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President's Corner September 2026

Dear ISPP members,

It is a great privilege to write to you for the first time as President of our Society. I come to this role from Central and Eastern Europe, a region whose political psychology has been shaped by experiences of authoritarianism, transition, historical trauma and rapid democratic change. It is also a region that encountered populist governments eroding the rule of law well before the West did, and that is now testing different routes out of that crisis. My hope is that having a President based in this part of the world will be one more step toward the further internationalisation of ISPP, and toward making room for perspectives from beyond the Global West. Our field is at its best when it is genuinely comparative, and that requires not only studying diverse societies, but hearing from scholars who live and work in them.

The past year was a year of substantial change, as we grew accustomed to working with a new management company. I want to say plainly that we are now in very good hands. Mike Breslin and Breanne Clark have become trusted partners in our day-to-day work, responsive, thoughtful and unfailingly supportive, and I can count on their full backing in everything the Society undertakes. On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Governing Council, thank you both.

Looking back at Newcastle

Our 49th Annual Meeting at Newcastle University was, by any measure, a success. I am deeply grateful to our Program Co-Chairs: Rosario Aguilar, Ka-Ming (Bo) Chan and Aleksander Książkiewicz, and to the Section Chairs across all fourteen sections, who reviewed an extraordinary volume of submissions and built a programme under the theme *Finding Common Ground in Uncertain Times*.

At a time when large scholarly conferences increasingly resemble career fairs and job markets, I was glad to see that ISPP meetings remain, above all, a space for genuine scholarly reflection, and that they are becoming places where

we openly take on the hard subjects: violence, oppression, authoritarianism, war, colonial inequalities and racism.

This year, alongside our established sections, a new one appeared: Critical Political Psychological Approaches to the Study of Violence and Oppression. Among the moments I found most important were Siwar Hasan-Aslih's keynote, which raised critical questions about political psychology from a Palestinian perspective, and the panel "Democracy under Fire in Wartime", organised by Ukrainian scholars Iuliia Paskevskaya, Iryna Hubeladze and Maria Chayinska. During the Early Career Scholars Under Threat listening session we also heard first-hand about the challenges facing young psychologists in exile and those working in regions marked by war, occupation or political repression. These are conversations our field needs, and I suspect they will keep shaping our work for some time.

I am sure many of us will also remember the conversations and the time spent with fellow ISPP members in the evenings, watching England's progress in the World Cup.

It was a well-run and intellectually solid meeting, and a good reminder of what our annual conferences are for.

Amsterdam 2027: our 50th

Next year we meet in Amsterdam, 6–9 July 2027, for our 50th Annual Meeting. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. A round anniversary invites reflection, and the programme will accordingly make space for looking honestly at what our Society has achieved, and for recalling the early days of ISPP and the people who built it.

Amsterdam will also be an occasion to honour the legacy of our former President Bert Klandermans, whom we lost this year. Bert was one of the most influential scholars of collective action and protest of his generation, a builder of bridges between disciplines and continents, and a mentor to many of us. Marking his contribution in the city where he worked for so long feels right.

ISPP grants programme

I want to draw your particular attention to our grants programme. This year we offer two kinds of support: research grants for focused research projects, and networking grants for workshops, mini-conferences and network-building events.

I warmly encourage you to apply for the latter, particularly if you are in a part of the world where ISPP has not yet had a strong presence. We do not want the annual meeting to be your only point of contact with the Society during the year. The ambition is simple: as many opportunities as possible to meet under the ISPP banner, close to where you actually live and work. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue.

Scholars Under Threat

Finally, a reminder that you can donate to the Scholars Under Threat Fund [here](#). The Committee's emergency funds go directly to colleagues facing persecution, and demand continues to outstrip the annual budget. If you are in a position to give, it matters.

A closing word of thanks to Joanne Miller, from whom I take over, and who led ISPP through a genuinely demanding transition with steadiness and care.

Thank you for your trust and for your engagement with our Society. I look forward to the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Michał Bilewicz

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.

Our [2028 Annual Meeting](#) will be held at the University of Iceland in Reykjavík, Iceland.

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

The Scholars Under Threat (SUT) Committee was busy over the summer (or winter, depending on your home hemisphere!). In addition to chairing two roundtables and co-chairing a third roundtable with the Early Career Committee at ISPP's annual conference in Newcastle, we have been actively supporting our colleagues from around the globe whose livelihoods are at risk due to political persecution and/or civil unrest. In the first six months of 2026, the SUT Committee dispersed \$5,900 worth of financial support to 8 colleagues who applied for emergency funding. These funds helped our colleagues purchase immediate necessities including food, electricity, temporary shelter, and other essential needs. If you, or anyone you know, is a scholar who is under threat, please consider applying for emergency funding at the following link: click [here](#). We gladly welcome both self and peer nominations. If you wish to donate to support scholars who are under threat, please click [here](#).

Given that the 2025-2026 tenure for ISPP's General Council (GC) was a year of rebuilding for the SUT Committee, no GC members cycled off the committee at the close of the 2026 conference. As such, the 2026-2027 SUT Committee welcomes back Felipe Vilanova, as well as Diana Cárdenas and Danny Osborne. We also have the privilege of having Mete Uysal and Yasemin Acar return for the second year as non-GC members. We are deeply thankful to our returning GC and non-GC members for their continuous involvement! New GC members joining us this year are Silvia Mari, Alexa Bankert, and Xenia Poslon. Finally, we would like to thank Ana Figueiredo for her tireless support of the SUT

Committee, first as a GC member for several years (including as chair of the committee), and second as a non-GC member who kindly agreed to stick around as we rebuilt last year. Thank you, Ana!

As a final note, we'd like to remind the ISPP community that the SUT Committee is here to serve you and ensure that our less fortunate colleagues have a voice. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas for ways that we can better serve our community.

Diana Cárdenas & Danny Osborne and the SUT Committee

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 – ISPP 50th Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Conference Theme: Political Psychology for Pressing Challenges and Societal Solutions

The ISPP warmly invites scholars from across disciplines—political science, psychology, sociology, economics, anthropology, communication, and related fields—to submit proposals for the **2027 Annual Meeting in Amsterdam**. Celebrating five decades of ISPP, this special conference will not only showcase

cutting-edge research but also provide an opportunity to reflect on the Society's origins, intellectual legacy, and future directions.

Under the theme **Political Psychology for Pressing Challenges and Societal Solutions**, the conference seeks contributions that address the most urgent issues facing contemporary societies while advancing actionable insights. In a world marked by polycrisis, polarization, uncertainty, technological disruption, and democratic strain, political psychology offers essential tools for understanding how citizens think, feel, and act. This theme invites work that deepens our understanding of these dynamics and explores how the field can contribute to meaningful, evidence-based solutions.

We particularly encourage submissions that bridge fundamental research with real-world impact. Contributions could highlight interventions, policies, and practices that strengthen liberal democracies through fostering resilience, democratic renewal, cooperation, and constructive engagement. Submissions may also address the promotion of pluralistic norms and the protection of minority rights as central components of democratic resilience and inclusion. By connecting theory with application, the conference aims to underscore the vital role political psychology can play in strengthening healthier, more inclusive democracies and societies.

Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Polarization & democratic resilience: understanding the psychological roots of division and effective pathways toward depolarization and democratic stability.
- Prosocial behavior & political engagement: Evidence-based strategies to promote tolerance, civic engagement, and prosocial political behavior.
- Technology & society: Understanding and addressing the effects of AI, digital media, and algorithmic systems on misinformation, political attitudes, and democratic discourse.
- Reducing inequality & increasing social inclusion: Using political psychology to reduce discrimination and improve intergroup relations, social cohesion and social justice.
- Leadership & collective action: Evidence-based approaches to political leadership, mobilization, and collective action in times of societal change and democratic strain.
- Crisis response & adaptation: Understanding and addressing the political-psychological consequences of global crises, including climate change, migration, and public health emergencies.

We welcome theoretical, empirical, and methodological contributions of all kinds, including qualitative, quantitative, experimental, computational, and mixed-methods approaches. Interdisciplinary, comparative, and policy-oriented

research is especially encouraged. Submissions may include individual papers, panels, roundtables, and posters. As always, we encourage panel organizers to include discussants.

To mark **ISPP's 50th Annual Meeting**, the conference will feature **special sessions reflecting on the history and evolution of the field, highlighting key contributions, and exploring future directions for political psychology**. Participants will have opportunities to engage with distinguished keynote speakers, attend journal editorial panels, and participate in mentoring and networking events for scholars at all career stages. The conference will also include the Scholars Under Threat Symposium and the ISPP Academy preceding the main event.

We look forward to welcoming both long-standing ISPP members and new voices to this landmark gathering in Amsterdam.

Program Leadership

Dr. Bert N. Bakker, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands – Program Co-Chair
Prof. Ruth Dittmann, Hertie School, Germany – Program Co-Chair
Dr. Michał Bilewicz, University of Warsaw, Poland – ISPP President

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

Call for the ISPP Small Grants initiative

The ISPP Governing Council is pleased to continue ISPP's Small Grants Initiative that uses a portion of the income from ISPP investment funds to support **research and network projects** that further the goals of ISPP: (1) to increase the diversity of ISPP membership and internationalize the Society; (2) to strengthen our organization; and (3) to promote excellence in political psychology.

We invite **ISPP members to submit small grant proposals for 2027**. We will accept proposals related to political psychology from any current ISPP member in one of two categories: (1) small research grants to support focused research projects, or (2) small network grants to help bring together a group of researchers. Specific award amounts may vary, but we have \$80,000 USD to distribute, and the maximum amount proposers may request is \$5,000 USD. We will make exceptions to this award limit in only the most extraordinary circumstances.

This year, we will treat the research and network proposals separately (i.e., they will not be in competition with each other), with different criteria to fulfill:

Research proposals (max. 5000 USD) need to be sufficient on all **four criteria**:

- The ability to expand and diversify the reach of ISPP into underrepresented areas of the world, for example by including

researchers from those areas, examining understudied populations from those areas, or featuring capacity-building;

- Promoting excellence in political psychology, including, but not limited to, integrative theoretical approaches, new methodologies, innovative topics, or important areas of research in political psychology that have been understudied;
- The design and development of the proposal, including, but not limited to, methodological rigour, the feasibility of completing the project within a year, and the description of concrete output/deliverables, and
- The scientific and societal significance of the project, including, but not limited to, its relevance to practice and policy, or its engagement with specific communities.

Network proposals (max. 5000 USD) need to be sufficient on all **three criteria**:

- The ability to expand and diversify the reach of ISPP into underrepresented areas of the world, for example by including (early career) researchers from those areas, examining understudied populations from those areas, or featuring capacity-building and growth of ISPP,
- Promoting excellence in political psychology, including, but not limited to, integrative theoretical approaches, new methodologies, innovative topics, and/or important areas of research in political psychology that have been understudied; clear added value of the event, potential links with practitioners and community engagement, and
- Quality of network design and sustainability of collaboration, including, but not limited to, clear goals of the event, a clear participant strategy (for whom is the event and why), a clear description of the collaborative/interactive format of the event; feasibility of timeline, scale, use of funds; mention of institutional support (e.g., co-funding) and anchoring, and longer-term plans for potential future events.

Continuing last year's successful procedure, the committee will evaluate whether proposals sufficiently fulfill these criteria --- proposals that sufficiently meet all criteria proceed to the next stage, where they form a pool of candidates from which we will randomly draw the winners (i.e., a lottery). For transparency purposes, this will be recorded so that there is no bias involved. The idea behind this lottery procedure is that it (a) acknowledges that the committee is able to evaluate whether a proposal sufficiently satisfies the criteria we value without claiming to know which proposal is better than the other, and that it (b) has lower risks of bias and, hence, is more fair and inclusive.

To submit a proposal, members should go to [here](#) where they can download the template form for the proposal (or alternatively, e-mail the committee chair Martijn van Zomeren at m.van.zomeren@rug.nl). Proposals (max. 1500 words) must be submitted **before November 16, 2026**, for consideration to info@ispp.org. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we anticipate

completing the review process and drawing the winners by January 16, 2027. We will notify applicants about the outcome as soon as possible thereafter.

As for **eligibility**, PIs can only submit one proposal for each type of grant, must be a current member of ISPP, and are not eligible when awarded a small grant last year. We will encourage any other participants in any grant-funded project to join the Society if they have not already done so. PIs should provide the contact information for all participants in their project. If the grant is awarded, PIs need to acknowledge ISPP funding in all disseminations of the work and provide a brief report about the outcomes of the project to ISPP within one year. Reimbursements for the 2027 small grant initiative can only apply to costs paid for in 2027, and reimbursement of indirect costs is not covered by the grant.

Please direct any questions you may have about this Call for Proposals to the committee chair, Martijn van Zomeren [m.van.zomeren@rug.nl].

—The ISPP Initiatives Committee

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

Call for Collaborators - INTERVENE multi-cultural global study

INTERVENE is an ERC-funded, large-scale, multi-cultural global study testing how prejudice, polarization, and violent conflict contexts shape the effectiveness of intergroup interventions. In its first stage, we are planning to map individual-level intergroup socio-psychological variables across diverse intergroup contexts, in order to build the evidence base for effective, context-sensitive interventions. We are opening an international call to build a global network of data-collection collaborators and extend the study to new contexts around the world.

Who We're Looking For

We are inviting social scientists to become our collaborators: researchers who can identify a clear fault line between two groups in their own country or region—based on, for example, prejudice, polarization, or violent conflict—and collect data from both sides of it.

- Sample size: at least 200 participants from each of the two subgroups in the specific context (400+ total).
- Each collaborating location will need to attain local ethics approval, in accordance with the project's guidelines.
- Researchers from all world regions are encouraged to apply, with emphasis on those in currently underrepresented regions. Note that additional funding is set aside specifically to support participant sampling in low- and middle-income countries.

Ways to Contribute

Collaborators can take part in one or more of the following ways:

- Translate the survey from English into the local language.
- Fund data collection for at least 400 participants in your own context.
- Support other researchers by funding their data collection instead of, or in addition to, your own.

What's to Gain

- Co-authorship on up to 3 project outputs, in accordance with each team's contribution. Note that a local team can consist of 1-3 members.
- Access to one of the largest and most contextually diverse datasets on intergroup conflict psychology assembled to date.
- Participation in a multi-year, ERC-funded international collaboration, with a network of researchers working on psychological intergroup interventions as a resource for future collaborations.
- Pre-registering original hypotheses for secondary papers based on the shared dataset.

How to Join

If you're interested in collaborating with us, please fill out click [here](#) no later than **October 31**. Please also share this message with anyone you think might be interested in collaborating.

Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns at: hameirilab@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Boaz Hameiri, Lee Aldar, Andrés Casas, Noy Calif, Gefen Yourvexel, Karina Foster, Natally Bar-on

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

Call for Papers – Cross-journal Collection in *Communications Psychology*, *Nature Communications*, and *Scientific Reports*

Issue: Incivility

The editors at *Communications Psychology*, *Nature Communications*, and *Scientific Reports* invite innovative research on incivility.

Incivility spans a range of behaviours, from subtle rudeness to overt hostility. Often studied within professional environments, it has far-reaching implications for individual well-being and group effectiveness — including diminished teamwork and innovation. This cross-journal Collection welcomes submissions from social psychology, organizational psychology, communication, and management science that address the causes and consequences of (in)civility and propose solutions to foster healthier, more productive environments. The

Collection is open to all authors (not by invitation only), provided manuscripts fall within the scope of the Collection and of the participating journals.

When submitting 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. Please submit to only one journal; authors may later transfer to another participating journal following the editors' recommendation.

Submission deadline: December 29, 2026 | [More information](#)

Call for Papers – Special Issue in *Psicologia Sociale*, *Social Psychology Theory & Research*

Issue: Positive experiences in the LGBTQ+ community: From minority stress to minority joy

Psicologia Sociale – Social Psychology Theory & Research invites submissions for a special issue moving beyond a predominant focus on adversity to foreground positive, affirming, and growth-oriented experiences among LGBTQ+ people.

Experiences of discrimination are associated with minority stress and negative mental-health outcomes among sexual and gender minorities (SGM). Minority stress and resilience frameworks have been instrumental in linking stigma to distress, but they have been criticized for paying limited attention to protective factors and pathways to flourishing. A growing body of international research now examines resilience, identity affirmation, community connectedness, and well-being — yet positive constructs such as gender euphoria and minority joy remain understudied, particularly among transgender and nonbinary (TNB) populations. This special issue adopts an integrated perspective that considers both adversity (e.g., dysphoria, internalized stigma) and positive psychological experiences, highlighting the coexistence of stress, resilience, and joy in LGBTQ+ lives. It especially welcomes work that moves beyond treating LGBTQ+ individuals as a homogeneous group, foregrounding within-community diversity and intersectional perspectives.

Possible topics include (but are not limited to):

- Minority joy, queer joy, and positive identity development; gender euphoria and identity-affirming embodied experiences
- Resilience, thriving, and growth in the context of minority stress
- The role of relationships, intimacies, and chosen families in fostering well-being; community connectedness, belonging, and collective empowerment
- Intersectional perspectives on minority joy, well-being, and resilience (e.g., cultural background, disability, socioeconomic status, age)
- Strength-based and affirmative psychological interventions; positive experiences in schools, workplaces, and healthcare settings

- Coming out, identity exploration, and positive developmental experiences across the lifespan
- The role of online communities and digital spaces in connection and affirmation; cultural, societal, and policy factors supporting LGBTQ+ flourishing
- Methodological innovations (e.g., measures of minority joy and gender euphoria; qualitative, participatory, or arts-based designs); integration of minority-stress, resilience, and positive-psychology frameworks

The call welcomes a wide range of contributions — empirical (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-methods), theoretical and conceptual papers, methodological contributions, case studies, community-based and participatory action research, intervention studies, brief reports, and reviews. Given the emerging nature of the field, submissions developing new conceptual approaches or presenting early-stage insights are particularly welcome. All submissions undergo double-blind peer review.

Submit via the journal's online platform, indicating in the cover letter that the manuscript should be considered for this special issue. Questions may be directed to the Guest Editors.

Guest Editors

- Michela Lenzi (University of Padova)
- Elena Tubertini (University of Padova)
- Margreet De Looze (Utrecht University)

Submission deadline: September 1, 2027 | [More information](#)

Call for jobs & fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellowships (up to seven), Leuphana Transformation Lab, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

The Leuphana Transformation Lab at Leuphana University of Lüneburg invites applications for up to seven postdoctoral fellowships (up to two years, in residence) for outstanding postdoctoral researchers, with a scheduled start date of 1 April 2027.

The Lab is an international, interdisciplinary research institution for focused, collaborative, and independent research on transformation, embedded in Leuphana's flagship "Embracing Transformation" program alongside more than 20 professors and 50+ PhD students and postdocs. Fellows will become part of the Lab and develop a high-quality grant proposal (for the DFG, ERC, Volkswagen Foundation, or other funders) in the field of transformation research, with assistance throughout the grant-writing process. Proposals must align with one of three conceptual streams — *Epistemologies of Transformation*, *Disruption and Transformation*, or *Scales and Temporalities of Transformation* — and may additionally link to one of the Lab's Key Subject Areas (including democratic resilience and the psychology of transformation). Proposals are welcome on a wide variety of topics (e.g., AI, demographic change, anticipatory

governance, adaptation regimes) and across disciplines, with openness to fresh methodological approaches (participatory, arts- or design-based, historical, normative, or theoretical work).

Eligibility

- A successfully defended PhD at the time of application (proof required), commonly no more than three years after the PhD defense
- First outstanding research corresponding to the programmatic outline of the Leuphana Transformation Lab
- All documents in English (certified English translations required where applicable)

Conditions

- Fellowship of up to two years, offered at different rates depending on career level; workspaces provided in Leuphana's Central Building
- Based in Lüneburg, Germany
- One fellowship is reserved for an applicant currently based at a university in Scotland, as part of the Lower Saxony–Scotland academic partnership (ECAS)
- Leuphana encourages applications from persons with disabilities and diverse backgrounds; applicants with disabilities are considered preferentially per German equal-opportunity guidelines

Application Process

Applications must include proof of the defended dissertation, an academic CV with publication list, proof of other degrees, a cover letter (max. 2 pages), and a short research proposal (max. 3 pages, including a one-page reflection on the chosen conceptual stream), uploaded as separate PDFs via the Leuphana Portal. The selection process begins in October 2026 and continues until all fellowships are filled.

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

Doctoral Researcher in Social Sciences, Department of Social Sciences, LUT University, Lappeenranta, Finland

LUT University's Department of Social Sciences invites applications for a fully funded, four-year Doctoral Researcher position within the GREENSHUFFLE project, funded by the Research Council of Finland, examining the political consequences of unequal occupational recognition during the green transition using a mixed-methods design.

The successful candidate will study how society values different occupations during the green transition — occupational recognition — and whether such recognition contributes to political divisions in attitudes toward the transition, contributing to debates on the politics of the green transition and political behaviour in advanced democracies. The work centres on an article-based

doctoral dissertation in English (typically three articles) completed within four years, alongside research and project-administration tasks. The supervisor will be Associate Professor Zhen Im, working closely with Assistant Professor Pauliina Patana (Georgetown University, USA), within the Social Sustainability and Welfare Policies research group.

Responsibilities

- Conduct and analyse individual-level interviews in Finnish across nine municipalities in South Karelia, Finland
- Co-design and analyse an original individual-level survey fielded in Finland
- Contribute to international scientific publications and policy briefs; present findings at conferences and team meetings
- Support project administration (website, mailing lists, social media, outreach events) and teach in bachelor's and master's programmes

Candidate Profile

Required

- A master's degree in social sciences, preferably political science, sociology, psychology, or a closely related field
- Strong commitment to completing the doctorate within the four-year duration
- Sufficient proficiency in Finnish (a Research Council of Finland funding requirement) and excellent written and spoken English
- Strong academic writing, organisational skills, and commitment to ethical research practices

Advantages

- Previous experience conducting and analysing individual-level interviews; willingness to work with (or develop skills in) quantitative methods
- Prior publications; experience with social media management and website design

Work Conditions

- Fully funded position; initial one-year term (incl. six-month trial), extendable by up to three years subject to progress
- Start date: 2 January 2027; based at LUT's Lappeenranta campus (hybrid possible, with regular on-site presence)
- 1,612 annual working hours (Finnish universities' collective agreement); starting salary approx. EUR 3,100/month (requirement level 2), depending on experience

Application Process

Apply via the LUT recruitment system with a motivation letter (max. 2 pages), CV (max. 3 pages), degree certificate, master's thesis or significant research

work, a research proposal for the dissertation (max. 4 pages), proof of English proficiency, and two references. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

For informal enquiries, contact: Associate Professor Zhen Im (zhen.im@lut.fi)

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

Post-doctoral Researcher in Political Communication, University of Bern, Switzerland

The Institute of Communication and Media Studies (ICMB) at the University of Bern invites applications for a full-time Post-doc position in political communication, available from 15 January 2027 (or by appointment) for an initial period of three years. The position is intended to support the successful candidate's scientific qualification.

The role includes potential collaboration in an SNF-funded cross-national research project on how the lack of social recognition influences political information usage and effects — drawing on the role of social identity and identity threats for political information behavior — alongside the freedom to develop one's own research agenda.

Responsibilities

- (Potential) collaboration in the SNF-sponsored cross-national research project
- Development and implementation of independent research ideas
- Teaching courses and supervising BA and MA theses
- Contributing to the general tasks of the institute

Candidate Profile

Required

- An above-average PhD in communication science, a related social science discipline, or psychology (candidates close to completion will also be considered)
- Strong interest in political communication
- Very good skills in quantitative (e.g., surveys, experiments, statistical analysis) and/or qualitative (e.g., interviews, thematic/discourse analysis) methods of empirical social science
- Willingness to present at (inter)national conferences and publish in top journals
- Ability to work in a team
- Proficiency in English; German is an advantage (French is a plus)

Work Conditions

- Full-time (100%) appointment, three-year initial term
- Based at the ICMB, University of Bern, Switzerland, with a collegial team and freedom to develop your own ideas

- Employment adheres to the regulations of the Canton of Berne

Application Process

Applications (letter of motivation including research interests/ideas, CV with list of publications, certificates, two core publications, and a recommendation letter) should be sent as a single PDF to Prof. Dr. Silke Adam (silke.adam@unibe.ch). Interviews will take place on 20–21 October 2026.

For informal enquiries, contact: Prof. Dr. Silke Adam (silke.adam@unibe.ch)

Application deadline: October 6, 2026 | [More information](#)

Postdoctoral Position in Faculty of Business and Globalisation, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

The Department for Migration and Globalisation at the University for Continuing Education Krems invites applications for a Postdoctoral Researcher with expertise in quantitative methods, survey research, and causal inference to join the ERC-funded project MixedRivals, led by Assoc. Prof. Heidrun Bohnet. The position is expected to start on 1 January 2027.

MixedRivals ("Mixed (ar)rivals: Perceptions of Threat, Inequality, and the Risk of Violence between Different (Forced) Migrant Groups in North Africa") investigates relations between different (forced) migrant groups and the conditions under which these become conflictual or, alternatively, foster solidarity and social cohesion. Now in its third year, the project is expanding its quantitative component across Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt, combining survey research and embedded survey experiments. The postdoctoral researcher will co-lead the quantitative research, contribute to the project's theoretical development, and produce high-quality international publications.

Responsibilities

- Design and implement online surveys and embedded survey experiments (e.g., vignette and conjoint) in LimeSurvey; lead questionnaire development with the PI
- Coordinate survey implementation across Tunisia, Egypt, and Morocco, including social-media-based recruitment, and oversee face-to-face survey work with a survey company in Morocco
- Lead the analysis of survey and experimental data using advanced quantitative methods; ensure data quality, ethics compliance, and data management
- Develop and submit at least two articles to leading peer-reviewed journals (co-authored with the PI); present at international conferences and contribute to project meetings and reporting

Candidate Profile

Required

- Completed PhD (awarded by 15 December 2026) in political science, conflict studies, social psychology, or a related social science discipline, preferably with distinction
- Advanced expertise in quantitative methods, including inferential statistics and causal inference
- Demonstrated experience designing, implementing, and analysing online surveys and survey experiments, with advanced skills in R and/or Stata
- A strong publication record appropriate to career stage; excellent English (min. C1); strong organizational and interpersonal skills; willingness to relocate to Austria and work on-site at Campus Krems

Desirable

- Research on inter-group perceptions, inequalities, (forced) migration and/or violence; knowledge of/experience in North Africa (particularly Morocco)
- Experience with LimeSurvey, qualitative methods (e.g., MAXQDA), programming (e.g., Python), and knowledge of French and/or Arabic

Work Conditions

- Full-time (40 h/week), initially limited to two years
- Minimum salary EUR 5,014.30 gross/month (paid 14×/year), full-time; classification per § 49 VwGr. B1 of the Collective Agreement for University Staff
- International working environment at Campus Krems (near Vienna), with flexible hours, home-office option, and family-friendly conditions
- The University explicitly invites applications from people with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses who meet the profile

Application Process

Submit an online application with a CV (include publication list and two or three references), a motivation letter, two writing samples, a brief description of previous survey-research experience, and copies of degrees and transcripts. The selection process involves two interview rounds (first via Zoom in October 2026).

For informal enquiries, see the project website [here](#).

Application deadline: October 7, 2026 | [More information](#)

Jean Monnet Fellowships (for experienced postdocs and established scholars), Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) at the European University Institute offers up to 20 one-year Jean Monnet Fellowships for the academic year 2027–2028, for scholars who obtained their doctorate more than

five years before the start of the fellowship (i.e. the PhD must have been awarded before 1 September 2022).

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Candidate Profile

- A doctorate obtained more than five years before 1 September 2027
- A strong research proposal fitting one of the RSCAS research themes, programmes, or projects
- Good knowledge of English (the working language of the postdoctoral programmes); candidates of all nationalities are eligible

Conditions

- One-year fellowship (12 months, September 2027–August 2028); fellows must reside in the Florence area
- Basic grant of €2,850/month (reduced, min. €2,100, if receiving other income), plus household (up to €310/month) and dependent-child (€210/month per child) allowances where applicable
- €650 for research expenses, travel reimbursement (up to €1,200), and visa-cost reimbursement (up to €250) for those who need it; adequate medical insurance required
- The research should lead to a publication (EUI Working Paper, journal article, or with a reputable academic publisher)
- One fellowship is reserved for a Polish candidate (funded by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education); eligible Polish applicants are considered automatically

Application Process

Apply online with a CV and publication list, a letter of motivation (1–2 pages), a research proposal (2–4 pages), and a copy of your passport (all PDF; passport as JPG). Provide two academic referees and ensure both reference letters are submitted online by the deadline (references from current EUI professors are not accepted). Register early so referees have time to submit; the online form opens in late July 2026. Selection is based on the application and references (no interviews); results are announced by end of January.

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