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Message from the President of the AASP

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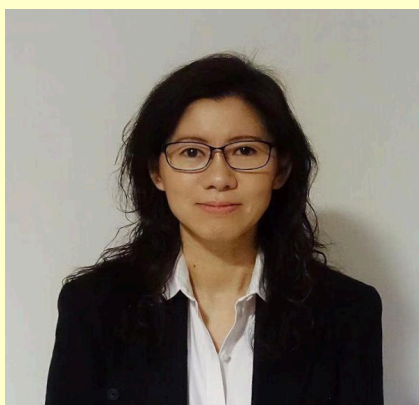
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It is my great honor to serve the Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) as President of the Association. The AASP was founded in 1995 in an attempt to create a “third force” in social psychology, with the first and second forces being represented by the United States and Europe, respectively. Over the past two decades, the AASP has grown rapidly into one of the major psychology organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, including East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and the Insular Pacific, and other parts of the world, such as North America, Europe, and the Middle East. Established in 1998, the AASP's flagship journal, the Asian Journal of Social Psychology (AJSP), has substantially contributed to the advancement of research on personality and social psychological processes with ever-increasing impact.

The AASP continues to consolidate its position as a high-impact academic organization. We endeavor to promote the development of social psychological research and its application in Asia-Pacific, to provide opportunities for students and young researchers to pursue education and careers in social psychology, and to provide a forum for social psychologists in Asia-Pacific, in order to promote research and education in social psychology. AASP members undertake strategic actions to fulfil its mission through biennial conferences, small group meetings, summer school, inter-associational activities, professional development, publications, newsletters, and social media platforms.

I look forward to the collective endeavors ahead, working together with more AASP members to create synergies and inspire collaborations across boundaries.



The Executive Committee

As ever, there have been some changes among our Officers and the Executive Committee. Emiko Kashima has completed her term as Past President; Hoon-Seok Choi has completed his term as President and is now the Immediate Past-President. Minoru Karasawa has joined the group as President-Elect of the Association. Fang Wang has completed her term as Secretary-General, and the position will be filled by Xiaomin Sun for the coming two years. Wendy Li continues to serve as Treasurer. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Emi Kashima, Hoon-Seok Choi, and Fang Wang for their dedication, hard work, and unfailing support - they will be long remembered. Also, I welcome Minoru Karasawa and Xiaomin Sun to the Officers' group with a great deal of joy and excitement.

We also have changes to report in the Committee Chairs and Representatives of the Association. Allan Bernardo has completed his term as Editor-in-Chief and Chair of the Publications and Research Committee. Itesh Sachdev has completed his term as Chair of the Education and Training Committee. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Allan Bernardo and Itesh Sachdev for their strong commitment and invaluable contributions over the years. The new AJSP Editor-in-Chief, Kim-Pong Tam, has become the Chair of the Publications and Research Committee. Takeshi Hamamura has completed his term as Regional Representative, Insular Pacific and taken on the new role of Chair of the Education and Training Committee. Jian Guan has completed her term as Representative-at-large, China. Ilan Dar-Nimrod, Cai Huajian, Moh Abdul Hakim, and Minh Hieu Nguyen have joined the team as Regional Representative, Insular Pacific and Representatives-at-large, China, Indonesia, and Vietnam, respectively. I am grateful to the outgoing Representatives for their tremendous efforts. Appreciation also goes to Regional Representatives Keiko Ishii (East Asia), Jose Antonio R Clemente (Southeast Asia), and Roomana N. Siddiqui (South Asia), as well as Representatives-at-large Emma Buchtel (Hong Kong), Youngmi Kwon (Korea), Chien-Ru Sun (Taiwan), Elaine Fernandez (Malaysia), Kenichi Ito (Singapore), Thipnapa Huansuriya (Thailand), Sammyh Kahn (Europe), Shige Oishi (North America), and Mostafa Zarean (Middle East) for their continuing service for the Association.

Message from the President-Elect of the AASP

Minoru Karasawa, Nagoya University, Japan



It is my great honor to serve as President-Elect for Asian Association of Social Psychology. There is no doubt that AASP is among my favorite academic organizations, and it has always been my pleasure to contribute to its activities, albeit in relatively smaller roles, such as an associate editor of AJSP, a co-editor of a couple of volumes of *Progress in Asian Social Psychology*, and a keynote speaker at the Kunming Conference. I have always been thankful to the limitless friendships and support from my colleagues. Now, as President-Elect, I am excited about this opportunity to serve the Association again under its mission to promote our unique and important role in this region, as well as in the entire field of social psychology.

My first encounter with AASP dates back to the second biennial conference held in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997. At that time, I was not even a member yet, but had certainly heard the news that my old friends like James Liu and Susumu Yamaguchi, along many others, teamed up to start this international organization. I attended the conference – needless to say with great expectations – and was impressed with a completely fresh experience. This was perhaps the most “diverse” conference in social psychology that I had ever attended up to that point. I found multiplicity, not only in the ethnic and cultural composition of the attendants, but also in the variety of orientations in theoretical views and research methodologies. All around the conference venue, I felt that friendly, yet scholastically engaged, encounters among the participants were producing collisions and fusions of different ideas originating in various academic and cultural backgrounds. This literally new-born association was filled with an uplifting enthusiasm toward building *our own* academic platform in this region. After nearly a quarter-century, the same spirit is still alive inside me, and I know that the very source of my excitement with the current appointment as the President-Elect is this spirit that invites and incorporates ideas and findings coming from different backgrounds and perspectives. I will do my utmost to continue the tradition of respect for diversity in this Association and to attract younger and newer scholars in our field.

I am very glad to see that AASP has been establishing its unique position in the field of social psychology at a steady pace over these years. The membership is growing, the financial situation is reasonably stable, and most importantly, scholastic activities are showing progress worthy of much applaud in areas, such as the quality and reputation of our *Journal*, successful conferences and proceedings heavily owing to tremendous efforts by the organizing committees, and educational programs like summer schools. I look forward to seeing each of these, and very likely more areas, continue to grow in productive ways.

On the other hand, AASP is currently faced with a number of challenges. For instance, skepticism concerning scientific research is an issue, not only in social psychology, but also in many other scientific communities. Efforts directed toward open science will clearly be an important task for us in the foreseeable future.

Also, the political situation involving the Asia-Pacific region will be an imminent concern, as pointed out by James Liu in his keynote at the Seoul Conference. In response to this concern, we have already added a revision on our Constitution to make our politically unbiased stance visible. Academically speaking, however, I also hope that we, social psychologists, can provide empirical insights and basis for the promotion of fair and peaceful societies and communities in this region. Our contributions can be made either directly or indirectly, either explicitly or implicitly, and here too, may take diverse forms to feed our academic knowledge back to the real world.

Again, I am excited about working with President Sylvia Chen, Secretary General Xiaomin Sun, the regional representatives and representatives-at-large, and the Chairs and members of various committees. Last but not least, of course, I am grateful to the legacy of past presidents as well as their continuing support.

AASP Secretary-General's Report

Fang Wang, Beijing Normal University, China

As to July 25, AASP had 1,453 historical members (Fig. 1). In this year, we are happy that there were 120 new members joining us and 112 members whose membership's expired, choose to renew. The distribution of members by country and region is shown in the Fig. 2, with most members coming from Japan, the Philippines, and China. AASP is happy to continue the tradition of applying the rates of \$25 for one year and \$40 for two years for the 2022 (one year) and 2022-2023 (two years) membership fees for Japanese Group Dynamics Association (JGDA) members. We would also welcome similar agreements with other local organizations in the future.

Since last December, AASP has published one issue of the regular newsletter edited by Sylvia Chen and Keiko Ishii – thank you. In addition, eleven issues of Seoul conference newsletters have been published. I'd like to thank the organizing committee of the Seoul conference.

After a long period of construction and overcoming the difficulties of the pandemic, a whole new website has finally been launched. The AASP website is regularly updated, publishing content about news, publications, and conferences. I'd like to thank our website manager, Mr. Shijiang Zuo; he has put considerable work into daily website maintenance. Members can access the new website via the same address as before now (www.asiansocialpsych.org). Compared with the old one, the overall design style of the new website is more fashionable, visible, and readable. It is also convenient to browse on both the computers and mobile phones. What's new about the new website? First, you can access AASP social medias on the homepage now. Second, we've tried to make the content display more logical to make it easier to find information. Third, we've changed the membership fee payment system from PayPal to eWay, expecting it to be more stable. Finally, and more importantly, the membership system has also been re-established to make the process of membership registration and renewal smoother and friendlier. The website is still in the testing stage, if members encounter any problems in use, please feel free to let us know.

Finally, I'd like to say thanks to all the EC members and AASP members for your support.

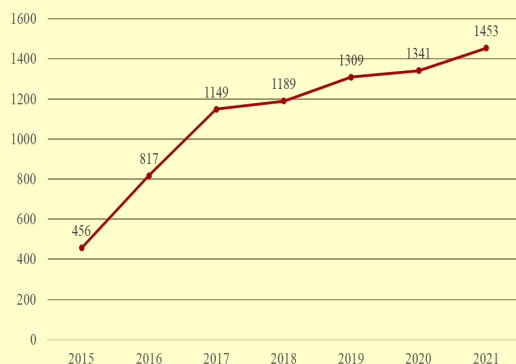
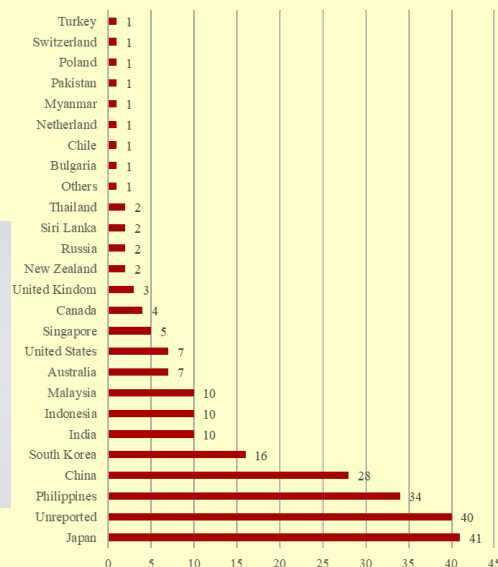


Fig. 1 Historical members

Fig.2 National/regional distribution of members



AASP 2021 Conference Report

Young-Mi Kwon, Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Korea

The 14th Biennial Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology: “Social Psychology of Intergroup Conflict: Towards Peace and Reconciliation in Asia” was held as a virtual conference from July 29 to July 31, 2021.

A total of 534 registered participants attended the conference via Whova and Zoom meeting rooms. Conference staffs were located in Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Korea, and assisted session chairs and presenters during the rehearsal (July 22 – July 24) and the main conference.

During the conference, 76 parallel sessions including 278 oral presentations and 100 poster presentations were delivered by researchers from 27 countries/regions. Special/Invited sessions included 5 keynote presentations, 8 featured presentations, 30 presentations at the 8 featured symposia sessions, the “Meet the AJSP Editors” session (Host: Dr. Kim-Pong Tam, AJSP Editor-in-Chief), and the M. H. Bond Award presentation (winner: Dr. Alex English, Research fellow at Zhejiang University).

The main feature of the conference was the keynote addresses by Dr. Daniel Bar-Tal (Tel Aviv University, Israel), Dr. Michael Hogg (Claremont Graduate School, USA), Dr. James Liu (Massey University, New Zealand), Dr. Tatsuya Kameda (The University of Tokyo, Japan), and Dr. Sylvia Chen (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong).

The featured presentations were given by Dr. Gyuseog Han (Chonnam National University, Republic of Korea), Dr. Grit Hein (University of Würzburg, Germany), Dr. Yuri Miyamoto (Hitotsubashi University, Japan), Dr. Ernestine Gordijn (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), Dr. Jacinth Tan (Singapore Management University, Singapore), Dr. Giovanni A. Travaglino (University of Kent, U.K.), Dr. Mengyao Li (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Germany). Eight sessions at the Featured Symposia were organized by Dr. Fumiaki Taka (Kanagawa University, Japan), Dr. Keiko Ishii (Nagoya University, Japan), Dr. Igor Grossmann (University of Waterloo, Canada), Dr. Oliver Sng (University of California, Irvine, U. S.), Dr. Kimin Eom (Singapore Management University, Singapore), Dr. Wendy Li (James Cook University, Australia), Dr. Yimoon Choi (Korean National Police University, Republic of Korea), and Dr. Eunsoo Choi (Korea University, Republic of Korea), relatively.

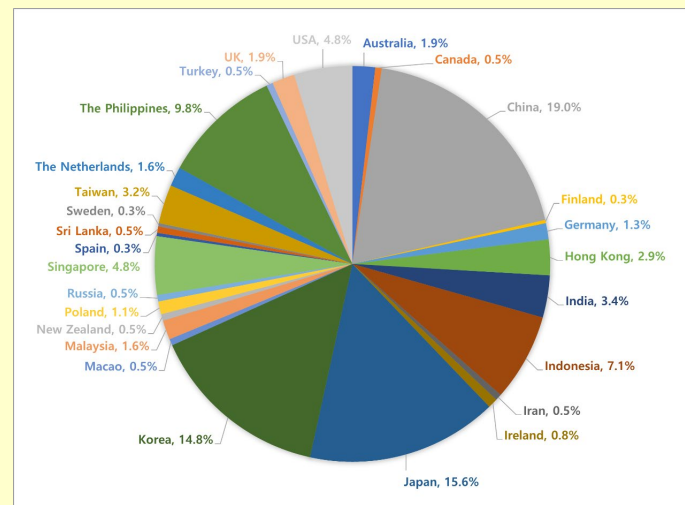
AASP Summer School 2021 (organized by Dr. Itesh Sachdev, the AASP Education & Training Committee Chair) was held from July 26 to July 28 on the theme “The social psychology of intergroup relations and pandemic”. Twenty-four students were selected to participate in the Summer School.

The conference organizer (Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association) donated USD 2,000 for the “2021 Mentors Fund”, USD 1,000 for Advanced Statistics Workshop, and USD 10,000 to “KSPPA Fund for Summer School”. Thanks to the great support from AASP members and all attendees, the Seoul conference was a great success as the first AASP virtual conference in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank you again for your participation.



Total Number of Presentations	423
Keynote	5
Featured Presentation	8
Presentations at the featured symposia	30
Meet the AJSP Editors	1
M. H. Bond Award Presentation	1
Submission Total	378
Oral	278
Poster	100
Total Number of Registered Participants	534

Statistics by Country/Regions: Oral and Poster presentations



Keynote Speakers of AASP 2021 Seoul Conference



Daniel Bar-Tal

Tel Aviv University (Israel)

"Why it is So Difficult to Resolve Peacefully Intractable Conflicts?"



Michael Hogg

Claremont Graduate School (USA)

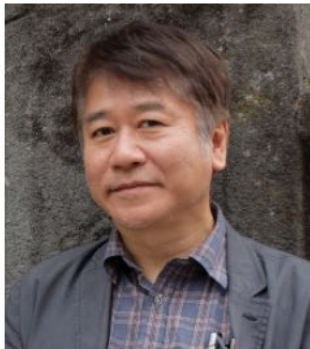
"World in Crisis: Epistemic Threat, Self-Uncertainty, and Extremist Social Identities"



James Liu

Massey University (New Zealand)

"Collective Remembering of the United States and China: From the Fall of a Liberal System of Global Dominance to Economic Prospects for World Peace"



Tatsuya Kameda

The University of Tokyo (Japan)

"Reducing Variance or Helping the Worst-off? Behavioral and Neurocognitive Bases for Distributive Norms"



Sylvia Chen

AASP President-elect
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
(Hong Kong)

"In Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Contributions of Asian Social Psychologists"

Featured Speakers of AASP 2021 Seoul Conference



Gyuseog Han

Chonnam National University (Korea)

"Post Pandemic Self; Self-system of Psychological Turn for Sustainable Ecosystem from a Korean Mentality"



Grit Hein

University of Würzburg (Germany)

"The Motivational Basis of Social Decision-Making"



Yuri Miyamoto

Hitotsubashi University (Japan)

"Perks (and Burdens) of Higher Social Status in Japan"



Ernestine Gordijn

University of Groningen (The Netherlands)

"The Role of Meta-stereotyping in Intergroup Relations"

*Social Psychology of
Intergroup Conflict:
Towards Peace and
Reconciliation in Asia*

AASP 2021 Conference Awards

MISUMI AWARD FOR BEST ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE ASIAN JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

2019

Li, W. Q., Li, L. M. W., & Li, M. (2019). Residential mobility reduces ingroup favouritism in prosocial behaviour. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 22(1), 3-17. doi.org/10.1111/ajsp.12338

2020

Yang, Z., & Xin, Z. (2020). Income inequality and interpersonal trust in China. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 23(3), 253-263. doi.org/10.1111/ajsp.12399

KS YANG TRAVEL AWARD

Jiayu Chen (Nagoya University)
 Ugyal Lama Yolmo (Sikkim University)
 Khatijatussshalihah Khatijatussshalihah (Syiah Kuala University)
 Li Mushi (Peking University)
 Xiang Yi Tee (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman)
 Michael Pan (University of the Philippines)
 Ya-Nan Fu (GuangXi Normal University)
 Xiaona Xie (Nanjing Normal University)
 John Ian Wilzon Dizon (Angeles University Foundation)
 Marsha Fadhillah (Brawijaya University)

PARK JUNG-HEUN & JUNG TAE-GON YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARDS

Park Jung-heun Young Scholar Award

Franklin Kam (Harvard University)
 Young-joo Jun (Seoul National University)

Jung Tae-gon Young Scholar Award

Moh Abdul Hakim (Universitas Sebelas Maret)
 Upekha Miriyagalla (LaTrobe University)

Michael Bond Early Career Award

Alexander S. English is a traditionally disciplined academic with a Ph.D. in Applied Psychology, and he is currently serving the Department of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences at Zhejiang University as a Lecturer and Researcher. Previously, Dr. English served as a Research Fellow, Foreign Expert Instructor, and co-supervisor for eight graduate students in the Intercultural Institute at Shanghai International Studies University. He recently completed his postdoctoral scholar fellowship with Honors. In the summer of 2021, Dr. English was bestowed the Michael Harris Bond Early Career Award by the Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP). The award is given to an early career researcher who demonstrated academic excellence and significant contributions to the Asian social psychology.



Jacinth Tan
 Singapore Management University
 (Singapore)

"Attunement Processes in Class-Based Dyadic Interaction: A Physiological Linkage Approach"



Giovanni A. Travaglino
 University of Kent (U.K.)

"Towards a Psychology of Informal Political Relations: Understanding the Legitimization of Illegal Actors"



Mengyao Li
 Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (Germany)

"Understanding Radical Civil Resistance Under Repression: Evidence from Hong Kong and Chile"



Following in the footsteps of Professor Michael Harris Bond who has spent most of his adult life in Hong Kong, Dr. English has been living overseas for nearly fifteen years. Initially, he lived in Chile as an international exchange student where he gained his cross-cultural experience. Further, Dr. English has been fascinated exploring the acculturation patterns in which migrants and sojourners strive for adjusting to new places both internally and internationally. More specifically, his research has focused mainly on the acculturation experiences of individuals within a specific geographical and national context of China, consisting of the cross-cultural adaptation patterns and coping mechanisms of sojourners. The target populations broadly include but are not limited to businesspeople, teachers, and international students.

More recently, Dr. English has been interested in understanding how socioecological factors impact people's acculturation experiences. His novel line of inquiry and projects aim to increase an in-depth understanding of the variations in holistic thinking patterns versus analytic thinking patterns when people move to new cultural environments. One of the recent and prominent examples of this line of inquiry is associated with how rice farming cultures have tight social norms. This research was published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)* (Talhelm & English, 2020).

Additionally, Dr. English has been interested in examining psychological and behavioral changes impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak and determining factors influencing individuals' lives across the globe. Notably, his most outstanding achievement has been exploring how culture (i.e. collectivistic response) impacted people's mask response to the outbreak. The research was published in *PNAS* (Lu, Jin, & English, 2021) and was covered by many international news outlets. Dr. English has also published several other remarkable papers concerning mask use in various regional, geographical, socio-cultural, and situational circumstances. Accordingly, Dr. English has published in many prestigious international journals. He published two articles in *PNAS* and several other articles in globally reputable journals such as *Current Psychology*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *PLoS ONE*, *International Journal of Intercultural Relations (IJIR)*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, and *Asian Journal of Social Psychology (AJSP)* among others.

Dr. English is an active member of the Asian Association of Social Psychology, International Association of Cross-cultural Psychology (IACCP), and International Academy of Intercultural Research. He is a committee chair member for Ph.D. Culture and Psychology summer school and an Early Career Representative for IACCP. He is also the Assistant Editor for *IJIR* and on the editorial board of *AJSP*. Overall, this award symbolizes Dr. English's contribution to Asian Social Psychology and his utmost motivation to continue conducting social psychology research in Asia.

Other Conferences

The 2021 Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Social Psychology



On October 23, 2021, the 2021 Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Social Psychology was held in Soochow University at Suzhou, Jiangsu Province. With the theme of "Social psychology in China: Stepping into a new era, understanding new requirements and coping with new challenges", the conference attracted more than 500 experts, scholars and young students from universities and research institutes across the country to attend the conference on-site or online.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Wang Xinjian, former President of Chinese Association of Social Psychology and professor of Nankai University.

Professor Yao Jianlin, member of the Standing Committee and Vice President of Soochow University, delivered a welcome speech first. On behalf of the faculty and students of Soochow University, Professor Yao warmly welcomed all the delegates to attend the meeting in the most beautiful season in Suzhou. He also introduced Soochow University's long history as the first university that followed the modern university discipline system in China and its future as a "Double-First Class" university with many world-leading disciplines.

Zhang Jianxin, the President of Chinese Association of Social Psychology and also a professor of the Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, delivered an opening speech, thanking the committee for their hard work.

Professor Zhang Jianxin is delighted with increasing members of the Chinese Association of Social Psychology. So far, there are more than 1,000 members. The divisions are still expanding. He pointed out that the opinions of social psychologists will play a crucial role in the social governance.

Professor Sang Zhiqin, President of Jiangsu Social Psychology Society and professor of Nanjing University, warmly congratulated on the successful opening of the conference on behalf of Jiangsu Social Psychology Society. She introduced Jiangsu Social Psychology Society, which has 432 members and 9 special divisions. She expressed her best wishes to all the representatives attending the conference.

Professor Jiang Bo, Editorial Director of the Journal of Soochow University, introduced the Journal of Soochow University and delivered a passionate speech. "On the one hand, we need to make the Chinese people feel secure, successful and happy, and nurture a self-respecting, rational, peaceful and positive social mentality. On the other hand, we need to face challenges, deal with emergencies, security and other issues, so that social psychology can play a role in the modernization process of China's governance system."

Professor Feng Chengzhi, Dean of School of Education, Soochow University, delivered a speech. He proposed that researchers in social psychology should be responsive to reality; The development of social psychology will be of great help to the improvement of Chinese psychological quality. Professor Feng welcomed all representatives to visit Suzhou.

Overall, the conference includes 8 keynote speeches, 4 workshops, 38 specialized forums and 32 group forums. There are more than 500 presentations, which not only demonstrated latest advancement of Chinese social psychology research but also provided a wonderful opportunity for researchers to communicate and strengthen social networks. The conference is successful under the theme: "Stepping into a new era, understanding new requirements and coping with new challenges".



Asian Journal of Social Psychology Update

Editor in Chief: Kim-Pong Tam, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

As we are approaching the end of 2021, it's time to take stock of the developments of the journal in the year. A new editorial team was formed at the beginning of the year. I am honored to have the opportunity to work closely with Angela Ka-yee Leung and Sammyh Khan, our co-Editors-in-Chief, and welcome 15 Associate Editors and 54 Editorial Board Members to the team. The new editorial team has achieved a number of things in the year. Take the journal's editorial policies as an example. We have clarified the journal's Aim and Scope to present a more welcoming attitude to high-quality research regardless of its origin. We have also revised our editorial guidelines in order to enhance its compatibility with open science practices. Some examples of the changes include requiring and publishing open data, open research materials, and preregistration statements for each article and introducing the open science badges system. The editorial team has also launched several initiatives in the year, the highlight of which must be the AJSP Editors Podcast. The podcast series is aimed to introduce papers appearing in the journal and deliver insights regarding the conduct and publication of social psychological research to the social psychological community. It is now accessible on Castos, Spotify, Google, and the websites of the journal and AASP. At this point, we have published three episodes. Figures show that these episodes are catching a great deal of attention. As of the end of November 2021, we have already recorded over 7,300 listens.

One great news about the journal is that it is drawing increasing interest from authors. In 2020, the journal received a record high of 574 manuscript submissions. We are on the path to break this record this year; counting only the first 10 months, we have already received over 500 submissions. Another good news is that the journal is witnessing a steady increasing trend in its impact factor. Its most recent number stands at 1.424, which is its historical high. The new editorial team attributes these positive results to the meticulous efforts by former editorial teams, particularly the one led by Allan B. I. Bernardo, our immediate predecessor. We are very fortunate to have succeeded the solid foundation they built.

By the time the calendar turns from 2021 to 2022, the editorial team will be stepping into the second year of its 3-year term. We sincerely ask for your continued support for the journal.

On behalf of the team, I wish you and your loved ones happiness, health and safety in the year of 2022!



Asian Journal of Social Psychology

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Frontiers in Psychology calls for submission

Research Topic: Mindfulness and Mental Health in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Three AASP members (A/Prof Wendy Li and Dr Daniel Miller of James Cook University, Australia and Prof Annalakshmi Narayanan, India) were invited by the journal of Frontiers in Psychology to co-edit the Research Topic of "Mindfulness and Mental Health in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic" with Prof Shauna Shapiro, the United States).

This research topic welcomes quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies, and systematic reviews that address, but are not limited to, the following topics in relation to mindfulness and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- the relationship between mindfulness and mental health;
- the underlying mechanism/factors that influence the relationship between mindfulness and mental health;
- the effectiveness of mindfulness-based intervention for the improvement of mental health

Submission Deadlines

14 January 2022	Abstract
17 July 2022	Manuscript

For details of the Research Topic, please see:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/24428/mindfulness-and-mental-health-in-the-time-of-the-covid-19-pandemic>

AJSP Editors' Podcast goes live!

The editorial team of the Asian Journal of Social Psychology is very happy to announce the release of the AJSP Editors Podcast. The podcast series is a new initiative of the journal. It is aimed to introduce papers appearing in the journal and deliver insights regarding the conduct and publication of social psychological research to the global community.

Our plan is to publish four episodes in a year, each corresponding to one issue of the journal.

We have published three episodes so far this year, and Episode 4 is in the making.

Episode 1

In the first half of this episode, among the many interesting papers published in the March 2021 issue of the journal, we selected the one about power, status, and selfishness, written by Jin et al., and discussed its strengths and significance.

After that, we had a very inspiring conversation on the COVID-19 Pandemic with our special guest Sylvia Chen, President-Elect of the Asian Association of Social Psychology.

Episode 2

Among the papers published in the June 2021 issue of the journal, we selected the one about proverbs and values among Chinese students, written by Weng et al., as our Editors' Pick and discussed its strengths and significance. After that, we had a very stimulating conversation on the social psychology of climate change with our special guest Susan Clayton.

Episode 3

We dedicated our Editors' Pick section to the special issue titled "Collective Remembering of Living Historical Memories" just published in the September 2021 issue of the journal. We had the honour to discuss this special issue in great depth with one of its editors, Professor James Liu. After that, we had a thought-provoking conversation on cross-cultural research with our special guest Professor Taciano Milfont.

You can listen to these episodes here: <https://ajsp-editors-podcast.castos.com>. You can also find it on [Spotify](#), [Google](#), and the websites of the journal and AASP.

Enjoy listening and stay tuned! And please help us spread this exciting news to your friends, colleagues, and students!

AASP Summer School 2021 Report

Takeshi Hamamura (Chair, Education and Training Committee), Curtin University, Australia

Participants of AASP Summer School 2021 were invited to apply for research grant to carry out the project they developed. Members of the Education and Training committee judged each application in terms of originality, feasibility, rigour, maximising knowledge impact, and relevance to Asia. The following 3 projects were selected:

Project: Collective Memory and Covid-19: An Age Specific Exploration of Blame Attribution and Helping Behaviour across India, New Zealand and South Korea

Team: Eunbyul Do, Pallavi Ramanathan, Sarah Choi

Project: COVID-19 vaccine prioritization and local-migrant worker relations: The role of fairness and identity threat

Team: Huang Tengjiao, Chin Wen Cong, Haochen Zhou

Project: Solidarity or Falling Apart : Facilitating intergroup relations during the pandemic

Team: Lin Jing, Tomohiro Ioku, Upekha Pathmi Miriyagalla

A grant of up to US \$1000 from the Kwok Leung Fund is awarded to each group. Congratulations! We look forward to hearing about the project results at the 2023 AASP Conference in Hong Kong.



We're looking forward to hearing about your projects' findings at the AASP 2023 Biennial Conference.

Webinar on Open Science (Co-organized by AASP and AJSP)

Gilad Feldman, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

The AASP Distinguished Seminar Series was launched in October 2021. Dr. Gilad Feldman, Assistant Professor of the Department of Psychology at the University of Hong Kong, delivered the first webinar titled “Endorsing open-science and supporting a science reform ‘credibility revolution’: Status, issues, challenges, and solutions” on October 12, 2021. Editor-in-Chief of the AJSP Kim-Pong Tam was the moderator of this webinar. Dr. Feldman introduced the current challenges in science and the need for a science reform (“credibility revolution”), for us to reflect on, reassess, and improve our science practices. He outlined some of the main challenges and demonstrated some of the problems with the current scientific process, and then discussed potential remedies. He also discussed the potential benefits of endorsing and promoting open-science, focusing on Registered Reports/pre-registrations, and sharing materials/data/code as initial solutions.

Slides: <https://mgto.org/2021/aasp>

Endorsing open-science and supporting a science reform

Status, issues, challenges, and initial solutions

(AASP/AJSP 2021)

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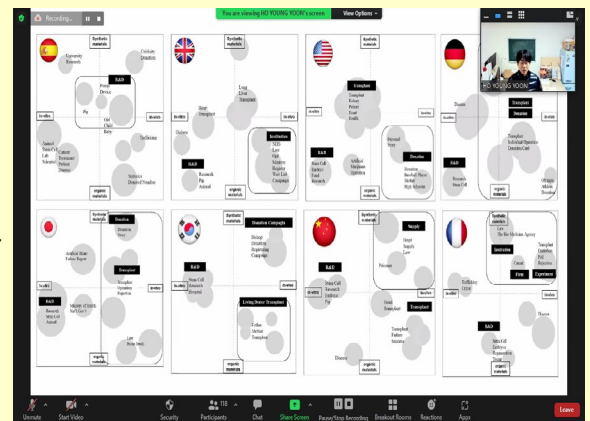
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Regional Updates

Korea

Young-Mi Kwon, Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Korea

The Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) held its biannual conference on November 27th via Zoom. During the “Research method workshop”, advanced research methods such as agent-based modeling, text analysis, and multi-level analysis were introduced. A special workshop on the “pre-registration process for publication” was also provided. Three sessions including 12 oral presentations were presented during the conference. The presentations covered a variety of research topics including motivation, team decision making, the interaction of personality and situational perception, social exclusion, religiosity, self, cultural differences, criminology, norms and attitudes, and scale development for psychopathy. The webinar also hosted graduate students’ poster presentations. The 7 pre-recorded presentations were posted on YouTube in advance, and an online Q & A session was held during the webinar.



Hong Kong

Emma Buchtel, The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

SAVE THE DATE for the next AASP conference! AASP 2023 will be held in Hong Kong from July 13-15, 2023, with the AASP Summer School 2023 preceding. The Department of Psychology at Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) is excited to be hosting the conference and invite you all to visit Hong Kong in 2023 (fingers crossed). Fall 2021 brought grant-application season and, for some but not all universities, in-person classes and research seminars. The Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS) continued its 2020-21 webinar series celebrating its 50th anniversary, concluding with a welcomed talk by Prof. Fanny Cheung, "Bringing a Chinese Voice to Internationalize Psychology," about her journey as a cross-cultural personality psychologist. Re-watch here: https://www.hkps.org.hk/en/conferences_and_events/detail/10/. Coming up, the EdUHK's Department of Psychology and HKPS plan to collaborate on a new webinar series on Psychosocial Health to lead up AASP 2023. More updates in due course!

AASP-organized Research Collaborative Meeting

Sylvia Chen, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

The AASP Research Collaborative Meeting Series was launched in December 2021. Past President of AASP and former Editor-in-Chief of AJSP, James H. Liu, and PhD candidate, Sarah Y. Choi, at the Massey University hosted the first collaborative meeting titled, "Collective Remembering: How does the Past weigh on the Present, and the Present weigh on the Past to make Political Culture?" on December 7, 2021. AASP President, Sylvia Chen, was the moderator of this meeting. James and Sarah introduced the literature on the organization of collective memory as explicit versus implicit and an experimental approach to collective remembering. They presented empirical studies on living historical memories and identity in the US, China, and other societies. Then they led a discussion on applications to Asia using the cases of South Korea, Singapore, etc. Participants expressed interests in furthering the studies in other contexts.

*We look forward to
hearing about your
exciting new research at
the 2023 AASP
Conference in Hong Kong*

Japan

Keiko Ishii, Nagoya University, Japan

The Japanese Society of Social Psychology held an annual conference online from August 26-27. In addition to a symposium on social change, six workshops (ELSI [ethical, legal, and social issues], VR, psychological safety, psychological adaptation to workplace, social inequality, and dark triad), and 212 poster presentations, it included four invited talks:

Joshua Correll (University of Colorado)

"Reconsidering the effects of cross-race contact on face perception"

Beth Morling (University of Delaware) "Teaching social psychology after the replication crisis"

Joshua M. Tybur (VU Amsterdam) "The psychology of infectious disease – before, during, and after COVID-19"

Jamil Zaki (Stanford University) "Unforced errors in our emotional lives"

The annual conference of the Japanese Group Dynamics Association, which was postponed last year due to COVID-19, was held online from September 11-12. Hoon-Seok Choi (Sungkyunkwan University, Past President of AASP) gave an invited talk on the role of individualism and collectivism in individuals' responses to COVID-19 pandemic.

AASP Research Collaborative Meeting Series



Collective Remembering: How does the Past weigh on the Present, and the Present weigh on the Past to make Political Culture?

DATE 7 December 2021 (Tuesday)
TIME 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Hong Kong Time)
 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (New Zealand Time)
MODE Online

SPEAKERS:



Dr. James H. Liu (刘盼夫)
Professor of Psychology
Massey University



Sarah Choi
PhD Student
Massey University

James H. Liu (刘盼夫) is Professor of Psychology at Massey University in New Zealand. He has been influential in the development of Asian Social Psychology, where he has been past-President of the Asian Association of Social Psychology, and a former editor of Asian Journal of Social Psychology. His work is in social, cross-cultural, and political psychology, where he has co-authored 243 publications, and is currently co-Editor-in-Chief of Political Psychology. He specializes in social representations of history and collective remembering, where he has just finished a

Sarah Choi is a PhD student at Massey University. Her research interests are mainly in the areas of social, cultural and cross-cultural psychology with a focus on representations of history, social identity and intergroup relations



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