

Call for Papers

“The Elephant in the Room: A Psychology of Racism Within the European Context”

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Focus of the Topical Issue, Aims, and Scope

Racism is currently a topic of intense debate, both in Europe and across the globe, spanning society and the realm of science. The concept of *racism* is broad and sometimes fuzzy (Shiao & Woody, 2021), but it is often described as the exercise of power to the disadvantage of racialized groups (e.g., Jones, 1972). Racism describes the process and consequences of categorizing people into homogeneous groups based on their appearance or cultural attributions. Racism is a cultural-psychological phenomenon, historically derived, and instantiated at the individual level as well as in institutions, practices, society, and other manifestations of “mind-in-context” (e.g., Salter et al., 2017). In this topical issue, we focus on diverse forms of racism (e.g., Anti-Black racism, Anti-Muslim racism, Anti-Semitism, etc.).

This topical issue has four objectives. First, it aims to critically reflect on the merits but also limitations of psychological research and theorizing on racism that focus on individual and group-based cognition, emotion, and behavior. Second, it aims to highlight current and innovative psychological research on racism while stimulating dialog between psychology and other social and cultural sciences. A third aim of this topical issue is to show the intersections of racism with other forms of group-based inequality. Finally, it is important to acknowledge that research on racism – in

psychology and beyond – has been heavily influenced by a North American perspective. However, context is important in the study of racism as the social groups most affected by it as well as the conceptions and definitions of race can vary significantly depending on the context. Consequently, a fourth aim of the topical issue is to advance psychological research on racism from a European perspective.

In this call for papers, we invite empirical and conceptual contributions from all subdisciplines of psychology (e.g., clinical; cognitive; developmental; organizational; social and personality). Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Conceptualizations of racism in psychology
- Distinctions or intersections between racism and other forms of group-based enmity and discrimination
- The relation between institutional racism and racism at the individual level
- Methodological challenges in psychological research on racism
- Assessment of the unique contributions but also limitations of psychology in understanding and combating racism
- Investigating antecedents and consequences of racism
- Critical perspectives on racism

We welcome empirical papers, short reports, meta-analyses, reviews, and theoretical contributions. The

regional focus of the topical issue is on Europe, but this does not exclude contributions with a comparative focus (e.g., between Europe and other regions). Moreover, we encourage potential authors to ground their contributions on psychological theory and research while also striving to integrate perspectives outside our discipline (e.g., sociological, historical, or postcolonial perspectives).

How to Submit

There is a two-stage submission process. Initially, interested authors are requested to submit structured abstracts of their intended manuscript before submitting the full papers. Authors of the selected abstracts will then be invited to submit full papers. All papers will undergo blind peer review.

Stage 1: Structured Abstract Submission

Authors interested in this special issue must submit a structured abstract of the planned manuscript before submitting a full paper. The goal is to provide authors with prompt feedback regarding the suitability and relevance of the planned manuscript to the special issue.

The deadline for submitting structured abstracts is March 15, 2024.

Feedback on whether or not the editors encourage authors to submit a full paper will be given by April 15, 2024.

Submission guidelines for structured abstracts

Structured abstracts should not exceed one page (font size: 12; line spacing: 1.5). Structured abstracts should include the following elements (please use the following headers for your abstract):

- (a) Submission Format (i.e., theoretical paper, review, empirical paper, etc.),
- (b) Background,
- (c) Research question(s) and/or hypothesis/es,
- (d) Method/Approach (including sample size),
- (e) Results/Findings,
- (f) Conclusions and implications.

The structured abstracts for theoretical paper, meta-analyses, and reviews may deviate from this scheme, but must still clearly describe the content of the

submission and its contribution to the objectives of the topical issue.

Structured abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to the guest editor Susanne Veit (submission-racism@dezim-institut.de).

Stage 2: Full Paper Submission

The full papers must be submitted through the online submission system of the journal, Editorial Manager at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/zfp/default.aspx>

For authors who received an invitation to submit a full paper,

the deadline for submission of manuscripts is August 15, 2024.

Full manuscripts will undergo a blind peer-review process.

Submission guidelines for full papers

- Only English language submissions will be considered.
- Contributions must be original (not published previously or currently under review for publication elsewhere).
- Review articles and meta-analyses should not exceed 7,000 words in length, original papers should not exceed 6,000 words, and short reports should not exceed 2,500 words, including references, figures, and tables (a quarter-page figure/table counts approximately 1,250 characters).
- All research syntheses should adhere to the meta-analytic reporting standards (MARS) proposed by the APA (<http://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/jars.pdf>). Additionally, authors should include a statement in accordance with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) statement (<http://www.prisma-statement.org>) as a supplemental file for review.
- Reference citations in the text and in the reference list should be in accordance with the principles set out in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.).
- Supplementary material must be made available through PsychArchives: <https://www.psycharchives.org/>
- See also any recent issue of the journal.

For detailed author guidelines, please see the journal's website at www.hogrefe.com/j/zfp/

Timeline

- **March 15, 2024:** Structured abstract submissions due
- **April 15, 2024:** Feedback provided to authors
- **August 15, 2024:** Full paper submissions due
- **December 15, 2025:** Feedback provided to authors of full paper submissions due
- **February 15, 2025:** Revised manuscripts due
- **March 15, 2025:** Editorial decision about acceptance/refusal of revised papers due
- **Issue 3 (2025):** Publication of topical issue

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