



ISTP Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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We would like to welcome you to the first ISTP Newsletter of this year 2021. It seems unbelievable that the pandemic is still here and that we are still facing important restrictions to meeting in person. We have had to adapt to this new situation thinking on new ways to encounter continuing the cultivation of theoretical psychology, despite the current sanitary conditions. This is why we want to share with you amazing news through this newsletter.

Regarding our next biennial conference as you all may know, Sacramento ISTP Conference is going online and will be held by College of Education, California State University on May 2022. Basia Ellis and all the local organizing committee, have done a brilliant work to design a stimulating space for discuss and debate around engaging with communities. This newsletter will give you crucial information about the conference.

The Proceedings of the Copenhagen Conference have been launched as two issues in the new online open access journal *International Review of Theoretical Psychology*. This initiative, that was pushed forward by Ditte Winther-Lindqvist and Morten Nissen, represents a relevant

innovation regarding the ways we have been publishing Conference proceedings so far, oriented towards a more sustainable and democratic way to do science. We are grateful to Ditte and Morten, but also to Michael Arfken, who assumed as the main editor of the Journal. We are also grateful for the wonderful job of Kyoko Murakami, Andrés Haye, Dorte Kousholt, and Ramiro Tau as editors of the first number of the journal, with Ditte and Morten. I invite you to read and enjoy their editorial piece in the following pages, and to contribute with the dissemination of the journal and its papers.

Moreover, we would like to invite you to follow up the discussion after the Sacramento conference is over, by supporting the organization of local workshops to be held in-between conferences. In this newsletter you will find the Call for proposals with more information regarding this initiative.

Finally, as I informed in a recent email sent to members, the ISTP Executive Committee has decided to hold a Conference in 2023 in person. We have received two proposals to organize the conference. **In order to decide where the conference will be held at we will hold an online Business meeting on Monday October 11th at 14.00 GMT (16.00 Paris/Geneva, 11.00 Santiago, 10.00 Atlanta/Boston, 8.00 Calgary). Please, save the date. We will send the Zoom link by email within the next weeks. We hope to see you all there!**

Antonia Larrain

ISTP President



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It is time to prepare for the ISTP 2022 Conference!

The ISTP 2022 is going virtual. We will meet online during two consecutive weekends:
May 27-28 & June 3-4, 2022.

Conference Theme

We have seen tremendous change in our communities due to COVID, and prior to this, over the last decade, we have seen social upheaval in the public sphere, motivated in part by the election of unexpected leaders and deeply divisive social issues. Observing increasingly hostile and unequal sociopolitical circumstances, social scientists around the world have been pressed to respond to social issues on the ground, working directly with local organizations, governments, and groups. Universities are fostering interdisciplinary collaborations and adopting 'community-engaged' agendas where researchers are asked to cultivate partnerships with the members of the community and so lead to productive outcomes. As a critical and interdisciplinary discipline, theoretical psychology has for decades served to question, explore, and develop conceptual and research tools needed to deepen understandings of human existence in shifting social contexts.

We invite contributions to theoretical psychology from all scholarly approaches exploring different issues in theoretical psychology, and especially submissions that explore the following questions:

- How can theoretical psychological knowledge and practice reach local communities to contribute to positive social change?
- What psychological concepts, theories, approaches, and practices are helpful to improve research-community collaborations and social outcomes?
- In what ways is theoretical psychological knowledge addressing multi-disciplinary and multiprofessional audiences, and how can scholars increase the impact of their research to audiences outside of psychological circles?
- In what ways are contemporary social concerns (e.g., climate change, racial disparities, migration, homelessness, famine, nuclear threats) impacting the development of psychological knowledge and what responsibilities do we have as social scientists seeking to explain the realities of persons living in these contexts?
- What specific kind of contribution can theoretical psychology make to communities?



The ISTP Local Organizing Committee invites ISTP members and friends to check out the official [ISTP 2022 Conference website](#) to get excited and plan for the online conference in 2022.

What you will find on the website:

- Information about conference times, details, and all future updates (so please bookmark the site).
- Access to the [Call for Proposals & Submissions portal](#) (submissions are due October 1st, 2021).
- **New this year!**

Pre-recorded Keynote Sessions & Keynote Conversation Sessions:

Check out our keynote speakers' presentations on the [conference website](#) and consider engaging one of our speakers in further dialogue at the conference! How? Submit an abstract for a "keynote conversation" session, where you, the keynote speaker, and selected others can discuss ideas at the conference in front of a live audience—see submission guidelines below.

Pre-recorded video presentations from our 2022 Keynote Speakers:

- Regina Langhout (University of California, Santa Cruz, USA)
- Peter Pál Pelbart (Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil)
- Puleng Segalo (University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa)
- Alexander Sidorkin (California State University, Sacramento, USA)

Community Engaged Sessions:

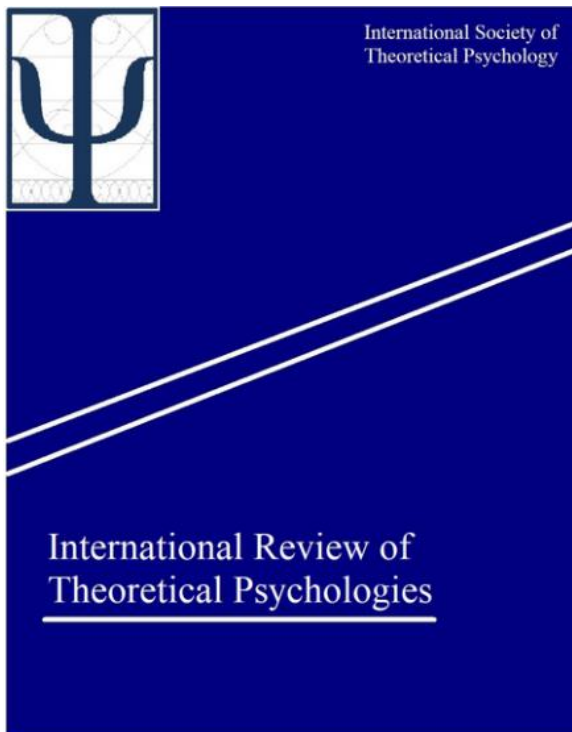
Are you a scholar working in collaboration with community partners? We are inviting community partners (e.g., social workers, advocates, organizers, and others from non-academic settings) to join ISTP scholars to present their work at our conference! Presenting community partners will not be charged for registration fees.

ISTP Equity Initiative:

We recognize the global economic disparities that shape our attendees opportunities to participate in the conference. Accordingly, upon submission, applicants facing hardship will have the opportunity to request reduced registration fees.

International Review of Theoretical Psychology (IRTP)

We bid you a warm welcome to this very first issue of the new open access online journal: [International Review of Theoretical Psychologies \(IRTP\)](#). The IRTP publishes articles originally presented at the latest conference of the International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP), in rewritten, peer-reviewed, and revised forms for a global readership. Since 1987, such articles were printed as proceedings volumes.



With the IRTP, as an open access online journal, we hope to reach a wider and more diverse readership, while at the same time to uphold the highest academic aspirations, reflecting theoretical, meta-theoretical, historical and philosophical discussions of psychology in all its manifold and varieties. IRTP publishes one volume every two years of one or more issues. Each publication follows the previous conference, with peer-reviewed papers written by delegates on topics more or less closely connected to the conference theme, however always intellectually stimulating and of high academic and ethical standards. Deciding for an online version and Open Access, OJS—rather than for a printed proceedings book—has been a long and carefully debated process, involving the ISTP Executive Committee, the conference

organizing team, and the editorial team of this first issue. Debating pros and cons between good old books and an OJS—tradition and renewal—we decided on the latter. This solution has many advantages. It is free of charge and easily accessible to a worldwide readership. It is also environmentally a much more sustainable solution, as we avoid print and overseas shipping of books. IRTP offers immediate open access to its content, thus contributing to making research freely available to a wider academic readership. This favors not only the ISTP as a community but also the interrelationships with many other communities and researchers all over the world. Thus, we hope that this new journal increases our impact through widened readership and a global exchange of knowledge—and we are happy to reduce our carbon footprint at the same time. This first volume of the *International Review of Theoretical Psychologies* (divided into Issues 1 and 2), share the subtitle: “*Measured Lives - Theoretical Psychology in an Era of Acceleration*”, pointing back at the Copenhagen 2019 theme. We decided upon this topic for the 18th biennial conference at the Danish School of Education, Aarhus University in 2018. At that time, the world was on full speed moving in all kinds of directions, but particularly moving fast in terms of technologies of measuring and monitoring. Our aim was to stimulate critical debate

and reflection regarding these dominant forces in contemporary capitalist societies: the conception of humanity as something measurable and the constant quest for acceleration, efficiency, and optimization. We thus open a call to contribute theorizing the psychological implications of the acceleration and measurement of life and experience. Who would have believed that a global pandemic, COVID-19, should interfere with this fast-moving accelerated world with such a sudden and in itself accelerated force? Whole industries—which prior to this crisis were regarded as unstoppable economic and cultural necessities—have come to a standstill (to paraphrase a keynote paper authored by Pablo Oyarzun, in issue 1). The consequences of this pandemic are unfathomable—manifold and complex—and still unfolding. In many places of the world it is tearing communities apart, causing grief, anxiety, vast unemployment, poverty, and a glooming and uncertain future. In almost every place of the world, it disrupts plans for a future, crushes dreams and alters our usual ways of working, socializing, commuting and our habits of doing so, prompting for new, “more hygienic” cultural practices. In any case, the pandemic has only proven the centrality of the topic of measuring and acceleration, relevant in even more pertinent ways; yet none we had foreseen. Measuring and calculating are tools of immense value and profound human consequence during the pandemic.

The accelerated race between pharmaceutical companies serve us well, and each break of a new chain of infection can save lives, and restrictions as well as their abolition rest upon mathematical calculations of risk and projected infection rates, compared up against hospital capacity, vaccination speed, etc. Yet, it is likely that the pandemic was itself largely caused by accelerated agricultural production and spread by intensified traffic; it is possible that the commercial structure of ‘big pharma’ obstructs disease control at a global level, and we are in more need than ever of a: *“social epidemiology in alliance with the vulnerable and marginalized”* to paraphrase a plea presented by keynote Uffe Juul Jensen (issue 2). So, measuring and accelerating continuously plays an enormous role in both, the suffering and the potential overcoming of our agony during this pandemic, as keynote Dorte Marie Søndergaard (issue 1) and keynote Ann Phoenix (issue 2) point out—these technologies are not neutral tools of application, but part of the thinking technologies that intra-act for better and for worse. As editors of these proceedings, we usually work in the happy anticipation of meeting soon in the ISTP community at the upcoming conference, continuing the dialogue in IRTP. This next conference should have taken place in Sacramento, California, USA (please, visit the ISTP website [<https://istp.wildapricot.org/conferences>] for next call and upcoming events).

Of course, this tradition of on-site conferences is unfortunately disrupted by the pandemic, and our next conference in 2022 is going to be an online event. Hopefully, our new open journal format enables us to learn how to keep growing into a truly global community despite the social changes we are currently experiencing. Meanwhile, the team spirit in the group of editors and cooperation with volunteer reviewers from all over the world has been a refreshing opening into the global world for us, at a time other-wise strictly confined to the local arena, in which we are trapped.

Creating a new journal is a huge job and a joint venture. We encourage readers to sign up for the publishing notification service for this journal, as a way of also visualizing your support and our readership among scholars of theoretical psychology. Please, do use the Register link at the top of the home page for the journal.

We would like to thank the ISTP Executive Committee for engaged and fruitful discussions, and for the research and dialogue leading to this promising renewal of a long tradition; and finally, our heartfelt thanks to Mike Arfken for volunteering in creating a useful and aesthetically pleasing Journal template. We are grateful to editorial assistants, Rasmus Teilmann and Jakob Thøfner Qvortrup for speedy and competent work. And last but not least, a big thank you to all reviewers.

Ditte Winther-Lindqvist, Andrés Haye, Dorte Kousholt,
Kyoko Murakami, Morten Nissen & Ramiro Tau

International Review of Theoretical Psychologies - Editorial Board

Theory & Psychology update

Now moving into the second half of 2021, I am happy to report that *Theory & Psychology* continues to be healthy and strong as a forum for theoretical psychology. Somewhat surprisingly, every year the number of submissions to the journal increases and, for people who follow these things, the impact factor has also increased slightly. More important to my mind is that outstanding scholars from very different traditions of psychological scholarship choose *Theory & Psychology* as the venue for publishing their theoretical work. In addition to the many self-standing articles, I would like to point out the special section “Towards rethinking the primacy of epistemology in psychology”, published earlier this year (<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tapa/31/2>) with guest editors Pita King, Darrin Hodgetts, and Danilo Silva Guimarães. In my communication in the last ISTP newsletter, I mentioned the second iteration of designating a target article with an associated call for open peer commentaries. The article, *Scientific realism and the issue of variability in behavior* by J. F. Arocha, has now been published in the most recent issue of the journal (Volume 31, Issue 3) together with 17 commentaries, many of them by well-known ISTP attendees (<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tapa/current>).

As always, I hope that the content published in *Theory & Psychology* is stimulating and inspiring to members of ISTP and more broadly. I also hope that you, as members of the ISTP community, see *Theory & Psychology* as a natural home for your work and dialogues with each other.

Kieran O'Doherty

Call for workshop proposals 2022-2023

Considering that the 19th Biennial ISTP conference is going online, and in order to strengthened the interaction and academic interchange around theoretical psychology during 2022, with a special interest of involving graduate students, the Executive Committee (EC) of ISTP has launched an **exceptional call for supporting local workshops organization**.

The workshops should be conceived as meetings devoted to present and discuss theoretical ideas in psychology. They could be held in presence or online, and span one or more days through different formats. For instance, well-developed papers or work in progress could be presented; keynote talks can be combined with shorter students' paper presentations; papers could be sent in advance and then discussed or presented, among others. Creative formats are encouraged.

Proposals should meet the following requirements:

- One ISTP member should act as the main applicant and chair-organizer of the meeting.
- At least one affiliated institution should support the application.
- The meeting should involve a theme clearly related to theoretical psychology.
- At least one ISTP full member non-affiliated to the host institution should be invited to share their work in the meeting, ideally from a different city/country.
- A specific space for discussing graduate students' work should be allocated. Meeting proposals should consider specific actions to promote socio-economic, gender, geographical and ethnic inclusion
- Meetings should be held in-between Conference 2022 and Conference 2023.

Funding

ISTP provides the elected workshop with a one-time funding consisting of a maximum budget of CA\$500 per event, which can be used to cover:

- Provision of lunches and drinks during the meetings;
- Payment of travel expenses;
- Payment of students' organization assistance.

Organizers are required to recognize ISTP financial support in the call for papers and dissemination.

Format for proposal

- Title and brief description of the theme of the meeting
- Brief description of the hosting institution
- Proposed dates
- Proposed format
- Names, affiliations and short CV of ISTP members acting as organizers and invited lecturers.
- Proposed actions to promote inclusion

Criteria for selection

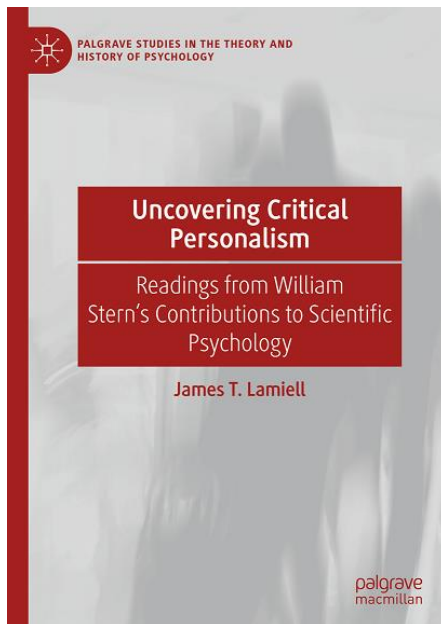
- Involvement of graduate students
- Potential impact on local development of theoretical psychology
- Creativity of formats
- Inclusion

Deadline for submissions

- January 15th

Proposals should be sent to: Ramiro.Tau@unige.ch

Upcoming publications



Uncovering Critical Personalism. Readings from William Stern's Contributions to Scientific Psychology

Lamiell, James T. (2021). Palgrave.

This book brings together the central tenets of William Stern's critical personalism. Presented for the first time for an English-speaking audience, this selection of original translations and essays encapsulates the critical framework of Stern's personalistic psychology. The selected works highlight the philosophical basis of Stern's personalistic views, illustrate their relevance in domains of theoretical and practical importance in psychology, and reveal Stern's critical stance on certain methodological trends that were gaining favor within psychology during his lifetime. Lamiell's own chapters

contextualise the translations by providing an overview of the most basic tenets of critical personalism, and offering a commentary on paradigmatic commitments within scientific psychology's mainstream that began to impede Stern's efforts prior to his death, and that remain obstacles to personalistic thinking in the discipline today.

Largely ignored by his contemporaries, this work forms part of an emerging body of scholarship that seeks to reintroduce Stern's thinking into contemporary psychology. The book is intended for academically oriented scholars with interests in historical, theoretical and philosophical issues in psychology.

More information: <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030677336>

Events

PhD course

August 16-18 on “Text as a technology for care and understanding”

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen

Participants are also invited to a 2 days F2F research seminar on the same issue. See program below.

August 19: Seminar at School of Education, Aarhus University (DPU), Emdrup

13.00 - 13:30 Introduction (TF & MN)

13:30 - 15:30 Presentation and discussion Morten Nissen

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Tea Fruit

16:00 - 18:00 Presentation and discussion (Gerald Moore and Nikolaos Mylonas)

18:00 - 18:30 Rounding off (TF & MN)

19:30 - Dinner

August 20: Seminar at School of Education, Aarhus University (DPU), Emdrup

09:00 - 11:00 Presentation and discussion (Jette Kofoed)

11:00 - 11:15 Pause

11:15 - 13:15 Presentation and discussion (Emily Martin)

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 16:15 Presentation and discussion (Louise Whiteley and Adam Bencard)

16:15 - 17:00 Reflections

Find description and apply here:

<https://phdcourses.ku.dk/KursusListe.aspx?t=WA5UXcs7Ug1nQ0y8j5GZrUtOnBY9Tg84y2pyAyPMNc7IUmlAl3OnySGMIwoj%2bZQla5SZgGu1ozTzFZBfEhTJZg%3d%3d&search=1&sitepath=SUND>

Deadline June 25th

ISTP Membership Information

We are inviting membership applications

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.

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

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.

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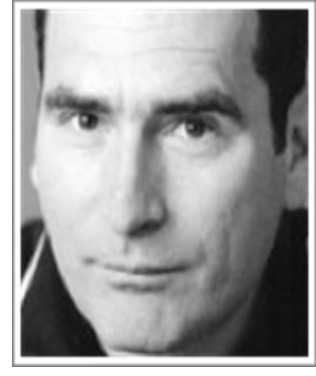
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Note from the editor

Dear ISTP member,

One of the objectives of our Society is to share and disseminate academic activities related to theoretical psychology. That is why we invite you to send us any information about the launching of new books, journals, open calls, courses or academic meetings, among other events. Through our communication channels, and especially through our newsletter, we will be able to spread the information you send us.

I look forward to receiving your messages.

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