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## IUPsyS' Global Footprint

### IUPSY S CONGRATULATES PAST PRESIDENT SATHS COOPER ON ISC FELLOWSHIP

On 09 June 2022, the International Science Council announced the creation of a Fellowship and appointment of 66 Foundation Fellows who are recognised for their outstanding contributions to promoting science as a global public good. This Fellowship is the highest honour that can be conferred on an individual by the International Science Council. "We want to clearly recognise those scientists who have contributed and continue to contribute to the global voice for science," said ISC President Peter Gluckman, "science needs champions, not just those who receive high-profile scientific prizes, but those who champion science in society and in policy-making, whether early or late in their career". The Fellowship includes all members of the current and past Governing Boards of the ISC. The 2022 cohort includes inaugural President of the ISC, Daya Reddy, who led the Governing Board from 2018 to 2021, and the Council's first Chief Executive Officer, Heide Hackmann (<https://council.science/current/press/council-appoints-fellows/>). IUPsyS Past President Saths Cooper was an Ordinary Member of the ISC Governing Board 2018-2021 and he is a Deputy Chair of the ISC Committee on Freedom & Responsibility in Science. IUPsyS congratulates Past President Cooper on the awarding of his Fellowship.



IUPsyS Past President Saths Cooper

### STANDING COMMITTEE FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN SCIENCE AND IUPSY S WEBINAR



The Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science and IUPsyS convened a joint webinar on 13 June 2022 from 15:30-17:30 CEST entitled, Toward Gender Equality in Science: Perspectives from Psychology. A recording of the webinar may be viewed **online**. The following were presenters and the topics addressed:

1. Pam Maras: Toward Gender Equality in Science: Perspectives from Psychology.
2. Vindhya Undurti: Gender Equality in Psychology: An intersectional feminist perspective from South Asia
3. Isabelle Régner: The influence of gender stereotypes on cognitive performances and hiring decisions

### INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY (IJP)



The International Journal of Psychology (IJP) is the official journal of IUPsyS. IJP advances psychological research of interest and relevance for the human condition around the world and serves as the outlet for internationally relevant basic and applied research in scientific psychology. See the February Special Issue of IJP on the Psychological Implications of Covid-19.

## News from National Members and Affiliates

### LEBANESE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

BY BRIGITTE KHOURY, PHD



### THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEBANESE ORDER OF PSYCHOLOGISTS: A PIONEERING MOVE IN THE ARAB REGION

Since the 1970's there have been many attempts to establish an order of psychologists in Lebanon, but the civil war that extended from 1975-1991 prohibited the efforts to move forward. In 2004, the Lebanese Psychological Association (a National Member of IUPsyS) was established, and one of its main goals was the establishment of the Order. Other psychological associations also joined forces and put efforts to draft a law that regulates the licensing process for practicing psychologists. After much lobbying effort, the law was passed by the Lebanese parliament in 2017. This law specifies licensing guidelines and criteria for practicing psychologists which requires a graduate academic degree in clinical or educational psychology, training hours and passing a licensing exam.

More efforts followed in the next four years, which led to having a law that was approved again by the Lebanese parliament in 2021, to establish a Lebanese Order of Psychologists. This achievement for the profession gained the support and approval of various academic departments, professional associations, and other stakeholders in the field.

In March 2022, the first board of the Lebanese Order of Psychologists was elected, including the author who assumed the position of Vice President. A professional order is an organization which, in a given territory, comprises all the members of the same profession, a profession which can generally be exercised in a liberal manner and which ensures a form of regulation of the profession in question. Unlike a trade union or a professional association, membership in a professional order is not a faculty, but an obligation for the professional, since registration in the order is a necessary condition for the practice of the profession. This pioneering effort in the Arab region is even more significant, since the psychology field remains non-regulated in most countries. Establishing the Lebanese Order of Psychologists will hopefully encourage other countries in the region to regulate the profession and establish its practice guidelines.



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# News from International Bodies

## UNITED NATIONS



### EXPANDING PSYCHOLOGY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

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What are the increasing roles of psychological science at the United Nations? How has this increased dramatically since 2020? This two-part overview offers: (a) a concise history of psychology at the UN, and (b) since 2020, its surprisingly rapid expansion.

**HISTORY:** The United Nations was eagerly launched by 51 nations on June 26, 1945, to replace global conflict with diplomacy, and war with peace. From the start, 42 major non-governmental organizations (NGOs) - like Rotary International and the AFL-CIO - were enlisted by the U.S. State Department to help these governments in this important UN work. The UN developed three separate clusters of NGOs - in the USA (New York), Switzerland (Geneva), and Austria (Vienna) - each with its own distinct history. In the USA, psychology at the UN has evolved through four stages below:

- 1. Prehistory:** From 1945-1976, many eminent individuals like Otto Klineberg and Gordon Allport supported various UN initiatives, primarily through UNESCO, the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.
- 2. NGOs:** Starting in 1976, about 20 of the world's 100 psychology organizations gradually registered for consultative status with ECOSOC, the UN Economic and Social Council (Takooshian, 2020).

**3. Coordination:** On April 1, 2004, eight of these NGOs convened for a forum hosted by Pace University. From 2004-2010, this segued into an informal network of NGOs hosting many joint activities, such as the first annual Psychology Day at the UN (UNPD) in 2007.

**4. Coalition:** In 2012, officers of several psychology NGOs developed a formal Psychology Coalition at the UN (PCUN), with bylaws finalized on September 20, 2012 (Okorodudu, n.d.). In the 10 years since 2012, PCUN now includes about 10 NGOs, and about 20 to 40 representatives and interns who meet monthly near the UN headquarters in New York City. The IUPsyS is a charter member of the PCUN.

**EXPANSION:** On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. New York City suddenly "locked down," as it became the epicentre of this pandemic in the USA. Like all government and private institutions in the City, the UN headquarters closed its doors. What to do? PCUN opted to continue its monthly meetings using Zoom. Surprisingly, rather than declining, PCUN activities have actually accelerated from 2020-2022, in at least four distinct ways.

**1. Monthly Meetings:** For years, PCUN monthly meetings drew about 20-40 reps and student interns from the Greater New York area, as pictured in the photo below. Moving these meetings to Zoom in 2020 allowed New Yorkers to welcome participants from other regions. For example, of 35 participants in the February 24, 2022 monthly Xoom meeting, eight were from six other nations: Cyprus, Denmark, Israel, Switzerland, UK, United Arab Emirates.

**2. Public Forums:** In 2019, PCUN hosted a few popular public forums to promote timely topics in international psychology - like climate change, publishing, and student involvement. Based on this success, an APA mini-grant of \$2,750 provided funding to expand this series to five PCUN public forums in spring of 2020, and engage more members of six APA divisions in this international work. Sadly, COVID-19 made this proposed series impossible. Undaunted, PCUN proceeded to plan a new series of seven

<sup>1</sup> UNPD: [www.unpsychologyday.com/](http://www.unpsychologyday.com/)

<sup>2</sup> PCUN: <https://psychologycoalitionun.org/>

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global webinars in 2021, partnering with a dozen diverse groups. Key experts addressed timely global topics such as food insecurity in Africa, global mental health, forced migration, and student involvement in the UN. The largest of these was on March 16, 2021, when Philip Zimbardo's timely webinar on heroism drew 1,000 participants from 29 nations.

**3. Psychology Day:** From 2007-2020, the annual UN Psychology Day drew up to 500 participants to the UN headquarters in New York City. In 2020, rather than cancel its 12th annual UNPD, PCUN converted this into a webinar. This UNPD reached new heights, growing from 500 in New York City before 2020, up to an estimated 1,271 participants from 104 nations on May 27, 2020, then 750 participants from 97 nations on April 15, 2021, and 640 participants from 107 nations on April 27, 2022. The 15th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations may be viewed online.

**4. Book Series:** In 2020, PCUN officers voted unanimously to enter an agreement with publisher George F. Johnson, the President of Information Age Publishers (IAP), to launch a bold new book series on international psychology. This series on "behavioral science in the global arena" provides a new platform to share the research of PCUN reps and students with a wider audience of colleagues, policymakers, and the public. The first volume appeared in 2020, featuring 16 chapters on diverse topics by 27 experts - both professionals and students (Congress, Takooshian, & Asper, 2020). Volume 2 appeared in May of 2022, and 3 appears later in 2022, focused on global mental and physical health, with 14 chapters each, by a total of over 70 co-authors from eight nations. Ironically, 2020 to 2022 has become a time of both unprecedented challenges and growth for PCUN.

Meanwhile, UN Secretaries-General Ban ki-Moon (in 2016) and Antonio Guterres (in 2021) have expressed a new openness to behavioral science as a valued path to better understand the complex global issues within the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Clearly, the impact of psychology within the UN is now on the rise.

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PCUN Monthly meeting in September 2019

<sup>3</sup> APA mini-grant: [www.apa.org/about/awards/interdivisional-grants-project?tab=4](http://www.apa.org/about/awards/interdivisional-grants-project?tab=4)

<sup>4</sup> Zimbardo webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/jbhva7e2>

<sup>5</sup> UNPD 2022: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQwXPO8mz4U>

<sup>6</sup> Book series: [www.infoagepub.com/series/International-Psychology](http://www.infoagepub.com/series/International-Psychology)

<sup>7</sup> PCUN book: [www.infoagepub.com/products/Behavioral-Science-in-the-Global-Arena-Mental-Spiritual-Social-Health](http://www.infoagepub.com/products/Behavioral-Science-in-the-Global-Arena-Mental-Spiritual-Social-Health)

<sup>8</sup> Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PsychologyCoalitionUN/](http://www.facebook.com/PsychologyCoalitionUN/)

<sup>9</sup> 2016 Ban ki-Moon: [www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/innovation/Behavioral%20Insights%20at%20the%20UN.pdf](http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/innovation/Behavioral%20Insights%20at%20the%20UN.pdf)

<sup>10</sup> 2021 Guterres: [www.un.org/en/content/behaviouralscience/](http://www.un.org/en/content/behaviouralscience/)



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### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



### LAUNCH OF THE WORLD MENTAL HEALTH REPORT: TRANSFORMING MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL

The launch of the World Mental Health Report: Transforming Mental Health for All took place on Friday 17 June 2022, 14.00-15.30 CEST. Full details and a copy of the launch and report are available [online](#).

### THE WHO BULLETIN

The WHO Bulletin is one of the world's leading public health journals. It is a peer-reviewed monthly journal with a special focus on developing countries, giving it unrivalled global scope and authority. The Bulletin is one of the top public and environmental health journals and full detail may be accessed [here](#).

### INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL



### SCIENCE IN EXILE

The [Science in Exile](#) initiative is a collaboration between The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries (TWAS), the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) and the International Science Council (ISC). The [Science in Exile](#) initiative brings together at-risk, displaced and refugee scientists along with like-minded organizations who work together to strengthen systems that support, protect and integrate such affected scientists.

### ISC NEWSLETTER

The [International Science Council \(ISC\)](#) is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils. It is the only international non-governmental organization bringing together the natural and social sciences and the largest global science organization of its type. The latest newsletters of the International Science Council brings you the latest on their activities and may be viewed [online](#).