

News and Announcements

Call for Papers

“Building an Equitable Global Psychology: Giving Voice to the Indigenous Psychology in Southeast Asia”

A Topical Issue of *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation*

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Focus, Aims, and Scope

Indigenous psychology (IP) examines the impact of culture and other social processes on people’s intrapsychic processes and behavior, which fits into the scope of IPP that is curious about human behavior and experiences around the globe from a psychological perspective. IP advocates for *giving voices to the voiceless* through empowering the local psychologists to conduct culturally relevant and sensitive studies to improve the lives of the locals. Southeast Asians have the intersectionality of East and West due to the imprints of Western colonizers, which provides a myriad of opportunities to study the whole spectrum of cultural transformation and exchanges. Its unique multiracial and multireligious landscape would enhance global understanding of the complex dynamic between multicultural groups. However, in the past, most of the international and indigenous psychological publications in Asian regions are dominated by high-income and homogenous countries such as Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan. Southeast Asian psychology has long been under-represented, due to its *third world countries* label, lack of equal development, history of colonization and trauma, disaster-prone ecology, and ethno-religious conflicts. Therefore, this issue aims to focus on both the indigenous concepts and practices of indigenous psychology in Southeast Asian (SEA) regions and how it could help to decolonize and reconstruct the conceptual space in the current psychological research.

The goals of this topical issue are:

1. demonstrating the contribution of the SEA indigenous psychologies to the building of a more equitable global psychology;
2. promoting psychological research that addresses culturally relevant issues in the SEA region (e.g., postcolonial trauma, ethnic conflicts, illegal migration and refugees, postpandemic recovery, urbanization and deforestation, disaster mental health, marginalized indigenous people, etc.); and
3. giving voices to the less represented psychological research and practices from low- to middle-income SEA countries.

For this special issue, the Guest Editors will encourage authors to address at least one of the following domains:

1. unique contribution of SEA psychology to global psychology, including indigenous psychological concepts or practices;
2. translational psychological research paradigms that address sustainable development goals in SEA communities (e.g., postcolonial trauma, ethnic conflicts, illegal migration and refugees, urbanization and deforestation, disaster mental health, etc.);
3. psychology for marginalized populations and indigenous people in SEA, including migrant workers and refugees; and
4. effects of the pandemic on SEA populations’ well-being, including postpandemic recovery and barriers to healthcare.

Expectations of Papers

- > Papers must be in English and well proofread by professional editors.
- > Papers must apply the indigenous concepts and psychological theories in the Southeast Asia region; multi-disciplinary works (e.g., anthropology, cultural studies, public health) are also welcome.
- > Papers focusing on Southeast Asian societies and studying Southeast Asian populations are preferred.
- > Topics that could match the Sustainable Development Goals stated by the United Nations are preferred.
- > Both empirical papers (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, or mixed method) and theoretical/review papers are welcome.
- > Empirical papers need to indicate ethical approval gained from the respective institutions.
- > Two types of papers will be considered: (i) regular articles, which report multiple studies, or a complex analysis of a single study (5,000 words); and (ii) theoretical papers, which propose new theory or research paradigm on indigenous psychology, or systemic review papers written in an essay format (4,000 words). The word restrictions exclude the title page, abstract, reference list, tables and figures, appendices, and acknowledgments.
- > Papers are expected to be prepared in accordance with the journal's Author Guidelines (at <http://www.hgf.io/ipp>).

How to Submit

There is a two-stage submission process. Initially, interested authors are requested to send extended abstracts (1,000 words) of their proposed papers via e-mail to Dr. Rachel Sing-Kiat Ting (ting.singkiat@monash.edu). Authors of the selected abstracts will then be invited to submit full papers. All papers will undergo blind peer review.

All full manuscripts must be submitted through the online submission system of the journal, Editorial Manager.

Detailed author guidelines, a link to the journal's submission portal, and additional information about *International Perspectives in Psychology* are available on the official website at <http://www.hgf.io/ipp>.

Timeline

- May 31, 2022: 1000-word proposal due
- July 1, 2022: Feedback to authors
- August 30, 2022: Full manuscript due
- October 31: Feedback to the authors
- December 1, 2022: Revised manuscripts due
- January 31, 2023: Final decision due
- Anticipated publication date: Spring 2023

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