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Call for Submissions

Special Section of the British Journal of Social Psychology

on

“Innovation in Theory and Research on Collective Action and Social Change”

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This Special Section of the British Journal of Social Psychology seeks to bring together exciting and new research on collective action and social change that represents significant steps towards innovation. The leading questions in this literature are which social-psychological factors motivate individuals to engage in collective action to achieve social change (e.g., petitions, demonstrations, boycotts), and which social-psychological processes can explain these effects.

We specifically seek contributions that incorporate new insights from *psychological* theory and research (e.g., cognitive factors such as regulatory focus and self-regulation; emotional factors such as the motivational effects of different group-based emotions on collective action, and the communicative functions of such emotions in the context of social change), and from *sociological* theory and research (e.g., the impact of contextual variation on collective action participation such as variation in resource and opportunities, network size, and the use of new media/technology to instigate collective action and social change).

Indeed, whereas the social-psychological literature has recently moved through a phase of integration (e.g., Van Zomeren, Postmes & Spears, 2008), it is clear that there is a growing need to theorize and study *novel* psychological variables and processes to better explain the occurrence or absence of collective action and social change. Although much is known about factors such as social identity and the experience of group-based injustice and group efficacy, we welcome contributions that theorize and document the influence of other important factors (as well as their relationship with these classic factors).

At the same time, it is clear that the social psychology of collective action and social change offers important psychological mechanisms that may (or may not) be able to explain the influence of sociological factors (Klandermans, 1997; Van Stekelenburg & Klandermans, 2007). Therefore, we welcome contributions that explicitly link sociological theory and research on collective action and social change with social-psychological process variables to test their complementary value.

Submissions should be made electronically through the BJSP online submission website:

<http://www.editorialmanager.com/bjsp/mainpage.html>. In the submission letter, please indicate that the manuscript is submitted for consideration for publication in this Special Section. Please direct inquiries to the guest editors: Martijn van Zomeren (m.van.zomeren@rug.nl), or Bert Klandermans (PG.Klandermans@fsw.vu.nl).

The deadline for submissions is **September 1, 2010**.

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