

CALL FOR PAPERS PER PSICOLOGIA DI COMUNITA'

The 9iccp (International conference on community psychology) editorial team is pleased to inform about 4 calls for papers concerning issues related to community psychology:

1)Journal of Community Psychology in Global Action Fostering collective responsibility in prevention and ending women and gender-based violence issues

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Theme of the Special Issue

Gender-based violence is a major health and social problem. Despite the great advances in legislative, social and cultural fields, alarming numbers of the phenomenon is still reported (WHO, 2020; UN, 2020). It must also be kept in mind that gender-based violence remains mostly invisible and unreported (E-IGE, 2020). Unfortunately, the use of new technologies has further amplified gender-based violence, particularly in romantic relationships, and has brought out new forms of violence, so invisible, difficult to recognize and not well classified.

The current frame of reference for studying gender-based violence is mainly focused on the intra-individual dimensions both of the victims and of the perpetrators as well as interpersonal dynamics between victims and perpetrators. Although this approach facilitates the understanding of specific and salient aspects of gender violence, it does not take into account the role of the community and contextual dimensions in the prevention and ending actions of gender-based violence.

A multidimensional and ecological approach to gender-based violence is widely suggested by the World Health Organization which draws attention both on the cultural dimensions, such as the transmission of a patriarchal culture by sexist stereotypes and prejudices, and on the role and responsibility of all community stakeholder such as social professionals, legal health professionals, who get in contact with gender-based violence. Finally, last but not least, the role of community bystanders.

The present call focuses on the different forms of gender violence in romantic relationship in offline and online settings but welcomes papers on all forms of gender-based violence in intimate relationships and beyond. Papers on preventive action against gender-based violence are welcomed, in particular, experience and guidelines on how to enhance community agency and collective responsibility in ending gender-based violence.

The call welcomes theoretical papers as well as research and intervention contribution. The call invites all social and community psychologists that dealt with gender violence

issues. Furthermore, social and community psychologists, participants at 9th International Congress of Community Psychology, are also encouraged to contribute their papers under this call. Authors are invited to read the Author Guidelines for submission guidance.

Details

Submitted papers should contain original and unpublished work and must be written in English. For non-native speakers, editing of the manuscript by a competent English-speaking editor is requested.

Papers are due June 15, 2023. Early submissions are welcome
All submitted papers will undergo the journal's regular peer review process.

Papers must be prepared in full accord with the journal's Author guidelines and be submitted through the journal portal (<http://siba-ese.unisalento.it/index.php/cpgp/index>).

Inquiries regarding topic or scope for the special issue can be sent to Immacolata di Napoli (immacolata.dinapoli@unina.it), Fortuna Procentese (fortuna.procentese@unina.it), or Maretha Visser (maretha.visser@up.ac.za).

For more information see:

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2) Frontiers in psychology- Personality and Social Psychology Pandemic, War and Climate Changes: the Effect of These Crises on Individual and Social Well-being

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/52192/pandemic-war-and-climate-changes-the-effect-of-these-crises-on-individual-and-social-well-being>

From 2020 until today, a series of events and crises impact people around the world, putting their physical and psychological health at risk. Indeed, in the last three years, individuals have faced and are facing considerable stressors issues: starting from the Covid-19 pandemic, which began in March 2020, arriving at the invasion of Ukraine by Russia which took place in February 2022 (the most immediate, war for Europe of the many warlike conflicts existing simultaneously worldwide), and passing through climate change, which is becoming increasingly evident, problematic, globally worrying and of existential threat.

These crises, acting singly or even in an interrelated form, can have strong effects on people's life satisfaction and on their interpersonal relationships, negatively affecting their individual and social well-being. They can have a direct or indirect impact on relevant behaviour and health, via physical, biological, economic characteristics or social identification processes, action readiness and self-efficacy.

We propose an issue addressing the following research questions:

1. The analysis of the interaction of different global threats (Covid-19, climate crisis, war or other comprehensive stressors), life events and hassles.
2. In the context of complex theoretical and empirical models, oriented towards multiple levels of influence, direct and indirect interactions of predictors, mediators and moderators, and thus the overall influence on people's well-being (in a broader sense) and on their interpersonal relationships, if possible also on a longitudinal basis.

3. Studies on partial aspects of these relationships would also be useful. Against the background of predominantly missing findings so far, both dispositional parameters (e.g. based on personality theory, trust, coping potentials, etc.), persons in different stages of the life span, and research results dealing with different forms of well-being would be useful. Of particular contextual relevance are findings on the influence of these co-varying stressors on social systems.

4. Considerations, studies or projects on possible intervention approaches, that have helped or could help people to better face the current emergency moment, promoting their individual and social well-being, would be equally desirable.

The final aim is to detect and improve the best life strategies to organize our life and our environment.

The Research Topic will include contributions that evaluate any differences in the consequences of these events for the well-being of people, comparing different territorial areas or countries, or that evaluate the progress of the psychological well-being over time.

Topics of primary interest for this Research Topic include, but are not limited to:

- Effects of lockdown periods on people's psychological well-being, in the immediate and long term
- Effects of the perception of climate change on emotional life and overall well-being
- Effects of the perception of the war in Ukraine, along with other armed conflicts in other parts of the world,) on people's emotions and experiences, and on their ideas about future world prospects
- Cross-cultural research about these particular crises
- Prospective and longitudinal studies: Changes in levels of well-being over the years

Original Research, Systematic Review, Methods, and Review and other article types accepted by Frontiers in Psychology are welcomed.

Keywords: Individual well-being, Social well-being, Covid-19, War, Climate Changes, Crisis

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Deadline for Manuscript submission 4 September 2023

3) Behavioral Sciences

Special Issue "Action Research, Methods and Measures in Community Psychology"

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A special issue of ***Behavioral Sciences*** (ISSN 2076-328X). This special issue belongs to the section "**Social Psychology**".

Community psychology aims to promote the well-being of individuals, social groups and communities, addressing issues from an ecological and multidimensional perspective. This means that to promote well-being at an individual level, it is necessary to deal with the interpersonal, organizational and collective levels of an individual's life. From this perspective, well-being must be considered in various human dimensions, such as the economic, occupational, community and relational dimensions. Social media and IT should also be considered in terms of their individual and social impacts on well-being.

Furthermore, well-being must be examined in relation to the phase of life, analyzing the most significant factors for children, adolescents, young people, adults or the elderly from time to time.

Finally, from the perspective of the community, well-being is closely connected to factors that straddle the individual and collective spheres, such as the sense of community, trust, mattering, empowerment, hope, relations between genders and the perception of justice.

On these bases, in this Special Issue, we welcome all contributions that, from the perspective of community psychology, offer research or intervention advances, such as the application of new measurement tools, correlational, longitudinal and qualitative studies carried out with particular populations, and applications of intervention techniques aimed at the prevention and promotion of well-being.

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Manuscript Submission Information

Manuscripts should be submitted online at www.mdpi.com by [registering](#) and [logging in to this website](#). Once you are registered, [click here to go to the submission form](#).

Manuscripts can be submitted until the deadline. All submissions that pass pre-check are peer-reviewed. Accepted papers will be published continuously in the journal (as soon as accepted) and will be listed together on the special issue website. Research articles, review articles as well as short communications are invited. For planned papers, a title and short abstract (about 100 words) can be sent to the Editorial Office for announcement on this website.

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Keywords

- community psychology
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- empowerment
- trust
- mattering
- social justice
- gender issues
- hope
- civic engagement
- gender issues
- hope
- civic engagement

Deadline for manuscript submissions: **31 October 2023**

4) Community Psychology in the Era of Hybrid Real-World Settings: How modern technologies have changed individuals' experiences and psychologists' work

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Due to the use of mobile devices (smartphones, smartwatches, and tablets) and applications, a perpetual connectedness characterizes individuals' daily lives, relationships, professional and training context in modern times. Indeed, by relying on their technical peculiarities, the most recent – and most used – technologies and social media (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, other location-based applications) favor the co-situation of physical and online spaces (Van De Wiele & Tong, 2014), making the boundaries between online and offline social environments, dynamics, relationships, and interactions permeable (Batiste, 2013; Toch & Levi, 2012). This has sharply modified the ways people can experience real-world settings (e.g., cities, neighborhoods, professional training, and work) specifically, since they have all become hybrid and “ubiquitous” social ecosystems which include social interactions, dynamics, and opportunities related to both online and physical contexts (Gatti & Procentese, 2020, 2021, 2022; Licoppe, 2013).

In the same vein, the tools and skills to be used by psychologists working in such hybrid and “ubiquitous” settings are changing too, opening new perspectives for interventions, collaborative and training processes to be implemented. Indeed, modern technologies and virtual reality can represent means for the promotion of different ways of experiencing relationships, interactions, and real-world settings, for the implementation of more inclusive contexts, and for the study of traditional and innovative social processes.

The present call focuses on the changes brought about by the new complexities characterizing real-world settings with reference to both people's experiences and psychologists' work. It welcomes theoretical papers as well as research and intervention contributions deepening the changes which occurred in the experiences of modern local communities and real-world settings at large, paying specific attention to the implications stemming from them for both citizens' experiences and psychologists' training. Areas of interest for the call include but are not limited to:

- the new psychosocial phenomena and dynamics characterizing “ubiquitous” local communities and hybrid real-world settings;
- new tools or methodologies – for either research or intervention – suitable for addressing the complexities characterizing modern training, work and local communities and hybrid real-world settings;
- the impact that offline social experience has on the use of mobile applications and other technologies or, vice versa, the impact that the use of mobile applications and other technologies have on the way individuals experience their surrounding physical and social environments;
- the new and renewed skills psychologists need to work in modern local communities and hybrid real-world settings and properly address their peculiarities;
- new or revised theoretical frameworks about hybrid real-world settings and modern local communities as well as social and community psychologists' work with reference to them.

Social and community psychology contributes are also encouraged under this call. Authors are invited to read the [Author Guidelines](#) for submission guidance.

The submission deadline is 31 December 2023.

Please submit your manuscript for this special issue here: <https://wiley.atyponrex.com/journal/CASP>

5) A further call is in preparation on **Psychology and decolonization issues**. For more information write to caterina.arcidiacono@unina.it