

***Asian Journal of Social Psychology* call for papers on  
“Advancing the Interface between Research and Practice in Sustainable Development”  
(as part of a Multi-Journal Special Issue)**

**About the Multi-Journal Special Issue**

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In a world threatened by existing problems like working poverty, income inequality, racial injustice, human rights violations, political instabilities, gender inequities, pandemics, and housing water and food shortages, academic silos are a luxury/vanity that none of us can afford. This is especially true as climate change threatens to exacerbate some of these issues. Psychology is relatively fragmented, and like other social sciences is not yet focused on sustainability in the deeper and more interconnected sense. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its Common Agenda (see <https://sdgs.un.org/goals> or <https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda>) for achieving these are used as the framework for coordinating a Multi-Journal Special Issue, where each journal issues its own Call for Papers, but communicates and coordinates with the others to advance the connections between research and practice across association and regional divides. Participating journals currently include *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, *Journal of Pacific-Rim Psychology*, *Political Psychology*, and *Vietnamese Journal of Psychology* (with more journals invited to join).

**Call for Papers by *Asian Journal of Social Psychology***

Special Issue Editors: Kim-Pong Tam, Angela Ka-yee Leung, and Sammyh Khan

Social psychology has strong potential to contribute to timely and effective climate change mitigation and adaptation. For this special issue, we call for papers that examine the interface between research and practice and demonstrate the relevance of social psychological processes to the promotion of mitigation behavior, facilitation of social, cultural, and institutional changes, protection of vulnerable populations, and diffusion of adaptation practices in the context of the global climate agenda. These topics are broadly connected to SDG3, SDG12, and SDG13 (see figure below).

We prefer papers that focus on action, even if the action has not been completed or was not entirely successful. Papers with an intervention (or other forms of action) with outcomes evaluated are desirable; less structured efforts articulating processes of social change or case studies of practices in action are also encouraged. We welcome papers that address and theorize top-down and/or bottom-up attempts to drive changes in individual and group behavior, social and cultural norms, and institutional practices. We anticipate innovative efforts to illustrate how research can function to produce, document, or bear witness to changes. In this context, less conventional methods will be considered as well (e.g., dialogues, websites). We encourage papers that consider justice-related issues. We also encourage papers that emphasize some feature of the institutional context (be it at the local, regional, national, or international level) and take into account global, local, or organizational partnership and cooperation (see SDG 17: Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development: “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development”).

Interested authors should submit a proposal to [kevintam@ust.hk](mailto:kevintam@ust.hk) by 31 Dec 2023. The letter should include: (1) a tentative title, (2) a description (600 words or less) of the proposed submission, including methods, samples, and how this research advances the interface between research and practice; (3) names and affiliations of all anticipated authors; and (4) contact information of the corresponding author. We will invite submissions of full manuscripts based on the proposals. Full manuscripts of invited submissions would be expected around 30 June 2024. These will be sent out for peer review.

*Note.* To signal the urgency of highlighting innovative practices, the following paragraph will be included as guidance to all reviewers for papers associated with this Multi-Journal Special Issue: “You are reviewing a paper for a multi-journal special issue on advancing the interface between research and practice in sustainable development. We ask that you focus more attention on evaluating whether there are innovative,

effective, and/or aspirational/inspirational interfaces between research, theory, and practice in this paper, rather than focusing more on traditional academic details.”

Figure. From p.29, *Our Common Agenda* (United Nations publication, 2021)

**SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS ARE CRITICAL TO ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

