



Contents:

- President's Message, *page 1*
- Winner of the Sigmund Koch Prize, *page 2*
- Submission Deadline: ISTP 2007 Edited Volume, *page 2*
- Edited Volume From ISTP 2005 Now Available, *page 3*
- Looking Forward: ISTP 2009 Biennial Conference, *page 4*
- Invite a Colleague to Join ISTP, *page 4*
- Forthcoming in *Theory & Psychology*, *page 5*
- Conference, Journal & Award Announcements, *page 5*

President's Message

Rachel Joffe Falmagne

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to this second issue of the Newsletter. On behalf of all of us, I would like to reiterate our thanks to Laura Kerr, Editor and Piotr Trzesniak and Ioannis Lambrou, Associate Editors, for their dedication in assembling this publication that is helping keep us connected across time and space. As an international scholarly Society, we face practical challenges and we enjoy tremendous intellectual opportunities. On a practical level, our membership is geographically dispersed. Continuity of communication takes some effort, and is vital for the cohesive functioning of the organization. This newsletter is, therefore, a crucial forum for ongoing exchanges of information and of views on matters of common concern. Aside from providing continuity of contact between our bi-annual conferences, it is important in securing a forum of communication with colleagues who may be unable to attend those conferences for financial or other reasons. Although nothing can fully replace face-to-face embodied interactions, it is my hope that this newsletter can help transcend those limitations and serve as meeting ground unimpeded by spatial contingencies.

We had a rich and stimulating conference at York last June, thanks to the thoughtful organizing of Thomas Teo, Alexandra Rutherford and their team. More than 30 countries were represented among the participants. As usual, the many informal intellectual exchanges throughout the week significantly contributed to the richness of the conference, along with the formal sessions and the plenaries. I am delighted to announce that the 2009 ISTP conference will be in Nanjing, China, sponsored by Nanjing Normal University and organized by Professor Haosheng Ye. This is an exciting prospect, and we can look forward to this opportunity to engage with colleagues whose work is embedded in the rich philosophical and cultural traditions of China.

On an intellectual level, the international scope of our membership is an invaluable resource for supporting the development of new discursive configurations, new knowledges, new methodologies and new research questions through the reciprocal engagement of diverse intellectual traditions. Knowledge production is a social process. Theories and scholarship produced in particular historical and social locations are grounded in the discourses of knowledge, the social and cultural constitutive processes, and the experiences that inform those locations, and they constitute, as feminist philosopher Sandra Harding has coined, 'local knowledge systems' (where "knowledge" can be understood either in post-positivist or in social constructionist terms). Of necessity, these local understandings are partial and contingent. The productive and critical engagement between theoretical works across intellectual and cultural traditions sets the stage for enhancing the development of theory beyond cultural and social boundaries and for leading the field in new directions. The forthcoming conference in Nanjing promises to be an exciting contribution to this process.

Let me conclude with a word about organizational matters. The Executive Committee meets in person at each bi-annual conference and, as of recently, has begun to hold a conference call during the intervening year to discuss issues of policy and planning. You will find in the next, Spring issue a synopsis of the most recent measures adopted, in particular regarding the process and timelines for making nominations for election to the Executive, nominations for the Sigmund Koch student paper prize, etc. Also, if there are matters that you would like to bring to the attention of the Executive, please let me know.

With very best wishes for an excellent and productive year and a half until we meet again

—Rachel Joffe Falmagne

Winner of the Sigmund Koch Prize

Eri Park, graduate student at the London School of Economics and Political Science, received the Sigmund Koch Prize for best student paper at the ISTP 2007 Conference held in June at York University in Toronto, Ontario. The Prize is awarded for both the written paper and the conference presentation. Ms. Park's paper, "The Affluent Psyche. European Representations of African Poverty," can be downloaded at http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/socialPsychology/study/Breaking_News.htm. Congratulations, Eri!

Submission Deadline: ISTP 2007 Edited Volume

The deadline to submit your conference paper for the ISTP 2007 edited volume is 15 November 2007. Please submit electronically your paper as an attachment to Thomas Teo at teo@yorku.ca.

Manuscripts should be limited to 5000 words and use the APA formatting and reference system. Please include in the manuscript: Title, Author(s), Affiliation(s), Abstract, and Main Text with Headings. With regards to headings, chose first level headings, and if necessary, second level headings in the format 1.0, 1.1, 1.2 ...; 2.0, 2.1 ...; 3.0, 3.1 ..., etc.

The edited volume will consist of approximately forty peer-reviewed chapters and published by Captus Press. The editors are Eri Park, Alexandra Rutherford, Paul Stenner, and Thomas Teo.

The ISTP 2005 Edited Volume Is Out—

Citizen City: Between Constructed Agent and Constructed Agency

Editors: Vasi van Deventer, Martin Terre Blanche, Eduard Fourie & Puleng Segalo

Citizen City is much more than the proceedings of a psychology conference. First and foremost, *Citizen City* is a collective volume by psychology theoreticians in which *theory* is one of two keywords useful for understanding its organization. But *Citizen City* is not your typical theoretical book. It goes beyond theory to inform basic research.

Psychology began as a theoretical science at the time of its inception in the early twentieth century and gradually became an applied science through newer and bolder theorizations. *Citizen City* continues this tradition, and is a needed oppositional current to the empirical focus in mainstream psychology that has dominated the latter half of the twentieth century to today. Books like *Citizen City* are necessary to guide the direction of empirical research in our globalized, postmodern world in which old methodologies and stereotypes threaten the discipline with irrelevance. For example, the chapter, "Indigenous Psychology in the Making," lays the foundation for the formation of a truly indigenous "South African" psychology distinct from Western preconceptions about the nature of human psychology. The chapter, "Folk Psychology," goes beyond a naturalism that views personal level constructs as computational mechanisms, or neurons, and defends a wider approach to intentionality through a hermeneutic reading of folk psychology. The chapter, "Cybernetic Symphony," proposes a novel cybernetic metaphor for family therapy.

The other keyword for understanding the contents and organization of *Citizen City* is *interdisciplinarity*. *Citizen City* combines psychology with scientific fields such as theatre studies, theory of myth, film theory, art history, theology, cultural theory, post-colonial theory, gender studies, politics, anthropology, social science, philosophy, hermeneutics, neuroscience and cybernetics. For instance, the chapter, "Theorising Male Castration Fear Through Herakles," creates a psychoanalytic interpretation of the work of filmmaker Ingmar Bergman through theory of myth and from the perspective of Men's Studies. The chapter, "Is There a Childhood for Children who Work?," goes beyond Western psychological notions of childhood and focuses on working children in the developing world from a historical, cultural, and sociological perspective. And the chapter, "Eating Machines," analyzes contemporary Western discourses on food and eating through such philosophers as Althusser and Foucault and then introduces these discourses into the conceptual framework of schizo-analysis.

The combination of psychology with other disciplines is crucial for the allegiance of *Citizen City* with basic research. As psychology combines with a broader scope of theories, original ideas emerge. As original ideas emerge, they give way to even more novel theorizations and applications. *Citizen City* is packed with postmodern reevaluations of old psychological notions and reflects our current decentralized culture. In this sense, *Citizen City* is an important contribution to our understanding of what it is to be human in a postmodern, globalized world as citizens, constructing agents, constructed agencies—or all three at the same time. Thus, the chapter "Beyond Foucault" goes beyond Foucault and historicism to examine new, postmodern identities and renewed senses of agency, while the chapter "Activity Theory in the Field of Human-Computer Interaction" takes the issue of constructed agency and constructed agent further than the strictly social plane—and rightly so, as postmodern humans and machines are both agents and agencies.

Through its amalgamation of psychological theory and interdisciplinarity, *Citizen City* is a significant contribution to understanding our rather complicated times. It is available through <http://www.captus.com> at the price of USD 49.95.

—Ioannis Lambrou

The ISTP 2009 Biennial Conference

The History and Theory of Psychology Program at Nanjing Normal University in Nanjing, China will host the 2009 ISTP Biennial Conference. Nanjing Normal University (NNU), founded in 1902, is regarded as “the most beautiful university in the East.” With nearly 45,000 undergraduate and graduate students, NNU is one of the largest universities in China, and attracts students interested in interdisciplinary approaches to learning. For more information about the university, visit <http://english.nnu.cn/>.

The History and Theory of Psychology Program at NNU is the largest of its kind in China and serves as a portal to the international psychological community. Pioneering members of the program include the late Juefu Gao, highly honored as the communicator between Eastern and Western psychology. The Program today is responsible for translating cutting-edge psychological scholarship into Chinese as well as publishing popular psychology textbooks.

Located a three-hour train ride outside Shanghai, the city of Nanjing is considered one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China. And as the ancient capital for six historic dynasties, Nanjing is rich in history and cultural relics. With a population of over five million people, Nanjing is the second largest commercial in Eastern China, second only to Shanghai.

The conference is tentatively scheduled for late May 2009. Mark your calendar!

Invite a Colleague to Join ISTP

Please consider forwarding this newsletter to colleagues who would benefit from participating in an international community of scholars devoted to theoretical psychology and interdisciplinary inquiry. Presently, ISTP members reside in twenty-five countries around the world (see the percentage breakdown below). While impressive, 168 countries still lack representation. With a collective effort as simple as each member forwarding this newsletter to a colleague and an invitation to join, we could together create an even more dynamic society.

Australia	5%	Ireland	2%	Spain	1%
Barbados	1%	Japan	2%	Sweden	1%
Brazil	1%	Kazakhstan	1%	Switzerland	1%
Canada	20%	New Zealand	2%	The Netherlands	5%
Chile	2%	Norway	4%	Turkey	1%
China	1%	Portugal	1%	USA	27%
Denmark	4%	Puerto Rico	1%	UK	9%
Germany	5%	South Africa	2%		
Greece	2%	South Korea	1%		

Beginning 2008, regular annual membership fees increase to \$125 CAD (includes a subscription to *Theory & Psychology*), while reduced fees increase to \$30 CAD (without a subscription to the journal). The increased membership fees will go towards supporting ISTP activities, including offering reduced conference registration fees to people from countries where economic conditions warrant assistance (to be determined by the World Bank's list of lending countries). Membership forms can be found at http://www.psych.ucalgary.ca/istp/membership_form.html.

Forthcoming in *Theory & Psychology*

October 2007 (Vol. 17, no. 5)

"From Computer to Compost Heap: Rethinking our Metaphors for Memory"

—William L. Randall

"Disintegrating Qualitative Research"

—Stephen Frosh

"On Mediation: Toward a Cultural-Historical Understanding"

—Wolff-Michael Roth

December 2007 (Vol. 17, no. 6)

"Disambiguation, Binding, and the Unity of Visual Consciousness"

—Eric Larock

"Old Clothes and an Older Look: The Case for a Radical Makeover in Health Behaviour Research"

—Frances Mielewczyk and Carla Willig

"Legion Theory: A Meta-Psychology"

—Mark L. Manning and Rana L. Manning

As of 1 January 2007, *Theory & Psychology* only accepts manuscripts through its manuscript submission webpage. For more information, visit <http://www.psych.ucalgary.ca/thpsyc/Instructions.html> where further information about the submission process is found, including links to general information about manuscript preparation.

Conference & Journal Announcements

Subjectivity: International Conference in Critical Psychology, Cultural Studies and Social Theory

Cardiff University

Cardiff, Wales, UK

27 – 29 June 2008

Subjectivity explores shifting conceptualizations of subjectivity in contemporary culture, politics, social science and theory. Although subjectivity is a key analytic term in fields as diverse as critical psychology, postcolonial studies, film theory, gender studies, social theory, geography, anthropology and cultural studies, it is rarely discussed in its own right. The conference attempts to explore subjectivity as a locus of social change, to rethink possibilities for everyday social interventions, to explore how subjectivities are produced and how emerging subjectivities remake our social worlds.

Send a 200-word proposal to subjectivity@cardiff.ac.uk by 31 January 2008. For further information, visit the conference website at <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/socsi/subjectivity>.

***Building Bridges: Political Psychology and Other Disciplines,
Political Psychology and the World***
Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology
Paris, France
9-12 July 2008

The goal of the 2008 ISPP Annual Scientific Meeting is to create a hospitable forum to facilitate constructive dialogue between political psychologists, politicians, and intellectuals regarding the challenges facing the world. Such collaboration can pave the way toward an improved political psychology, one that not only scrutinizes its progress, but also demonstrates the relevance of our work beyond the academic borders of our discipline. Proposals are particularly welcome that promote cooperation and communication between academics and non-academics who share the passion for understanding the psychological underpinnings of politics.

Submit proposals by 1 February 2008 electronically at the ISPP Annual Meeting website: <http://ispp.org/meet.html>.

New Journal—
Subjectivity: International Journal of Critical Psychology

Subjectivity (previously *International Journal of Critical Psychology*) is an exciting and innovative transdisciplinary journal in the social sciences. Re-launched by Palgrave Macmillan in 2008, it will examine the socio-political, cultural, historical and material processes, dynamics and structures of human experience. *Subjectivity* attempts to capture ongoing debates and activities and to foster a discourse on subjectivity which goes beyond traditional dichotomies between the various disciplines. The journal aims at a re-prioritization of subjectivity as a primary category of social, cultural, psychological, historical and political analysis. It wishes to encourage a variety of transdisciplinary engagements with this topic in theory as well as empirical research, and, accordingly, to advance the potential of engagement with subjectivity/subjectivities as a locus of social change and as means of political intervention. The first issue to be published by Palgrave Macmillan will be issue 22, in April 2008, when the journal will increase its frequency to quarterly and will for the first time be available as a fully-capable e-journal. *Subjectivity* is edited collectively by Lisa Blackman, John Cromby, Derek Hook, Dimitris Papadopoulos and Valerie Walkerdine.

Special discount for ISTP members – 20% off 2008 subscription

Subjectivity is extending a special discount to ISTP members of 20% off the price of a personal subscription in 2008. Please quote 'ISTP offer' when you order your subscription.

Journal Details	Personal Rate	ISTP Offer
<i>Subjectivity (combined print + online)</i> Issues 22-25 (2008)	Europe & RoW – £55 US – \$98	Europe & RoW - £44 US - \$78

Subscription Information

Palgrave Macmillan Journals, Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 6XS, UK
Telephone: +44 (0) 1256 357893 • Fax: +44 (0) 1256 812358 • Email: subscriptions@palgrave.com
Website: www.palgrave-journals.com/subjectivity

To submit an article, please contact the editors at: subjectivity@palgrave.com.

American Psychological Foundation Request for Nominations *Joseph B. Gittler Award*

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization that advances the science and practice of psychology as a means of understanding behavior and promoting health, education, and human welfare.

The Joseph B. Gittler Award is given each year for the most scholarly contribution to the philosophical foundations of psychological knowledge.

Amount:

One annual \$10,000 award.

Eligibility:

Scholars and graduate students from all relevant disciplines are encouraged to apply. Self-nominations are welcome. APF encourages proposals from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, and sexual orientation.

Nomination Materials:

Please submit the following:

- A letter of nomination outlining the nominee's contributions to the area
- A statement of accomplishments to date
- A current CV.

To Apply:

Submit nomination materials online at <http://forms.apa.org/apf/grants/> by **June 1, 2008**. For more information, visit www.apa.org/apf.

Questions about this program should be directed to Idalia Ramos, Program Director, at iramos@apa.org.

To submit to the **ISTP Newsletter**, please contact The Editorial Team at laurakkerr@gmail.com.