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President's Corner July 2026

Dear ISPP members,

I hope this finds you well.

As my term as ISPP President draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and to thank the people who made it meaningful.

It has, at times, been a challenging year for our field and our society. Political psychology asks us to grapple with difficult questions about power, conflict, and human behavior in a turbulent world, and our own community has not been immune to strain. I hope that, together, we have taken real steps toward rebuilding trust and strengthening the sense of collegiality and shared purpose that makes ISPP special. That work is never finished, but I am optimistic about where we stand.

None of what we've accomplished this year would have been possible without our Executive Committee and Governing Council, whose dedication and good judgment I've relied on frequently (maybe incessantly!) throughout the year. I'm also deeply grateful to our new Central Office team at Capitol Hill Management Services, especially Executive Director Mike Breslin and Associate Manager Breanne Clark, for their steady hands during a transition year. I'd also like to thank our ISPPNews Editor, Andrea Correa-Chica, for putting together a terrific set of newsletters this year (and to publicly apologize to her for getting my President's Corner entries to her so late!). And a special thank you to our Conference Committee, led by Rosario Aguilar, Bo Chan, and Aleks Ksiazkiewicz, who have put together what promises to be an outstanding program for our Newcastle conference 16-19 July. I can't wait to see so many of you there!

Finally, it has been the privilege of my career to serve as your President. I'm delighted to pass the torch to Michał Bilewicz, whose leadership I know will carry ISPP forward with wisdom and care. Thank you for trusting me with this role, and I look forward to the years ahead for our society.

Sincerely,

In Memoriam: Bert Klandermans



The International Society of Political Psychology has lost one of its most cherished members. With the passing of Bert Klandermans, we have lost a pioneering scholar, an extraordinary mentor, a former ISPP President, a bridge-builder across disciplines and continents, and above all a deeply generous and warm person.

For more than four decades, Bert shaped how we understand collective action, protest, social movements, and political participation. His scholarship fundamentally changed how we think about why ordinary people become politically engaged. At a time when structural explanations dominated the field, Bert placed individuals—their grievances, identities, motivations, opportunities, and emotions—at the center of analysis. His work brought together social psychology, sociology, and political science in ways that transformed not only collective action and protest studies, but political psychology more broadly.

Bert was a scholar of rare intellectual breadth. He believed that the most important questions could not be answered from within a single discipline or theoretical tradition. Throughout his career, he built bridges: between sociology and psychology, between European and American research traditions, and between theory and practice. He helped generations of scholars see that political behavior emerges through the interaction of individuals, organizations, and social contexts, a perspective that continues to shape research across our field.

His scientific contributions were remarkable in both their scope and ambition. From peace movements, labor unions, women's movements, and farmers' protests to democratic transitions in South Africa, right-wing extremism in Europe, and protest participation across the globe, Bert's work was always driven by the same fundamental question: why do people engage in collective action? His answer was never simplistic. Through large-scale comparative studies across countries and over time, he demonstrated what he often called the virtue of comparison. Few scholars have contributed more to establishing comparative political psychology and comparative social movement research as international fields of inquiry.

Even at an age when many scholars retire, Bert continued to push the boundaries of the field. In 2013 he received a prestigious ERC Advanced Grant to study political participation in old and new democracies. The project reflected a lifelong commitment to understanding how citizens seek to influence politics and how political participation evolves across different societal and institutional contexts.

Yet Bert's impact cannot be measured by publications, citations, grants, or awards alone.

Bert had a rare gift for creating community. He had an extraordinary ability to recognize potential in others long before they recognized it in themselves. Generations of scholars benefited from his encouragement, wisdom, and confidence. He supervised dozens of doctoral students, many of whom went on to become leading scholars in their own right. One of his former PhD students captured the experience perfectly:

“Working under Bert’s supervision is undoubtedly one of the best educational experiences I have ever had. Every conversation with him is a deep scientific journey which fills you with understanding of the field and self-confidence at the same time. That said, Bert finds it easy to acknowledge that his PhD’s in time become more knowledgeable than he is on certain topics. At that moment he will generously introduce you to his extensive (inter)national network for further support. He does not only introduce his PhD students to the international scientific community, but also provides them with appealing possibilities to collaborate in publications and research projects. Besides, he has brilliant motivating abilities! Every time I struggle with my dissertation, he inspires me and makes me appreciate the process of writing. I am really proud of being able to work with professor Klandermans!”

This sentiment resonates with many who had the privilege of working with him.

His commitment to ISPP reflected these same qualities. As President of the Society, Bert played a pivotal role in its professionalization and long-term development. He helped strengthen the organizational foundations of ISPP, including the transition of Political Psychology to Wiley, which significantly enhanced the journal's international visibility and professional support. He was also instrumental in establishing a more professional organizational structure for the Society through the appointment of an Executive Director, helping ensure continuity, growth, and stability for future generations of members. Bert understood that strong scholarship requires strong institutions, and he invested considerable energy in building both.

His dedication to the Society and to the broader field of political psychology was recognized in 2013 when he received the Harold D. Lasswell Award, ISPP's highest honor. Yet perhaps his greatest legacy lies not in the awards he received, the grants he secured, or the thousands of citations his work accumulated. It lies in the people he inspired, the careers he helped shape, the intellectual bridges he built, and the communities he fostered.

Bert also believed deeply in the societal relevance of science. His research was continuously inspired by societal developments and conducted in close dialogue with policymakers, social movements, NGOs, unions, and public institutions. He saw no contradiction between academic excellence and public engagement. In recognition of his exceptional efforts to bridge science and society, he was appointed Knight in the Order of the Dutch Lion in 2009, one of the Netherlands’ highest royal honors.

Bert Klandermans leaves behind an extraordinary scholarly legacy, but also something far more enduring. He helped make political psychology more international, more interdisciplinary, more collaborative, and more humane because he was part of it.

He will be profoundly missed.

By Prof. Jacquélien van Stekelenburg

Save the dates! ISPP's upcoming meetings

Our [2027 Annual Meeting](#) will be held at the Postillion Hotel in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on July 6–9.

If you are interested in hosting a future ISPP conference, please [contact the Central Office](#) to obtain the necessary guidelines and materials.

Scholars Under Threat (SUT) Committee

It is hard to believe that we are now just weeks away from ISPP's Annual Conference in Newcastle! Regardless of how fast the date has crept up on us, the SUT Committee is looking forward to seeing you all in person and hopes that you can attend one (or better yet, all!) of the three roundtables we are hosting or co-hosting this year.

First, we are continuing the conversation with Dr Hasan-Aslih (Session 58; Friday, 17 July from 8.30 to 10.00am) following her keynote the previous evening. Then, we have an SUT Roundtable on Decolonizing Political Psychology (Session 71; Saturday, 18 July from 1.30 to 2.30pm) where we will chat with scholars from across the globe who will share their valuable insights on decolonizing the field. Finally, we are co-hosting with the Early Career Committee a third and final session devoted to listening to early career scholars who have direct or indirect experience with being under threat to better understand how ISPP can best support emerging scholars who are facing persecution (Session 102; Sunday, 19 July 10.30am to Noon). These are all exciting opportunities to get together as a community and find ways to provide tangible support to our colleagues whose rights are under attack.

As a final note, we'd like to provide a brief update on where the SUT Committee sits in terms of our Emergency Funds programme. We have provided emergency funds to nearly a dozen scholars from across the globe so that they can purchase essential needs including groceries, medicine, and emergency housing. Although ISPP has graciously provided us with an annual budget to support this programme, we are quickly running out of funds for this year given the increasing uncertainty in the global community (and we have 6 months to go until the end of the year!). As such, we would like to remind members of ISPP that you can donate to the Scholars Under Threat Fund [here](#). If you are in a financial position where you can donate, we would greatly appreciate it. All funds go towards supporting scholars who are facing extremely difficult times. Thanks for considering, and see you all in Newcastle!

Call for the Twinning Program

Call in English [see below for the calls in Arabic, French, Spanish and Turkish]

We are happy to announce that applications remain open for our Twinning Program for Scholars under Threat (ISPP members who lost their academic positions or their income in direct connection with political persecution and/or to members who have been displaced as a result of political persecution). The Twinning Program aims to facilitate scholarly collaborations between threatened political psychologists and program partners. These collaborations can offer the opportunity for threatened scholars to continue their academic activities, maintain and advance their careers, and stay integrated within the international political psychology community. Partners can also engage in political advocacy on behalf of threatened scholars. We are grateful to the 24 scholars who have already expressed their interest in working together with a scholar under threat as partners. We would kindly like to ask our members to reach out to those scholars within their networks around the world who may benefit from participating in the Twinning Program. Click [here](#) to apply.

[Call for the Twinning Program in Arabic](#)

[Call for the Twinning Program in French](#)

[Call for the Twinning Program in Spanish](#)

[Call for the Twinning Program in Turkish](#)

See our [Scholars under Threat webpage](#) for an overview of our initiatives and information on how YOU can help.

Call for submissions

Call for Papers – Article Collection in *Social Influence*

Issue: Registered Proof of Concept Articles in Social Influence

Social Influence Journal is introducing a new article format — the Registered Proof of Concept — and invites submissions across the full scope of social influence research.

Many of the most innovative ideas in the field require complex designs, behavioral measures, or hard-to-obtain samples, which often pushes scholars toward self-report measures on online platforms. The Registered Proof of Concept lets researchers present and evaluate the feasibility of a new research question or method before conducting a full-scale study. By shifting the emphasis to feasibility and novelty, the format lowers barriers for scholars with ambitious questions but limited resources or networks, encourages methodological diversity, and fosters collaboration. Importantly, Social Influence

commits to publishing follow-up studies that build directly on these proofs of concept, ensuring continuity and visibility for both the initial idea and its eventual large-scale test.

Submissions are welcome across persuasion, conformity, compliance, power, coalition formation, social exclusion, norms, and group processes. Papers should present a clear research question, a feasible methodological design, and sufficient sampling to demonstrate viability; authors are expected to share materials openly and conclude with a call for collaboration. Work that moves beyond self-reported intentions and engages with behavioral measures in real or experimental contexts will be prioritized.

How it works

This is a two-stage, registered-report-style format aimed at proving a method's viability rather than testing a hypothesis at full power. In Stage 1, authors submit only the Introduction and Methods (with proposed analyses and a power analysis) before collecting data; strong proposals receive an in-principle acceptance and register their protocol on OSF. In Stage 2, after running the study exactly as approved, authors add Results and Discussion and share their data and materials openly — and the paper is published regardless of the results. The format is especially well suited to early-career scholars with ambitious ideas but limited resources, and to those committed to open science and collaboration. Note that only the Stage 1 proposal is due by the July 31, 2026 deadline — not the completed study.

Guest Advisors

- Ilja van Beest, Tilburg University, Netherlands (Editor-in-Chief, Social Influence)
- Daniel Lakens, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands

Submission deadline: July 31, 2026 | [More information](#)

Call for Papers – Special Issue in *Journal of Marketing Management*

Issue: The Disinformation Economy: Digital Markets of Influence, Conflict, and Polarization

The *Journal of Marketing Management* invites submissions for a special issue examining how the platform economy monetizes attention and, in doing so, amplifies disinformation, incendiary content, and political polarization.

Under the platform economy, every engagement has monetary value, encouraging content creators and algorithmic recommendation systems to circulate the material most likely to capture attention — even when it is polarizing or false. The term "Disinformation Economy" highlights how actors circulating disinformation extract financial benefits from digital advertising

infrastructures (AdTech), with brands inadvertently funding fake-news sites and "dark money" actors running influence campaigns unchecked. Policymakers increasingly recognize these dynamics as "hybrid threats" to democratic institutions. This special issue invites contributions that conceptualize and theorize disinformation at the intersection of business, marketing, and society.

Topics of interest

- Whether and how programmatic advertising funds fake news?
- How do the recommender algorithms amplify incendiary content?
- How can AI-generated content be used to spread disinformation?
- Do the monetization schemes of the creator economy reward polarization?
- How do influence operations exploit marketing infrastructures?
- What initiatives and interventions can strengthen societal resilience to disinformation?
- What forms of platform governance can protect liberal deliberative democracies?
- What methodologies, including Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT), can be used to investigate disinformation on AdTech and social media?

Guest Editors

- Carlos Diaz Ruiz, Hanken School of Economics, Finland
- Sofia Ulver, Lund University, Sweden
- James Pamment, Psychological Defense Research Institute, Lund University, Sweden

Submission deadline: September 15, 2026 | [More information](#)

Call for Papers – Special Issue in *Journal of Gender Studies*

Issue: Moral Panics and Gender Studies

The *Journal of Gender Studies* (Taylor & Francis) invites submissions for a special issue examining how gender operates within, through, and across moral panics in contemporary societies.

In recent years, political shifts across Western and non-Western countries have increasingly mobilized anxieties around gender, sexuality, identity, and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) policies. Extremist and nationalist discourses draw heavily on these anxieties, amplified through traditional and digital media, constructing perceived threats to social order and fueling waves of moral panic.

From debates over feminism and LGBTQ+ rights to contested narratives of masculinity and family, gender has become a key terrain on which wider political battles over culture, nation, and morality are fought — including transnational "anti-gender" crusades that target gender scholarship itself. This

special issue revisits and expands the concept of moral panic (Cohen, 1972) to understand how these dynamics regulate identities and behaviors while shaping public debate, political agendas, and state interventions. Contributions are invited to use the moral panic framework reflexively, interrogating both its analytical purchase and its limitations.

Topics of interest

- Rethinking moral panic theory through gender studies
- Feminist, queer, and intersectional studies applying or critically contributing to the moral panic models
- Gendered moral panics in traditional and digital media
- Media and political discourses and moral panics surrounding “gender ideology,” trans rights, and sexual citizenship
- Moral panics and moral regulation of sexuality, reproduction, and family life
- Moral panics related to forms of masculinity and misogyny
- Online and digital moral panics: social media outrage, trolling, and gender-related disinformation
- The role of institutions (e.g., law, education, religion) in (re)producing, circulating, or countering gender-related moral panics
- Moral entrepreneurs, claim-makers and gender-related moral panics
- Comparative and historical analyses of gender-related moral panics
- Emotional dimensions of gender-related moral panics
- Rethinking moral panic theory through gender, emotions, and intersectionality

The issue welcomes interdisciplinary dialogue among sociology, criminology, gender and feminist/queer/transgender studies, behavioral studies, media and communication studies, cultural studies, and related fields. Authors should submit an abstract (max. 500 words) indicating research focus, theoretical approach, and methodological orientation, plus a short bio (up to 100 words), to both guest editors by September 15, 2026.

Guest Editors

- Morena Tartari, Northumbria University, UK (morena.tartari@northumbria.ac.uk)
- Anita Lavorgna, University of Bologna, Italy (anita.lavorgna@unibo.it)

Submission deadline: September 15, 2026 | [More information](#)

Call for Papers – Special Issue in *Academy of Management Perspectives*

Issue: Managing Under Political Turbulence

Academy of Management Perspectives (AMP) invites submissions for a special issue on how organizations and their stakeholders navigate rising political turbulence — from violent conflict and volatile political transitions to

geopolitical tensions such as trade wars, sanctions, and democratic backsliding.

Escalating geopolitical risk now affects organizations across nearly all sectors, at home and abroad: techno-nationalism strains global supply chains; AI-driven misinformation and disinformation deepen political tensions; tariffs and protectionism raise compliance risks; and rising populist sentiment drives immigration restrictions and talent shortages. This special issue aims to fill the "glaring white space" of how organizations can best operate under political turbulence, offering actionable, evidence-based insights for managers and policymakers. Note that AMP papers are managerially driven, not theory driven: successful submissions define the managerial issue up front and evidence insights that can credibly guide practice and policy. Practitioner Perspectives essays and Constructive Confrontations papers are also welcome.

Topics of interest

- Understanding different types and forms of political turbulence (risk vs. uncertainty; better frameworks)
- Rethinking corporate political strategies (lobbying, alliance-building, diplomacy, activism in polarized environments; covert activities such as misinformation and deepfakes)
- Reorganizing and realigning geographically diversified operations for resilience
- Managing stakeholder nationalism and consumer/shareholder reactions
- The role of new technologies (AI, blockchain) in risk management and early-warning systems
- Managing corporate innovation under national-security constraints
- Navigating the race for high-skilled talent under anti-immigration pressures

Both conceptual and empirical papers grounded in rigorous analysis are welcome, including qualitative comparative analyses, large-database quantitative work, and the use of reflexive methodologies.

Guest Editors

- Jonathan Doh, Villanova University, USA
- Srividya Jandhyala, ESSEC Business School, France
- Yadong Luo, University of Miami, USA
- Grazia D. Santangelo, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Associate Editor: Tazeeb Rajwani, University of Surrey, UK

Submission deadline: September 30, 2026 | [More information](#)

Call for Papers – Collection in *Scientific Reports* and *Scientific Reviews*

Issue: Immigration and Acculturation

Scientific Reports welcomes original research on immigration and acculturation; narrative review articles are welcomed by its sister journal, *Scientific Reviews*. This Collection supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

Immigration and acculturation are reciprocal processes reshaping societies worldwide, involving shifts in values, language, and social relationships. While these transitions can foster growth and opportunity, they may also expose individuals to discrimination, stress, and unequal access to resources. Understanding the psychological mechanisms that support adaptation, resilience, and well-being among immigrants is essential for developing culturally responsive interventions. This Collection welcomes original research investigating immigration and acculturation processes in diverse societies.

When submitting to *Scientific Reports* or *Scientific Reviews* via the online submission system, select the Collection title from the drop-down menu and express your interest in the Collection in your cover letter.

Guest Editors

- Aldo Barrita, Michigan State University, USA
- Huseyin Cakal, Keele University, UK

Submission deadline: March 28, 2027 | [More information](#)

Call for jobs & fellowships

Post-doctoral Researcher in Political Psychology or Social Psychology, Department of Business Management, Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University (ECON MUNI), Czech Republic

The Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University, invites applications for a full-time, fixed-term Postdoctoral Researcher within the ERC-CZ project *Resilient Society Protected against Conspiracy Theories (RESPeCT)*.

The successful candidate will work on longitudinally testing interventions against conspiracy beliefs based on an intergroup approach. Beyond conspiracy beliefs, the project explores polarization, cohesion, and intergroup allyship, in collaboration with an international team of social psychologists, experimental economists, and political scientists, with a strong focus on peer-reviewed research. Recent Ph.D. graduates in social and/or political psychology are especially encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities

- Conduct peer-reviewed research and present it at international conferences
- Contribute to the preparation and implementation of national and international grant proposals
- Participate in ongoing and upcoming research projects

Candidate Profile

Required

- PhD (or near completion) in psychology, political science, media studies, or a related field
- Strong interest in research on conspiracy beliefs, unfounded beliefs, or misinformation
- Background in state-of-the-art longitudinal research methods and interdisciplinary interests
- At least one high-quality peer-reviewed publication thematically or methodologically related to the project
- Active participation in international conferences and professional fluency in English
- Good French or Italian skills are an advantage; no Czech is required

Work Conditions

- Full-time (40h/week), 24-month fixed-term contract (until 31 August 2028; extension subject to funding)
- Start date: 1 September 2026
- Salary: 2,000–3,000 EUR/month gross, based on seniority
- Based in Brno, Czech Republic, with relocation support from the MUNI Welcome Office
- Friendly international environment, flexible hours, 6 weeks paid leave, and further staff benefits

Application Process

Applications must be submitted online by 31 July 2026 (23:59 CET) via the university e-application system.

For informal enquiries, contact: Magdalena Adamus (Magdalena.Adamus@econ.muni.cz)

Application deadline: July 31, 2026 | [More information](#)

Lecturer / Senior Lecturer (Level B/C), School of Medicine and Psychology, ANU College of Science and Medicine, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

The School of Medicine and Psychology (SMP) at the Australian National University invites applications for a continuing, full-time Lecturer/Senior

Lecturer (Level B/C; equivalent to "Assistant Professor" in the US) in any area of psychology.

The role spans research, education (including PhD, Masters, and Honours supervision), and service. While applications are welcome from all psychology subfields, preference may be given to candidates with a strong research record in cognitive psychology. The successful candidate will contribute to the undergraduate Psychology program, pursue an independent research agenda, mentor junior staff, and take on leadership roles as appropriate, contributing to the intellectual life of the School, College, and University.

Responsibilities

- Lead original, independent research and publish in high-impact peer-reviewed journals, presenting at national and international conferences
- Actively pursue and secure competitive external research funding
- Teach and develop courses within the undergraduate Psychology program (lectures, tutorials, labs, online content, assessment, and course coordination)
- Supervise students at undergraduate, Honours, and postgraduate levels, as well as Postdoctoral Fellows and research staff
- Contribute to the School's operations, committees, and outreach, and (where required) teach within the partnership program with Southwest University, Chongqing, China

Candidate Profile

Selection criteria

- PhD in Psychology with a track record of independent research evidenced by peer-reviewed publications, collaborations, awards, and conference invitations
- A clear vision for an innovative research program at ANU
- Demonstrated ability and commitment to apply for competitive external funding
- Ability to lead and deliver tertiary education, with experience in curriculum design and delivery
- Ability to supervise higher-degree research students
- Ability to work collegially, meet deadlines, lead team activities, and foster a positive workplace culture
- Excellent oral and written English and strong cross-disciplinary communication skills
- Understanding of and commitment to equal opportunity principles

Work Conditions

- Continuing, full-time appointment (Academic Level B/C)
- Salary package: \$124,638–\$166,338 per annum, plus 17% superannuation
- Based in Canberra, ACT, Australia (as a multi-campus School, some inter-campus travel may be required)

- The preferred candidate must complete mandatory pre-employment declarations and background checks

Application Process

Applications should be submitted online via the ANU recruitment system and must include a statement addressing the selection criteria and a current CV with contact details for at least three referees (preferably including a current or previous supervisor). Applications that do not address the selection criteria may not be considered.

For informal enquiries, contact: Professor Michael Platow (michael.platow@anu.edu.au)

Application deadline: August 4, 2026 | [More information](#)

Post-doctoral Researcher in Psychology, Institute of Experimental Psychology, Centre of Social and Psychological Sciences, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia

The Institute of Experimental Psychology, Centre of Social and Psychological Sciences, Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava, invites applications for a post-doctoral research position in psychology, to begin in September 2026.

The Institute is a leading research institution in Slovakia, specialising in the Psychology of Unfounded and Extreme Beliefs, Psychological Adaptation, Coping and Regulation, and Neurocognitive Communication and Autism. The position is research-oriented with no teaching requirements. Preference will be given to scholars whose work supports one of the Institute's existing areas of focus, including conspiratorial beliefs, trust, cohesion, intergroup relations and conflict, polarization, political psychology, and radicalisation.

Candidate Profile

Required

- PhD in Psychology or a related field
- Excellent oral and written English
- Solid methodological and statistical knowledge and a dedication to scientific research
- A good publication record in the field over the last three years

Preferred

- Knowledge of conspiratorial beliefs, trust, cohesion, intergroup relations and conflict, polarization, political psychology, or radicalisation
- Experience with experimental research on intergroup relations and/or reducing conspiratorial beliefs
- Experience with longitudinal analysis (RI-CLPM), designing interventions, and logistical support of research

Work Conditions

- Full-time (37.5 h/week), 12-month temporary contract, with possible extension to a permanent position
- Start date: 1 September 2026
- Gross salary: €1,300–€1,600/month (depending on experience), plus performance-based reward bonus
- Non-monetary benefits: a psychologically safe and supportive work environment and 45 days of paid vacation
- Based in Bratislava, Slovakia

Selection Process

Based on submitted CVs, a three-member committee will shortlist applicants for interview, to be held between 12 and 19 August 2026.

Application Process

Applications should be sent by email to Vladimíra Čavojová (vladimira.cavojova@savba.sk).

For informal enquiries, contact: Vladimíra Čavojová (vladimira.cavojova@savba.sk)

Application deadline: August 9, 2026 | [More information](#)

Research Professor in Social and Cultural Psychology (BOFZAP), Center for Social and Cultural Psychology, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, KU Leuven, Belgium

The Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences at KU Leuven invites applications for a full-time research professorship in the Center for Social and Cultural Psychology (CSCP), funded by the Special Research Fund (BOFZAP) of the Flemish Government. The appointment is expected to start on 1 September 2027.

The successful candidate will develop a programmatic, internationally respected research program in social and cultural psychology, studying socially and societally relevant issues, with an emphasis on how social hierarchies, structures, and cultural meanings shape the psychologies of individuals, dyads, and groups, and vice versa. The CSCP especially welcomes research that speaks to broad societal challenges (e.g., inequality, poverty, climate change, migration, oppression, collective action); makes creative use of novel data, tools, and pluralistic methods (e.g., computational social system data, dynamic systems modelling, natural language and visual data, participatory and inclusive designs); stimulates critical thinking and theoretical ambition; and is inclusive of non-WEIRD samples and contexts. During the first 10 years, teaching

obligations are reduced; afterwards the position transforms into a regular professorship. Applications are evaluated in parallel by the Faculty Advisory Committee and the KU Leuven Research Council.

Responsibilities

- Develop an internationally respected, theory-driven research program addressing societal and/or global challenges
- Publish in prominent international peer-reviewed journals and secure competitive national and international research funding to establish a lab group
- Bring complementary, state-of-the-art methods and expertise into the collaborative CSCP environment
- Mentor Master's, PhD, and postdoctoral researchers to international scientific standards
- Contribute a gradually increasing teaching load (advanced research methods and social/cultural psychology courses), and provide service to science, society, and the university

Candidate Profile

Required

- PhD (recommended at least three years ago) in Social or Cultural Psychology, a related subdiscipline, or a field with demonstrable affinity; recent graduates should evidence strong research and growth potential
- A strong research profile and indisputable research integrity, evidenced by publications in prominent peer-reviewed journals, state-of-the-art methods, critical thinking, and theoretical innovation
- Demonstrable academic teaching qualities and a sincere interest in teaching
- Organizational skills, a cooperative attitude, and demonstrated leadership and mentoring within a university context
- Excellent spoken and written English; Dutch is not required at hiring, but B2 is a condition for tenure after 5 years (C1 for teaching in Dutch)
- Academic references from at least two established collaborators

Preferred

- International research experience or strong international collaborations with research visits
- Prior teaching experience and/or qualifications

Work Conditions

- Full-time employment (with options to temporarily reduce for parenting or care roles); appointment at a senior academic grade (assistant to full professor); juniors typically on a 5-year tenure track
- A starting grant of €110,000 to facilitate scientific onboarding (subject to eligibility)
- Based in Leuven, Belgium (~60% on-campus time), with practical relocation support for foreign professors and their families

Application Process

Applications are submitted via the KU Leuven online application tool. Before applying, read the full procedure under "Call for Research Professorships (BOFZAP)" and "Procedure application and selection."

More information on the content of the job can be obtained from: Prof. Karen Phaet (karen.phalet@kuleuven.be) or Prof. Jozefien De Leersnyder (jozefien.deleersnyder@kuleuven.be). For guidelines and application-file questions: Ms. Kristin Vermeylen (kristin.vermeylen@kuleuven.be) or Ms. Martine van Nierop (martine.vannierop@kuleuven.be).

Application deadline: September 1, 2026 | [More information](#)

Junior Professorship in Political Psychology, Institute of Political Science / Leuphana Centre for Cooperative Security (LCCS), School of Public Affairs, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

The School of Public Affairs at Leuphana University of Lüneburg invites applications for a Junior Professorship in Political Psychology, based at the Institute of Political Science and contributing to the newly established Leuphana Centre for Cooperative Security (LCCS).

The professorship represents political psychology with a focus on negotiation research and security studies. The successful candidate will develop an innovative, internationally visible research profile analysing the psychological mechanisms that underpin political negotiations in security-related fields such as diplomacy, mediation, peace and conflict, (nuclear) deterrence, or crisis bargaining. The LCCS is an interdisciplinary centre combining law, economics, political science, and psychology, researching how cooperation may enhance or undermine international, internal, and economic security.

The position is open to early-career researchers in psychology or a relevant subfield (political, social, peace, military, environmental, community psychology, or related), and welcomes work drawing on a broad methodological spectrum — observational data and multivariate regression, (quasi-)experiments, qualitative approaches (archives, interviews, document analysis), and computational text/discourse analysis.

Candidate Profile

- A PhD in a relevant discipline, with an outstanding dissertation demonstrating independent research ability
- Aptitude for teaching, and an excellent command of written and spoken English (most courses are taught in English)

- An initial track record of peer-reviewed publications and a convincing strategy to develop an interdisciplinary agenda across political psychology, negotiation analysis, and security studies
- Research already engaging psychological negotiation analysis with security issues, or negotiations in multi-actor and multicultural constellations
- An established international network, experience communicating research to non-academic stakeholders, and initial experience acquiring external funding
- Teaching experience in political psychology and/or psychological negotiation analysis at BA and ideally MA level

Work Conditions

- Pay grade W1; initially limited to three years, extendable by three more subject to positive evaluation
- Optional tenure track to a permanent W2 professorship (subject to LCCS long-term funding and positive tenure evaluation)
- Standard teaching load of 4 LVS; based in Lüneburg, Germany
- Leuphana is an equal opportunities employer and especially encourages applications from qualified women; severely disabled applicants are considered preferentially

Application Process

Submit your application (no photo) in two separate PDF files: (a) letter of motivation, CV, copies of academic degrees, up to 3 recent course evaluations, and a research concept (max. 3 pages); and (b) your two most relevant publications, together with the completed application form. Send by email with the keyword **"Political Psychology (W1)"** to beko@leuphana.de.

For further information, please contact the Dean of the School of Public Affairs, Prof. Dr. Johanna Croon-Gestefeld (Johanna.croon-gestefeld@leuphana.de)

Application deadline: September 9, 2026 | [More information](#)

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