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Call for Papers Special Issue Acta Psychologica

Current issues on Police Behavior: antecedents and consequences

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Events such as the murder of George Floyd by former police officer Derek Chauvin reignited the fight against police brutality towards Black individuals. The #BlackLivesMatter movement, previously mainly circumscribed to the United States, quickly spread around the world, (re)initiating public discussions about police behavior in different countries (e.g., the biases in the implementation of stop & search policies, the policing of protest and crowd events).

In this special issue we are interested in psychological research examining antecedents and consequences of behavior by law enforcement.

Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Predictors of (biased) police behavior (e.g., personality factors, motivations and/or contextual determinants)
- Consequences of these behaviors (e.g., how they affect targets, relationships between law enforcement and communities, political attitudes or social change behaviors and/or attitudes towards alternative law enforcement policies).
- Interventions aimed at changing behaviors by or towards police.

We welcome original empirical contributions, secondary data analyses or review/theoretical papers. Empirical contributions can include qualitative, quantitative or mixed-methods approaches. We strongly encourage the sharing of data and materials and pre-registration of studies and analyses.

The goal is to provide a comprehensive picture of research being conducted on this topic. This can only be achieved through diversity. We therefore welcome contributions focusing on less represented contexts beyond Europe and North America and by researchers from underprivileged backgrounds.

With this call, we invite expressions of interest; see below for a detailed description of the procedure. From these submissions, we will invite a set of contributors to submit a full manuscript. All manuscripts will be subject to our normal rigorous peer review process and must comply with the Guide for Authors [<https://www.elsevier.com/journals/acta-psychologica/0001-6918/guide-for-authors>].

Accepted manuscripts will benefit from a 50% discount on article processing fees.

Timeline

- **July 1st 2021:** Deadline for expressions of interest from potential contributors in the form of a brief proposal (see below)
- **September 30, 2021:** Manuscript submission deadline
- **January 31, 2021:** First decisions regarding submitted manuscripts
- **April 30, 2021:** Revised manuscript submission deadline

Submission of Expressions of Interest:

To submit an Expression of Interest, please create a single PDF document which includes:

(a) a proposed manuscript title (which can change), **(b)** the names and affiliations of authors, and **(c)** a brief proposal (400-600 words) of your planned contribution including: a summary of research questions and their relevance to the special issue, participants including sampling strategy, methods, variables, and results.

The deadline to submit Expressions of Interest is July 1st, 2021. Please email your document to police.behaviors@gmail.com.

The Guest Editors will be happy to answer questions about the scope of the special issue and the potential fit of a manuscript to the issue (email queries to police.behaviors@gmail.com).

Authors who do not submit an expression of interest by July 1st, 2021 may still submit a full manuscript by the September 30, 2021 deadline. Please note, however, that the Guest Editors cannot guarantee full consideration of these submissions. Thus, a brief initial enquiry is strongly recommended.

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