no longer than 6000 – 8000 words. As with all submissions to *Political Psychology*, papers will be evaluated for scholarly rigor, innovation, international perspective and potential impact on the field through our standard peer review process.

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Informal queries in advance may be sent to Helen Haste, who will be taking responsibility for this Special issue, at helhaste@aol.com.

Sincerely,

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