

## Call for Papers 2020

**Special Issue** “[Stereotypes and Intercultural Relations: Interdisciplinary Integration, New Approaches, and New Contexts](#)”

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### Description

With increasing interconnectedness of the world, intensifying migration flows and the rise of the right-wing populism in many countries, the topic of intercultural relations has become more and more relevant. Cultural and linguistic diversity brings both opportunities and challenges by, on the one hand, enriching human communication and enhancing societies' creative potential, and on the other hand, bringing rapid change, threatening the status quo and demanding adaptation to the new circumstances from all members of multilingual and multicultural societies.

At the heart of these intercultural relations are stereotypes. Stereotyping is a cognitive mechanism that underlies all aspects of intercultural processes: the way we perceive members of other groups shapes our attitudes and behavior towards them. This position stereotypes at the beginning of a sequence of psychological processes: cognition (stereotypes); affect (attitudes); and actions (discrimination). The fundamental role that stereotypes play in attitude formation and discrimination makes them an important target for scientific inquiry.

Stereotypes are complex in nature. They are affected by psychological, sociocultural, sociolinguistic and geopolitical processes, which makes the study of stereotypes relevant to researchers from various disciplinary backgrounds. A vast body of literature accumulated so far illuminates the processes of stereotype formation and activation, their content and functions, their antecedents and consequences. However, the studies of stereotypes are scattered across various research areas: social, (cross-)cultural and cognitive psychology, ethnic studies, sociology, intercultural communication and management, social neuroscience, and others. Researchers working within these areas often use different terminology and diverging theoretical and methodological approaches. The lack of integration and interdisciplinary debate hinders the development of this field of research.

The current Research Topic aims to bring together researchers from different disciplinary, theoretical and methodological backgrounds to create a space for exchange and integration of ideas. We welcome contributions on the role of stereotypes in intercultural relations, including on cultural-ecological variations in stereotyping, how ethnic stereotypes are formed and maintained, how they change and what role they play in intergroup relations, intercultural communication, and acculturation processes. We believe this collection will contribute to the convergence of these research streams and will set directions for the further development of these fields separately. The Research Topic especially welcomes manuscripts that introduce and verify novel theoretical approaches or innovative integrations of existing approaches to the study of stereotypes in the context of intercultural relations. We will also consider manuscripts that offer methodological advances in stereotype measurement and involve underrepresented populations and regions of the world.

Examples of possible themes for manuscripts:

- Stereotypes and intersectionality: Stereotype formation and use in multiple and mixed categorization settings
- Longitudinal studies of stereotype change or persistence
- New approaches to stereotype measurement
- New perspectives on a functional approach to cultural stereotypes
- Applications of stereotype content model to acculturation research
- Stereotypes and transnational advertising; stereotypes in mass media in different cultural contexts
- Neighborhood stereotypes
- Sociocultural foundations of stereotyping and ideological correlates of stereotype use

**Keywords:** cultural diversity, ethnic stereotypes, intergroup relations, acculturation, intercultural communication

## Submission Deadlines

Manuscript – **30 September 2020**

**Abstract submissions (optional).** While abstract submissions are not compulsory, abstracts allow us to identify contributions that may not be suited to the special issue. Hence, we recommend submitting your abstract to receive a quick response about suitability to the scope of our special issue.

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