

Instructions to Authors

Social Psychology

Social Psychology is a publication dedicated to international research in social psychology as well as a forum for scientific discussion and debate. The sole publishing language is English, and there are 6 issues per year.

Aims and Scope

Social Psychology publishes innovative and methodologically sound research and serves as an international forum for scientific discussion and debate in the field of social psychology. Topics include all basic social psychological research themes, methodological advances in social psychology, as well as research in applied fields of social psychology. The journal focuses on original empirical contributions to social psychological research, but is open to theoretical articles, critical reviews, and replications of published research.

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- (a) report sample size and power considerations,
- (b) report effect sizes and confidence intervals for these effect sizes,
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- (d) to share their materials, and
- (e) to pre-register experiments; (a) and (b) are mandatory, while (c) – (e) are encouraged.

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