

# News and Announcements

## Call for Papers

### “Ego Depletion and Self-Control: Conceptual and Empirical Advances”

A Special Issue of *Social Psychology*

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*Social Psychology* is an international journal with a current Impact Factor of 2.602 (2016). The journal publishes original empirical and theoretical contributions to basic research in social psychology.

The conceptualization of self-control capacity as a domain-general limited resource, and the accompanying state of low self-control resources, known as the *ego depletion* effect, has received considerable attention in social psychology literature. The popularity of the limited resource model lies in its elegant parsimony and inherent intuitive appeal. In addition, research on ego depletion has contributed to debates on the mechanisms underpinning self-control, catalyzed considerable interest in self-control, and spurred substantive body of research testing the effect. However, recent research has raised numerous questions with respect to the replicability of the effect, and the viability and adequacy of the limited resource account.

The aim of this special issue is to bring together advances in research in the field of ego depletion that tackle outstanding theoretical and empirical questions. Contributions to the special issue are expected to move research in the field of ego depletion forward by providing a platform for new empirical research in the field, and theoretical contributions that seek to provide novel explanations that will form the basis of future empirical research that will contribute to a greater understanding of the ego depletion effect.

Questions addressed by contributions in the special issue are expected to include, but are not limited to, the following:

- What are the specific properties of tasks that will reliably lead to ego depletion?

- Is the sequential-task experimental paradigm fit-for-purpose as a means to test ego depletion?
- What factors reliably moderate the ego depletion effect?
- What are the most viable explanations for the mechanisms behind the effect?
- What are the neural correlates of ego depletion and how can this shed light on current theories of ego depletion?

### Guidelines and Article Types

This special issue follows standard guidelines of *Social Psychology*, for details please refer to the “Instructions to authors” available at <http://www.hogrefe.com/j/sp>. Accordingly, there will be three different types of articles: Original Articles that report empirical and/or theoretical contributions, Research Reports that present innovative empirical findings, and Replications that report successful or failed replications of existing research. In line with the new policy of *Social Psychology*, authors are encouraged to pre-register their studies and/or share their materials and data.

### Timeline and Submission

Manuscripts should be submitted through *Social Psychology*'s submission portal <http://www.editorialmanager.com/sopsy>, indicating in a cover letter that the submission

is for the special issue on “Ego Depletion and Self-Control.” Please direct any editorial questions to the Guest Editors: Junhua Dang (dangjunhua@gmail.com). Martin S. Hagger (martin.hagger@curtin.edu.au).

**Deadline for submission of full manuscripts is  
August 31, 2018.**

All manuscripts will be subject to peer review.

Papers acceptable for publication but cannot be published in this special issue may be considered for publication in a regular issue of *Social Psychology*, unless authors explicitly decline this option.