



ISTP Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members of the ISTP

We would like to welcome you to the first ISTP Newsletter of this year 2022. This newsletter arrives in the middle of a new international political critical situation. The Russian invasion and attack on Ukraine, and the atrocities and huge amount of human and non-human animal suffering that it has triggered, is overwhelming and shocking. It follows years of conflicts in the area and years of witnessing “in the distance” so much suffering and pain caused by conflicts in countries such as Syria, Myanmar, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Rwanda, Congo, among others (just for mentioned some of the more recent crises). Now, there are ways to take action and to support people in suffering, and we should not stand still in face of such atrocities.

As I said in a recent email, the course that this political conflict has taken reminds us again that theoretical psychology is of the utmost relevance. Old and classical concepts need to be disputed and revisited, and collective knowledge on political conflicts and social violence need to be performed and re-enacted in order to understand with new insights our post-pandemic world. Mental health and wellbeing; the imagination of the future and the possible; dynamics of radical alterity; living in a shared world organized on new and arising social tensions and contradictions; communities' engagement; among many other issues, need to be taken into account seriously.

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Fortunately, our next biennial conference to be held online from Sacramento is approaching fast, and we invite all of you, even when does not have a work accepted, to join the conference and to participate in the discussion and reflection. It will be great to see you there! If you are struggling for the conference registration payment, please see below calls for awards and grants still open. If you are a student and have a paper accepted please consider to apply to the Sigmund Koch award, see below.

My term as President is finishing and I want to thank you all for your support and enthusiasm in maintaining this Society alive and vibrant after difficult years. I'm especially grateful for the ISTP executive committee, that has worked hard these past three years. Especially thanks deserve Ernst Schraube and Paul Stenner, that as presidents were always available to support and give wise advice; James Cresswell, that has been an outstanding treasurer—we have been so lucky to have him in that position; and Tania Zittoun that has a rigorous and detailed work as secretary; and Ramiro Tau, who has devoted so many time and energy to maintain us well informed and updated.

During the conference, we will hold the Business meeting in which we will vote for the next president-elect and new executive committee members-at-large. We will send the call for nominations for these positions via e-mail. I hope to see you all in this important event, critical for the continuity and future of ISTP.

With best wishes,
Antonia Larrain



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Call for financial support for underfunded scholars

The ISTP is committed to finding ways to support scholars who do not receive sufficient funding for travel and attendance at conferences. One of the ways that the society seeks to support such scholars is to offer grants. ISTP has established an underfunded scholar grant committee that is chaired by the treasurer.

Application process

We ask applicants to send an email with the details of the costs associated with traveling to and attending the ISTP conference. Please be sure to identify the country in which one resides and any special circumstances that the adjudication should know. Email can be sent to the chair of the committee: jim.cresswell@ambrose.edu

Adjudication Process

The number and size of the grants depend upon the budget and number of applicants. Priority will be given to faculty from institutions listed in the United Nations list of Least Developed Countries and to applicants who are presenting at (as opposed to just attending) the conference. Students are encouraged to apply for the student travel award. Applicants will be notified of adjudication results prior to the early-bird conference registration deadline.

Call for Submissions for the 2022 Sigmund Koch Award

Student members of ISTP with papers accepted for presentation at the 2022 online ISTP conference in Sacramento are invited to submit their papers for consideration for the Sigmund Koch Award. Applicants must be graduate students at the time of the convention (May 2022). 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 T. Zittoun, chair of the Sigmund Koch Award Committee, at tania.zittoun@unine.ch by **May 8th, 2022**.

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

ISTP GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION - 2022 ISTP CONFERENCE

Sacramento, USA, May 27-28 & June 3-4, 2022

The International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP) will award up to 6 registration full waivers to postgraduate students for participate and present their papers to the ISTP conference in Sacramento.

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.
2. Any work to be presented at the conference must be written by an individual whilst studying for a postgraduate degree.
3. 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, together with payment, along with the travel award application.
4. Applicants must have a conference paper accepted by the 2022 ISTP program committee.
5. Applicants must be the *first author* of the accepted conference paper.
6. Travel awards will cover conference registration and will be paid directly to the conference organizer.

Application Procedure and Deadline

To be considered for an award, submit the following:

1. A completed application
2. An academic CV 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 Antonia Larrain (alarrain@uahurtado.cl), Chair of the Student Travel Awards Committee, **by May 8th, 2022**.

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 2022 Student Travel Awards Committee.

ISTP will notify applicants of the award decisions before the conference. Award winners must **accept or decline their award within 48 hours of the 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.

ISTP GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION FORM

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1. Name of applicant submitting graduate student travel award application

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Affiliation: _____
Name of University/College City Country

Mailing Address: _____

City Province / Country Postal Code

E-mail Address: _____

2. What type of graduate program are you enrolled in?

- ☐ PhD program in psychology
- ☐ Other program (describe: _____)

3. What is your current year in graduate school?

- ☐ First year
- ☐ Second year
- ☐ Third year
- ☐ Fourth year
- ☐ Fifth year
- ☐ Other (please explain; _____)

Print Signature:

Date:



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The ISTP Conference Committee is excited to announce several conference updates:

1. Registration is open! You may register by visiting the [Conference Website](#) (see “Register Now” in upper right corner). Early Bird registration will last until May 20th, after which regular registration costs will apply.
2. Full Agenda is available (with all scheduled sessions) on the Conference Website (see “Agenda” tab). We have made every effort to schedule sessions based on attendees’ availabilities and needs outlined in our Qualtrics Survey—thank you for your responses.
3. Presenter profiles remain open for updates! We encourage all our speakers to update their profiles with photos and biographical information to help build a sense of community among conference attendees. An email invitation from Sacramento State University has been sent with a link for how to access your profile—so please check your email for these instructions.
4. Please upload all pre-recorded videos by May 16th (if applicable). Once we collect all videos, we will make links to them available to all registered conference attendees in the Conference Program (see next item). Instructions for where & how to upload your video have been sent via email—so please check your mailboxes for an email from Sacramento State with these details.
5. Full Conference Program (with all Zoom session links and pre-recorded video links) will be made available in PDF form to all registered attendees.
6. Keynote presentations. Please be reminded that all Keynote presentation videos are available on the conference website for your viewing. At the online conference, each keynote speaker will partake in a “Keynote Conversation” at the start of each conference day, which will build on their pre-recorded session and will be facilitated by an ISTP member discussant. Please see the [Agenda](#) on the conference website for more details!

Theory & Psychology

Reflecting on the past year, an important change for *Theory & Psychology* is that Sage has increased our page allocation. This is the result of us receiving a high number of submissions and Sage attempting to shorten the time that authors have to wait for their accepted articles to be allocated to an issue of the journal. We've made use of this increased page allocation by publishing longer issues (on average) compared to previous years.

The past year also saw publication of an excellent special issue on the *Psychology of Borders* (<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tapa/31/5>), with guest editors Alicia Español and Giuseppina Marsico. We currently have two more special issues planned. Zhipeng Gao and Thomas Teo will be guest editors for an issue on *Theorizing the Psychology of Deglobalization*, and guest editors Godehard Brüntrup and Lieke Asma are collecting a series of articles on *Depth of the Self and Implicit Motives*.

The submissions to the journal continue to span a wide range of topic areas and theoretical approaches. When possible, I collect similar articles into the same issue. This was the case recently when several articles on the topic of affordances and ecological psychology were ready for publication in a similar timeframe and were published in the August issue of last year (<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tapa/31/4>). Similarly, we had almost an entire issue of articles dedicated to theorizing psychotherapy and psychopathology in December of 2021 (<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tapa/31/6>). True to form, that particular issue contained very divergent perspectives including cognitive psychological, critical, and decolonial approaches.

We are now well into 2022, the second issue of *Theory & Psychology* has been published (<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tapa/32/2>), and the third issue has been finalized and is currently with the Sage Production team. I am continually grateful to authors who send their work to the journal, and to reviewers and editorial board members for their generous expert guidance without which the journal could not function. This year many of us will be able to convene again at another ISTP conference. I look forward to connecting with friends and colleagues, old and new, and I hope that many of you will consider sending your best work for consideration to *Theory & Psychology*.

Kieran O'Doherty

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Events



The Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) will hold its annual conference virtually over three days, June 16–18, 2022. The theme of this year's conference is *The Internationalization of Qualitative Psychology*, and in the spirit of this theme, we endeavor to engage both new and seasoned participants from a diverse range of countries and backgrounds.

More info: <https://www.clarku.edu/sqip-annual-conference/>



The International Environmental Justice Committee at APA Division 52

Two ISTP members have been recently appointed co-chairs of the International Environmental Justice Committee of APA Division 52 - International Psychology. Luca Tateo and Pina Marsico will work to bring the environmental challenges and the social injustice themes at the core of psychology theorizing.

More info: <https://div52.net/activities/apa-division-52-international-environmental-justice-committee/>



Creation of the Jean Piaget Centre

The Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and the *Fondation privée des Archives Jean Piaget* have decided to create the Centre Jean Piaget.

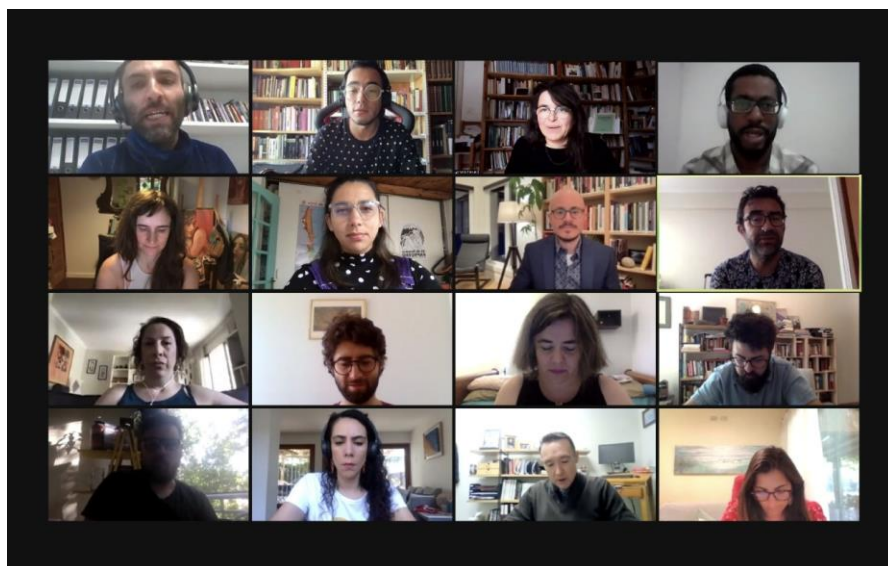
The Jean Piaget Center, composed of two poles, will have the specific mission of preserving, studying and promoting the work of Jean Piaget through a documentation and archive service and through digital dissemination ("Historical Sciences" pole), and, on the other hand, to promote interdisciplinary research on development, education as well as epistemology ("Cognitive Sciences" pole).

Its inauguration took place on the 2nd of March.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2022 - Subjectivities in transit: art, voices and movement

The summer school organized annually by the Doctoral Program in Psychology, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile, and sponsored by the ISTP, was held online between the 5th and 7th of January. This year the summer school involved an invitation to think about subjectivities in transit theorizing the specific ways through which embodied cultural life produces individuals.

6 PhD students presented and discussed their theoretical works to an online audience composed by international and national community.



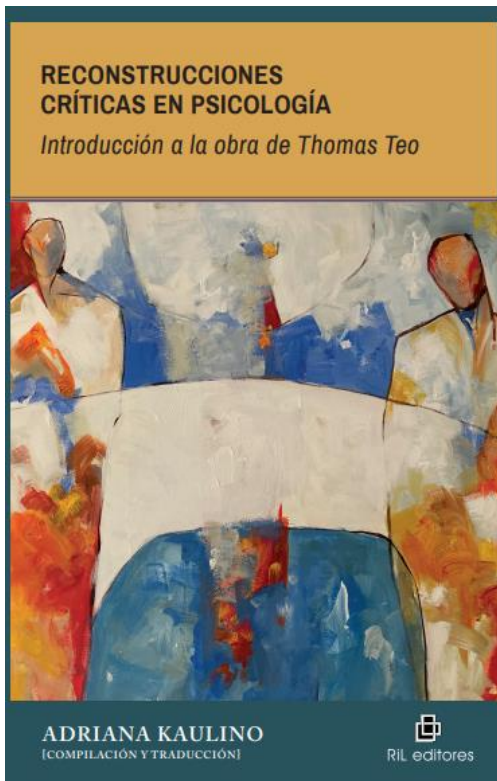
The first day Dr. James Cresswell opened the summer school with his talk *Relational agency & the aesthetics of authentic postcoloniality*. Then, María José Ugarte presented the paper *From children's participation to children's voices*, which discusses the notion of voice in social science research on childhood; and Nickenson Jerome presented his paper on *Acculturation and well-being in Haitian immigrants in Chile: the role of perceived cultural distance and personal values*. Both papers were commented by Dr. Cresswell.

The second day was initiated by the talk of Dr. Alexandre Baril: *Trans Disability Studies: Rethinking intersections between transness and disability*, who also commented the papers of Wilson Albornoz and Sebastián Collados on *Body and homophobic violence between gay males*, and *Twisted from birth: Hetero-cisgender violence at the inception of sexual identity development*, respectively.

Finally, Dr. Tania Zittoun and her talk *Places, bodies and subjectivities on the move: the role of symbolic resources*, opened the third day. Mauricio Toval and Álvaro Sánchez closed the event with their papers *For art's sake: Towards an understanding of subjectivity and artistic labour* and *Toward a dialogic approach to object's agency: the case of teacher learning in practice*.

It was a brilliant experience of intellectual and critical collaboration, which will have an endurance effect on students and participants. We are especially grateful for the generosity of Tania, James and Alexandre. We are looking for the next version hoping it would be in Chile.

Upcoming publications



Reconstrucciones críticas en psicología: Introducción a la obra de Thomas Teo [Critical reconstructions in psychology: Introduction to the work of Thomas Teo].

Kaulino, A. (2022). Ril editores.

Spanish introduction and translation of six articles.

The project of this book was elaborated with an expected audience of undergraduate psychology students. However, the contents of each article also contribute to the training of professionals and academics interested in developing the discipline. The movements of criticism, metatheoretical reflection, geographies of critical psychologies or the construction of new concepts, are some of the contributions that Thomas Teo's work makes to our field.

More info: <https://rileditores.com/>

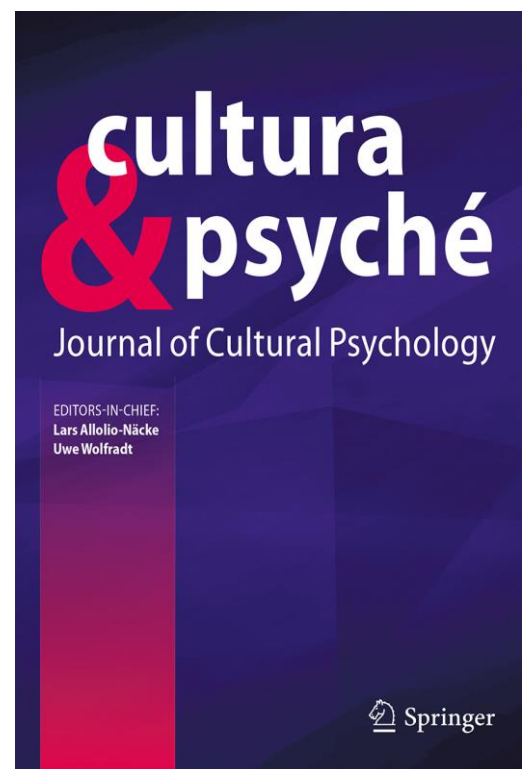
cultura & psyché – Journal of Cultural Psychology

New journal, published by Springer Nature.

Co-Editors-in-Chief: Lars Allolio-Näcke, Uwe Wolfradt

cultura & psyché – Journal of Cultural Psychology is an interdisciplinary academic journal of cultural psychology. It promotes the understanding of psychology as an interdisciplinary discipline with roots in cultural studies. The journal thus enhances the established perspective on psychology as a life science. It addresses scholars in psychology, cultural anthropology/ethnology, history, sociology and philosophy and related fields who investigate phenomena of the mind and psychological topics in a socio-cultural, historical, or epistemological context.

The journal thus offers an interdisciplinary discourse on the significance of culture for basic psychological functions such as identity, social behavior, inter- and intrasubjective experiences, cognitive processes, and emotions. In particular, newer theoretical, methodological and interdisciplinary approaches of the various



cultural studies are desired, which open up new perspectives on psychological experience, behavior, and events in a cultural context.

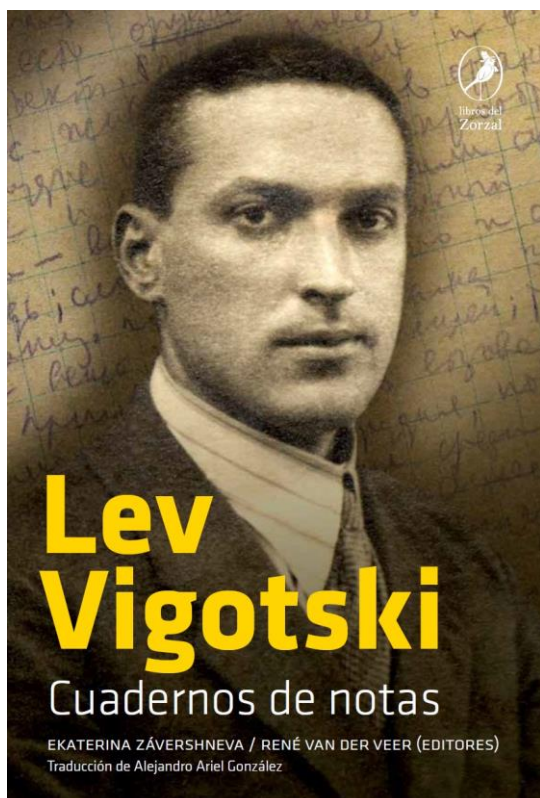
The first two issues of 2020 had a focus on the psychology of religion and spirituality: <https://link.springer.com/journal/43638/volumes-and-issues/1-1>

The first issue of 2021 was about the psychoanalytic concept of abject(ion): <https://link.springer.com/journal/43638/volumes-and-issues/2-1>

cultura & psyché – Journal of Cultural Psychology is open to hermeneutical and qualitative methods of research on cultural material and immaterial entities in relation to their psychological significance. It encourages the submission of original research, review articles and case studies, which will undergo a thorough double-blind peer review process by established researchers in the respective field.

Articles accepted for publication in this electronic journal are published continuously, which guarantees fast publication times. The articles will be compiled in two issues per year. Topical collections are also possible.

Submissions are welcome in German, English and French. German is the main publishing language.



Lev Vigotski. Cuadernos de notas [Lev Vygotski. Notebooks].

E. Závershneva & R. van der Veer (2022). Libros del Zorzal.

Spanish edition of the collected notebooks of L. Vygotski.

In 2017, a real publishing event took place in Russia: the publication of an unpublished and annotated selection of Lev Vigotski's notebooks after ten years of research on his personal archives. A massive work that sheds new light on his life and work. Today, the book reaches the Spanish-speaking world in a carefully edited version.

"It can be affirmed that in Spanish we have a corrected, enlarged and updated edition from its very conception and birth, and that the book that the reader will have in his hands constitutes so far the most complete version in the world of Lev Vigotski's 'Notebooks'". R. van der Veer.

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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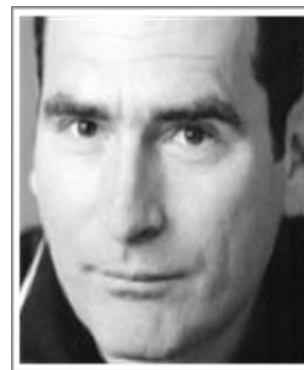
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Note from the editor

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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