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Letter from the President



Global justice research is increasingly characterised by dialogue across geographical, cultural, and methodological boundaries. This work is not without tensions; scholars are challenging (often each other's) assumptions rooted in particular contexts. Rapid digitalisation, climate change, migration, political polarisation, and persistent inequalities raise complex questions that require innovative and evidence-informed responses. Despite differences between us as researchers, and oftentimes through processes of meaningful contestation, as a community ISJR researchers are contributing not only to theoretical debates and empirical evidence, but also to practical solutions that can support more equitable and inclusive societies.

Via our society's LinkedIn page, we continue to share emerging research. Across diverse types of work, common themes are evident: inequities in access to resources and opportunities, the pursuit of procedural fairness, the recognition of diverse identities and voices, and the need to address historical and structural forms of disadvantage. This work reminds us that justice is not a static ideal but a dynamic and contested process, shaped by local realities while influenced by global forces. Please share your work with kimberley.aspinall@flinders.edu.au if you would like it included in an upcoming post or in our next newsletter.

We look forward to this dynamic conversation in-person at our upcoming conference in 2027! Many thanks to our organisers, Carsten and Jule, who are doing a fantastic job of bringing together a wonderful program for us, themed Inequalities and Injustices in Transforming Societies. We look forward to hearing papers presented from different levels of analysis on justice and justice-related processes (individual, relational, group and societal), as well as papers examining how justice is experienced and enacted within legal systems, educational institutions, healthcare services, workplaces, communities, environmental contexts, and how concepts of fairness, rights, responsibility, and accountability are interpreted in different settings.

Finally, congratulations to our 2025 Social Justice Research Morton Deutsch Award winners announced in this Newsletter – a wonderful paper and recommended read!

I hope you all are having a wonderful final quarter of the year. Please let us know if there is any way we can support or provide a platform for your research.

Introducing: Research Network #3

Relationships and Justice Network

The Relationships and Justice Network will be co-led by Dr Blake Quinney (Adelaide University), Dr Minjoo Joo (Sookmyung Women's University), and Dr Nina Waddell (University of Kent).

The aim of the Relationships and Justice network is to connect researchers who investigate justice-related issues within the context of social and personal relationships. More broadly, we aim to provide a platform to promote contemporary relationship justice research (e.g., using social media, newsletters, other forms of media) and to diversify the understanding of what justice research is by developing a network of relationship researchers who look at justice issues within relationships in diverse ways (e.g., gender, culture, wrongdoing).

The network is global and will be composed of members for different disciplines (e.g., political science, criminology, law) to enable cross-cultural and cross-discipline collaboration.

Network Leads



Blake Quinney
Blake is a researcher and lecturer in the School of Psychology in the College of Education, Behavioural and Social Sciences at the University of Adelaide, Australia. Blake's research lies at the intersection of social and clinical psychology. He is interested in the role that people's psychological needs may play in processes of justice repair and recovery.

Minjoo Joo
Minjoo is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Psychology at Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul, South Korea. Minjoo's current research focuses on forgiveness and justice, especially how forgiveness functions as a social signal. Recent projects have examined how expressions of forgiveness shape observers' judgements about morality, power, and whether justice has been restored.





Nina Waddell
Nina is a Lecturer in the School of Psychology at the University of Kent in Canterbury, United Kingdom. Her research investigates how sexism affects outcomes in the context of close relationships (particularly personal and relational well-being), and how relationship and parenting experiences can function to maintain sexist attitudes.

ISJR 2027 Conference: Call for Papers

Submissions NOW OPEN!

Abstract submissions are now open for the 21st Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Justice Research, held from *July 20 to July 22, 2027* in Bielefeld, Germany.

Under the conference theme "Inequalities and Injustices in Transforming Societies", the 21st Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Justice Research invites scholars from a wide range of disciplines (including but not limited to Sociology, Psychology, Social Psychology, Political Sciences, Educational Sciences, and Philosophy) and at all career stages to engage with these questions from diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives.

We welcome contributions that address both enduring and emerging forms of inequality and injustice, as well as the psychological, social, and institutional mechanisms through which they are shaped. In line with ISJR's mission, the conference also aims to foster interdisciplinary exchange, the development of new theoretical perspectives, and dialogue between basic and applied justice research to advance our understanding of justice at all levels—from intraindividual processes to global institutions.

Please **submit your abstracts** for presentations, posters, or symposia by *November 15, 2026,* **via the submission site**: https://conferences.uni-bielefeld.de/frontend/index.php?sub=52

Acceptance Notification: by *February 15, 2026*.

For more information, you can visit our conference website: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/soziologie/forschung/isjr/

Contact the organisers here: isjr2027.conference@uni-bielefeld.de

We are excited to welcome you to Bielefeld and look forward to a great ISJR 2027!



Call for Nominations

2027 Conference Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award
This award is presented to honor distinguished lifetime contributions to the scientific study of justice and for efforts to advance justice as a field of study. The winner is invited to present a keynote address at the biennial conference, and the honoree is made a Lifetime Member of the society.

Members of ISJR are asked to nominate scholars for this award, but they need not provide supporting documents (presumably the nominees will be well-known or web sources will provide sufficient background information). The Executive Board of ISJR will review nominations and select the winner.

Early Career Contribution Award
With this award, the society recognizes excellent young justice scholars. Recipients of this award may not have held a PhD for more than 10 years. This award is made to foster, encourage, and support excellence in justice-related scholarship. The award winner is invited to present an address at the biennial conference.

Both nominations from colleagues and self-nominations are welcomed. The nomination should include *a detailed statement explaining the accomplishments of the scholar and should be accompanied by a CV, including a publication list, and copies of the five most important publications for the candidate's research program*. The Executive Board of ISJR will select a panel of three scholars (including the current ISJR President) to review the nominations and recommend a winner to the Executive Board.

Nominations: To nominate an individual for either of these awards please email the relevant information to Kimberley Aspinall (kimberley.aspinall@flinders.edu.au), CC Lydia Woodyatt (lydia.woodyatt@flinders.edu.au) before **COB on Friday 6 November 2026.**

Interested in Starting Your Own Research Network? Or Know Someone Who Is?



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD NETWORK LEADER?

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A GOOD RESEARCH NETWORK TOPIC?

We are currently seeking nominations for Research Network leads and topic propositions.

If you know someone who might be, or you yourself are, interested please fill out the nomination form below.

NOMINATE HERE!

Award Winner Announcement

2025 Morton Deutsch Award

This award is presented annually for the best article published in Social Justice Research each year, as chosen by the Editors-in-Chief and two Associate Editors of the journal.



Gijs van Houwelingen
D. Ramona Bobocel
Tyler Okimoto

For their article titled "*Conflicting loyalties: Cognitive abstraction drives whistleblowing behavior among those who value loyalty*"

In this article the researchers test their theoretical argument in several studies with a total of over 900 participants. Their research provides a new theoretical contribution by suggesting that people´s mental interpretation of the situation may affect their will to whistleblow, rather than merely understanding the phenomenon as a conflict between loyalty and justice. The study has important practical implications. An increased understanding about when people are more willing to report unethical behavior may inform organizational policies about whistleblowing and ethical decision making.

READ THE ARTICLE

Presidential Election

Reminder: Voting NOW OPEN!

Following our July/August 2026 nomination process, it is now time for all (**currently active and paying**) members to vote for our next president, who will assume responsibilities at the end of the ISJR 2027 conference.

The candidates who have agreed to run for President are:

- Prof Dr Mario Gollwitzer
- Prof Dr Carsten Sauer
- PD Dr Matthias Donat

Please access the survey link below to view the nominees, including links to their academic profiles and research history, and cast your vote. Voting closes on **Friday 16th October**.

https://qualtrics.flinders.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_6KH9QstWUt3gjpY

Research Network Updates

Collective Action Network

In June this year, the Collective Action Network organised a preconference at the European Association of Social Psychology General Meeting in Strasbourg.

We had an excellent day sharing our research, learning more about academic resistance and solidarity with Palestine, thinking about where our field needs to go next in the collaboration session, and keeping the conversation going informally over dinner. Big thank you to everyone who presented and joined us for the day.



We've now had a break over the Northern Hemisphere summer and will be returning in October with our monthly webinars. If you would like to present as part of our webinar (can be a finished projects or just preliminary ideas for feedback), help us to organise a roundtable discussion, are looking for collaborators and are keen to run a collaboration session, or want to hold a workshop a on topic that you think might interest the network, feel free to send us an email at networkcollectiveaction@gmail.com

Likewise if you have students, colleagues, and/or collaborators who you think might be interested in joining the network, they are welcome to join by completing this form: https://forms.gle/vws3tTzw8nyzaibb7 Everyone with an interest in collective action research is welcome to join the network!

Upcoming Conferences of Interest

Society of Australasian Social Psychologists 2026

SASP 2026 will take place 26-28th November in Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand at Chateau on the Park; hosted by University of Canterbury.

Invited keynotes for the conference are Professor Jeanne L. Tsai (Stanford University) and Professor Matthew Hornsey (University of Queensland).

Registration deadline: November 16th

Registration: https://sasp.org.au/events/conference/sasp-2026-conference/sasp-2026-registration/
Conference website: https://sasp.org.au/events/conference/sasp-2026-conference/

Yale Global Justice Conference 2026

Under the theme "The New Infrastructure of Power: AI, Data & Global Inequality", the Yale Global Justice Conference 2026 will take place on November 5–8, 2026, with a hybrid session at Yale in New Haven on November 6 and online sessions on November 5, 7, and 8.

The discussions will explore how artificial intelligence and data systems are reshaping power and inequality, with a focus on global justice, ethical governance, rights, and accountability.

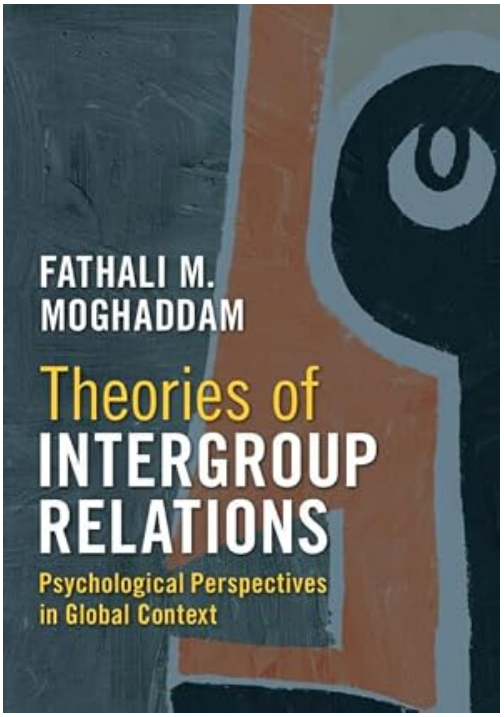
Extended abstract deadline: October 5, 2026
Submissions: tan.gurpinar@qu.edu
Conference details: https://academicsstand.org/events/yale-gjp-conference-2026



New Book Announcement

Theories of Intergroup Relations: Psychological Perspectives in Global Context

F.M.Moghaddam



While intergroup relations research has expanded globally, few resources offer a comprehensive grounding in its major theories. This book bridges that gap by providing critical assessments of the major theories of intergroup relations, their applied implications, and the empirical research that tests them. It traces the development of the field by examining major theories of intergroup behavior – from identity-based, materialist, and irrationalist perspectives to theories centered on justice, conflict, evolution, and system justification – and also critically assesses assimilation, multiculturalism, omniculturalism, and intergroup contact. The book concludes by showing how integrating existing theories with feminist frameworks, allyship, and intersectionality can help build more powerful and coherent models for understanding intergroup relations. By systematically analyzing these approaches and their practical applications, Theories of Intergroup Relations deepens our understanding of intergroup dynamics and supports the development of strategies for fostering more harmonious relations among diverse groups.

Newsletter Content

Do you have a news item that you would like shared with the community and/or in the next edition of our quarterly newsletter (December 2026)?

Email the editor at kimberley.aspinall@flinders.edu.au or share the content with us via our social media platforms and we will be sure to include it in our next edition (and share it across our platforms)!

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