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Remarks from the President

All of us at ISTP are looking forward to our forthcoming Conference in Copenhagen this August, which –as you will see from the contents of this Newsletter– promises to be a highly stimulating event, with excellent keynote speakers and a great venue. To date our conferences have truly provided the core of our activities as a Society. They are not just the place where we get to meet and to hear about the latest research in theoretical psychology, but they are also the place where many important decisions are taken, such as where to host the next conference and who is to be the next President Elect.

Given that during this conference, Antonia Larrain –an ISTP stalwart and a Psychology Faculty Member at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Chile– will take over from me as ISTP President, I feel that a few remarks are in order. For many of you, Antonia will be indelibly associated with the 2013 ISTP meeting in Santiago de Chile, to which she contributed a great deal of organizational skill and energy. This was a rare ISTP conference that I was unfortunately unable to attend, but you can catch a glimpse of the wonderful atmosphere of this event in the video-documentary made by Basia Ellis and available [here](#).



Professor Paul Stenner
ISTP President

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I have been fortunate enough to get to know Antonia a little more during the last two years during which she has acted –always intelligently, supportively and effectively– as President Elect. I am confident that the ISTP will be in good hands under her leadership. Her research deals with the dialogical nature of psychological processes and it has an applied focus on pedagogy, trying to understand and promote the relation between classroom argumentation and conceptual development.

Personally, I have very much enjoyed reading her work using a synthesis of Spinoza, Dewey, Bakhtin and Vigotsky to explore aesthetics as a political method for managing the unpredictabilities of open and inconclusive community existence. I look forward to helping her to manage the open-ended and dynamic community that is ISTP over the next

Finally, three important announcements are contained in this Newsletter. First is the call for proposals to host our next conference. It is always good to have at least two proposals to discuss at the Conference, so please, if you are in a position to do so have a think about hosting or suggesting it to those you think would do a good job. Second is the call for our Student Travel Awards. This continues our history of supporting students to attend the conference. We want to have applications in by the time of our Spring Executive Meeting towards the end of May. Third is the call for postgraduate students giving papers in Copenhagen to nominate for the Sigmund Koch Award for best paper.

I very much look forward to seeing you in August in Copenhagen.

Paul Stenner
ISTP President

ISTP 2019: Copenhagen



Dear all,

As the Conference Chair for the upcoming ISTP Conference, in Copenhagen, I am happy to announce that we are now ready to receive registrations at: events.au.dk/ISTP2019. Early bird registration runs till May 24, final registration June 15. We have been overwhelmed with the vast number of highly qualified abstracts for symposia, papers, posters and panels, and we therefore anticipate a stimulating conference venue. Please visit the conference website (conferences.au.dk/istp2019) to get access to our suggested hotels, pre-booked for you, aiming at keeping our community together in Copenhagen. We encourage you to book hotels as soon as possible, since August is a busy month in Copenhagen, and our pre-bookings expire during the summer.

The five-day conference aims to strengthen dialogue and present intellectually challenging debates on matters pertinent to theoretical psychology and its role in contemporary society. The conference will begin Monday 19 August with a warm welcome at Danish School of Education, followed by the first keynote by Professor Hartmut Rosa on acceleration and its impact on everyday life and existence in modern Western societies. All keynotes address the theme of acceleration from various critical angles. As an appetizer we can reveal two keynote titles: Professor Uffe Juul Jensen will explore the topic of 'A good life and a healthy society: abstract utopia or concrete possibility in an age of escalating cultural-political acceleration?' Professor Dorte Marie Søndergaard, will present a keynote titled 'Psychology challenged? Refocusing our conceptual endeavours when culture nature and technology kick-in.' In addition to the keynotes, we are also launching and testing a new format with panel discussions, which will be held two in parallel. These provide a mid-sized forum for raising and exploring issues of importance–

historically, politically, and conceptually—from different perspectives. We hope that these panels will stimulate even more debate and dialogue in our community. For instance, the panel sessions will engage the theoretical legacy of Jan Smedslund, debate critical psychology in an unjust world by paying tribute to the contribution of Tod Sloan, explore Latin American voices on theoretical psychology, and much more. We have a break on Wednesday afternoon where delegates can explore the sights of Copenhagen for themselves or join the conference tour. This tour takes us north of Copenhagen to Helsingør (Elsinore) and Kronborg Castle—the famous home of Hamlet. Hopefully, we will have warm and sunny weather that will allow us to enjoy a visit to the beach en route to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, where we will enjoy a dinner and explore the exhibitions.

Thursday's conference dinner takes place in one of Copenhagen's most colorful neighborhoods, Nørrebro, at a location close to the lakes, where there will be every opportunity to experience how the city comes to life during summer evenings.

We hope to promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to psychological questions, to challenge persistent assumptions, and to critically explore psychology's role in local, national and transnational practices in a forum encouraging new perspectives. As always, the conference is an opportunity to both reaffirm and renew our community, and we welcome "old-timers" and "newcomers" alike in a continuation of our shared past and coming future history. The International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP) will award up to 6 stipends in the amount of \$500 (CAD) to doctoral students for travel to the conference. The application deadline is May 17. Also, student members of ISTP with papers accepted for presentation at the conference are invited to submit their papers for consideration for the Sigmund Koch Award. The application deadline is July 20. Please follow conferences.au.dk/istp2019 for regular updates with the latest information on the conference. You are also always welcome to email me at diwi@edu.au.dk if you have any questions.

On behalf of the local organizing committee at DPU, Aarhus University: Morten Nissen, Dorte Kousholt, Nina Hein, Dorte Marie Søndergaard, Line Lerche Mørch, Anette Eriksen & Ditte Winther-Lindqvist, conference chair.

ISTP Membership Information

We are inviting membership applications.

Membership dues can be paid by means of credit card, cheque, or bank transfer.

The full membership fee is \$155 (CAD) for a year, with access to all the issues of Theory & Psychology, whilst the reduced fee is \$60 (and \$45 for students).

To register, please visit our website:

<https://istp.wildapricot.org/members>

Money generated from memberships make it possible for us to offer students bursaries for ISTP conference attendance, award the Sigmund Koch Prize for best student member presentation, and facilitate the publication of conference proceedings- now also available in e-format.

ISTP Graduate Student Travel Award

The International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP) will award up to 6 stipends in the amount of \$500 (CAD) to doctoral students for travel to the ISTP conference in Copenhagen August 19-23, 2019.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must be Postgraduate students in Psychology or a field with a significant emphasis on Psychology at the time of the convention. Work that was completed while an individual was a graduate student but would be presented post-graduation is not eligible.
2. Applicants must be paid ISTP members. If an individual is not already a member, he or she may join by submitting an application for membership and payment along with the travel award application.
3. Applicants must have a paper accepted by the 2019 ISTP program committee.
4. Applicants must be the *first author* of the accepted conference paper.

Travel awards will cover conference-related expenses up to a maximum of \$500, including transportation, lodging, food, and conference registration. Award payments will be made only in the form of post-conference reimbursement for documented expenses. Receipts must be submitted to the Treasurer of ISTP for reimbursement (James Cresswell, jamesdcresswell@gmail.com).

Application Procedure and Deadline:

To be considered for a travel award, submit the following:

1. A completed application.
2. An academic curriculum vitae or résumé.
3. A one-page statement describing your research interests, career goals, and rationale for applying (e.g., how you would benefit from the award).
4. A copy of your abstract.

Please submit the application materials to Maria Gurevich (mgurevic@psych.ryerson.ca), Chair of the Student Travel Awards Committee, **by May 23, 2019**.

Decision Process and Notification:

Award decisions will be based on the excellence of the submitted conference abstract and on the strength of the applicant's scholarly record as judged by the 2019 Student Travel Awards Committee. ISTP will notify applicants of the award decisions by **June 1, 2019**. Award winners must **accept or decline their award within 48 hours of notification**. Award winners are required to submit (via email) a short biographical sketch no later than one week after the notification of the award. The award letter will contain complete details on how to document conference expenses.

Call for Submissions for the 2019 Sigmund Koch Award

Student members of ISTP with papers accepted for presentation at the 2019 ISTP conference in Copenhagen are invited to submit their papers for consideration for the Sigmund Koch Award. Applicants must be graduate students at the time of the convention (August 2019). Work that was completed while the student was a graduate student but would be presented post-graduation is not eligible.

The prize for the best student paper is based on the written conference paper AND the conference presentation.

The written papers should be submitted to Lorrie Radke, Chair of the Sigmund Koch Award Committee, at radtke@ucalgary.ca by July 20, 2019.

Please note that in order to be considered for this award, applicants must be student members of ISTP when they submit their written papers.

Call for Proposals to Host the 2021 ISTP Conference

The ISTP Executive Committee invites proposals to host the 2021 ISTP conference. Conference hosting entails responsibility for local arrangements and the conference program, with the support of the ISTP Executive. The Society encourages proposals from all parts of the world where members reside.

Statements of interest are due April 30, 2019 and complete proposals are due July 26, 2019. Statements of interest should outline the facilities available, projected costs, and plans to seek external funding for keynote speakers and other conference activities. Complete proposals will provide detailed information on these matters.

Statements of interest will be discussed by the Executive Committee at their meeting in May 2019 and feedback will be provided to the proponents. Complete proposals will be discussed by the Executive Committee at their meeting during the 2019 conference and presented to the membership at the Business Meeting. Proponents are invited to make the presentation to the general membership. The Executive will consider the preferences of the members attending the Business Meeting in finalizing the decision.

Direct questions, statements of interest and complete proposals to Professor Paul Stenner, President ISTP (paul.stenner@open.ac.uk).

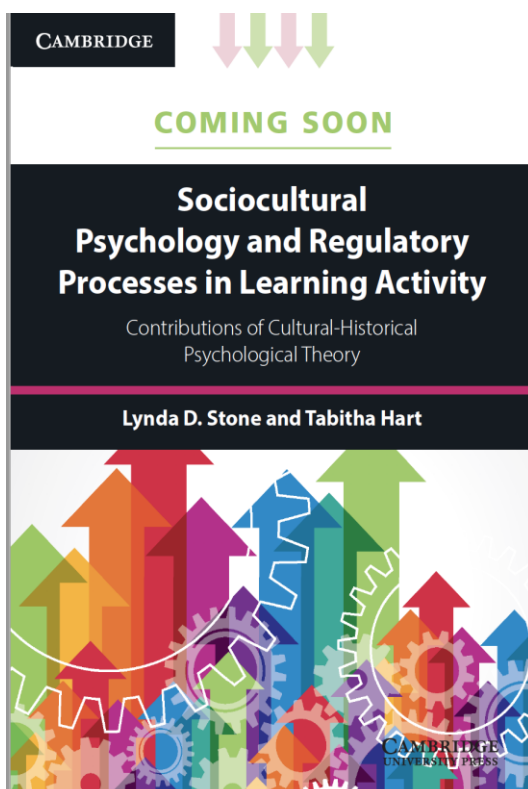
Meeting of the Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (Division 24 of the American Psychological Association) APA Convention in Chicago, August 8-11, 2019

From the Program Chairs:

During this year's APA Convention in Chicago, Division 24 will be confronting the question, 'What is social justice?' Our keynote session will feature Garth Stevens of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, who will speak on the economies of affect, embodiment, and morality in the violence of contemporary migration; his presentation will be followed up by presentations on migration and social justice by Sunil Bhatia and Barbara Held. Additional programming will include collaborations with a number of other divisions, including the Society of Counseling Psychology and the Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race. And this year, our hospitality suite will feature a more robust program.

In addition to several symposia scheduled for the suite, Division 24's Critical Theories and Social Practices special interest group will collaborate with Division 27's Critical Community Psychology special interest group to bring senior scholars together with junior scholars and graduate students from both divisions for a lunch discussion and social. We will also host a special panel from Chicago-based HEART Women and Girls, an organization that promotes sexual health and sexual violence awareness in local Muslim communities. Find out more about Division 24 [here](#) and the APA Convention [here](#).

Upcoming Publication



Written by educational researchers and professionals working with children and adolescents in and out of school, this book shows how self-regulation involves more than an isolated individual's ability to control their thoughts and feelings, particularly in a learning environment. By using Vygotsky's cultural-historical psychological theory, the authors provide a unique set of four analytical lenses for a better understanding of how self-regulation, co-regulation, and other-regulation function as a system of regulatory processes. These lenses move beyond a focus on solitary individuals, who self-regulate behaviour, to centre on individuals as relational, agential, and contextually situated. As agents, teachers and their students build their learning contexts and are influenced by these self-engineered contexts. This is a dynamic perspective of a social context and underlies the view that regulatory processes are an integral part of a functional system for learning.

- Supplies four unique sociocultural analytic frames for understanding and observing behavior regulation in learning contexts
- Shows how self-regulation involves more than an isolated individual's ability to control and direct behavior, thoughts, and feelings.
- Incorporates real-life examples of children and their teachers or mentors



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Note from the Editor

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Thank you for reading this newsletter! This is the final newsletter prior to the upcoming ISTP conference, and so has been focused specifically on important information for those attending the conference. Thank you to all those who contributed to this newsletter and who helped with preparing this issue.

Going forward, I would like to encourage more contributions to the newsletter for future editions. The ISTP newsletter remains an important forum to share information relevant to the practice of theoretical psychology, such as recent book publications that may be of interest to fellow members and friends. Moreover, the newsletter is a space to exchange ideas and reflections among researchers.

Please continue to also use the newsletter to advertise conferences, seminars, and workshops; information on pertinent job postings; and updates on recent events relevant to theory and psychology.

Please contact us at our new email address (newsletter.istp@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute to the ISTP newsletter or have any questions about this and/or future issues.

As a side note, I will be stepping back as ISTP newsletter editor. I have enjoyed the past few years as editor and look forward to seeing more editions in the future. Thank you to all those who've provided guidance over the past few years.

Best wishes,
Evan Shillabeer