

Call for Papers

“Hotspots in Psychology” (2019)

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Focus of the Topical Issue, Aims, and Scope

Research synthesis techniques such as systematic reviews and meta-analyses have become standard methods for aggregating the results from thematically related research in psychology. They can be used to describe the state of the art in a research field, to test and/or compare theories, and to derive conclusions about the effectiveness of interventions.

Ideally, research syntheses use transparent procedures to find, evaluate, and aggregate the results of relevant research. Procedures are explicitly defined in advance to ensure that all steps are transparent and replicable. This practice is designed to minimize bias and increase the trustworthiness of findings. Consequently, well-performed research syntheses may decisively contribute to shaping and/or resolving hotspot debates in psychology and beyond.

The overall aim of this topical issue is to address hotspot topics in all subfields of psychology and related areas with the aid of research synthesis methods. The topics covered may address:

- Systematic reviews aimed at identifying hotspot topics in psychology.
- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses on topics currently being debated in any subfield of psychology.
- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses contributing to the recent discussion about replicability, transparency, and research integrity in psychology.
- Meta-analytic replications and extensions of previously published syntheses, for example, by applying more recent approaches and/or by including more recent primary studies.

- Methodological advances in research synthesis methods relevant for any subfield of psychology, such as, for instance, meta-analytic structural equation modeling (MASEM), individual person meta-analysis (IPD), network meta-analysis, to name a few.
- Demonstrations and tools to assist in data extraction for meta-analysis.
- Demonstrations and tools facilitating community-augmented meta-analysis.
- Quality-appraisal systems for primary, secondary, and meta-analytic studies.

How to Submit

There is a two-stage submissions process. Initially, interested authors are requested to submit extended abstracts of their proposed 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 contributing to this topical 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 topical issue.

The deadline for submitting structured abstracts is November 15, 2017.

Feedback on whether or not the editors encourage authors to submit a full paper will be given by December 15, 2017.

Submission Guidelines for Structured Abstracts

Structured abstracts should be within four pages and may encompass information on each of the following headings: (a) Background, (b) Objectives, (c) Research question(s) and/or hypothesis/es, (d) Method/Approach, (e) Results/Findings, (f) Conclusions and Implications (expected).

Structured abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to both guest editors at E-mail mb@leibniz-psychology.org and E-mail timo.gnambs@lifbi.de

There will be an international conference on “Research Synthesis Methods” at ZPID – Leibniz Institute for Psychology Information in Trier, Germany, on June 10–12, 2018. Authors who are encouraged to submit a full paper will be invited to present their manuscripts at the conference. Further information about the event can be found here: <http://researchsynthesis2018.leibniz-psychology.org>

Stage 2: Full Paper Submission

For those who have been encouraged to submit a full paper,

**the deadline for submission of manuscripts is
February 28, 2018.**

Full manuscripts will undergo a blind peer-review process. All manuscripts should adhere to the Meta-Analysis Reporting Standards (MARS) proposed by the American Psychological Association (APA) (<http://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/jars.pdf>). Moreover, 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.

Submission Guidelines for Full Papers

Maximum 7,000 words (approx. 50,000 characters, including spaces) in 12-point Times New Roman font, formatted in APA style (<http://www.apastyle.org/>), A4 paper format, 1-inch margins. Figures should be in grayscale only.

The title page should contain title, authors, and affiliations, including a complete address for correspondence

(including e-mail address). An abstract of 150 words or less and a list of up to five keywords should follow the title page.

On page 3 of the manuscript, repeat the title, but not the names, to permit anonymity during the reviewing process. Please do not include any footnotes at the bottom of the pages or at the end of the text.

Timeline

- November 15, 2017: Extended abstract submissions due;
- December 15, 2017: Feedback to authors of extended abstracts due;
- February 28, 2018: Full paper submissions due;
- March 15, 2018: Invitation to present at conference in Trier due;
- May 31, 2018: Feedback to authors of full paper submissions due;
- June 10–12, 2018: International conference on “Research Synthesis Methods” at ZPID – Leibniz Institute for Psychology Information, Trier, Germany. Further information about the event can be found here: <http://researchsynthesis2018.leibniz-psychology.org>
- August 30, 2018: Revised manuscripts due;
- September 30, 2018: Editorial decision about acceptance/refusal of revised papers due;
- October 10, 2018: Final manuscripts due;
- 2018/2019: Publication of topical issue.

About the Journal

The *Zeitschrift für Psychologie*, founded in 1890, is the oldest psychology journal in Europe and the second oldest in the world. One of the founding editors was Hermann Ebbinghaus. Since 2007 it is published in English and devoted to publishing topical issues that provide state-of-the-art reviews of current research in psychology.

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