Addressing the Crisis of Generalizability in Psychological Science by

Building Global Psychological Science Through Special Issues

WEBINAR#1

November 5th, Thursday 2026

Psychological science is increasingly recognizing the need to become more globally representative. Yet moving from recognizing this need to developing concrete publication initiatives requires collaboration, shared expertise, and supportive professional networks. The planned webinar is intended as a first step toward bringing together researchers interested in developing Special Issues that advance the globalization of psychological science.

Slot #1a: Eastern Hemisphere

- Africo-Europe to Asia and Austral-Oceania

Accra, London 08:00; Lagos, Luanda, Warsaw 09:00; Johannesburg, Kyiv 10:00; Antananarivo, Istanbul, Nairobi 11:00; Abu Dhabi 12:00; Karachi 13:00; New Delhi 13:30; Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City 15:00; Beijing, Brunei, Singapore 16:00; Tokyo 17:00; Adelaide 18:30; Wellington 21:00

Slot #1b: Western Hemisphere

- Americas to Africo-Europe

Honolulu 07:00; Anchorage 08:00; San Francisco 09:00; Denver 10:00; Chicago, Mexico City 11:00; Bogotá, Lima, New York, Toronto 12:00; Buenos Aires, São Paulo 14:00; Accra, London 17:00; Lagos, Luanda, Warsaw 18:00; Athens, Cairo, Johannesburg, Kyiv 19:00; Antananarivo, Istanbul, Nairobi 20:00

AGENDA

Welcome and Purpose

Behind the scenes of special issues

(stories from Stephen Baffour Adjei, Giovanni Travaglino, Susan Cross, and Kuba Krys)

Open discussion

(topic/idea; editorial team; authors; reviewers)

Building Community and Next Steps

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Why Globalize?

Globalizing psychological science—and thereby addressing its crisis of generalizability—is both a moral and a scientific imperative. People from understudied cultures deserve a psychological science that represents and explains their social worlds. At the same time, the field needs more globally inclusive studies to understand human beings across diverse cultural ecologies, rather than continue studying mostly two cultural contexts - Western and Confucian - that currently dominate psychological research.

Why Special Issues?

Dedicated Special Issues in mainstream psychology journals can be an important tool for globalizing psychological science. By bringing global perspectives to specific topics, they can create space for research on understudied cultures, help address the generalizability crisis by testing how far our theories travel beyond Western and Confucian contexts, and build communities of editors and reviewers with expertise in globalizing psychological science.

Why This Webinar?

Developing Special Issues on globalizing psychological science is a major collaborative undertaking. Many researchers may hesitate to embark on such projects without an established network of collaborators who could contribute as authors, reviewers, or co-editors. The proposed webinar therefore aims to begin building a community of researchers who can support one another in developing Special Issues that advance the globalization of psychological science.

Who Is This Webinar For?

This webinar is for anyone interested in globalizing psychological science. In particular, it may be for you if:

1. you have experience developing Special Issues and would like to share it;
2. you are considering proposing a Special Issue but are still hesitant;
3. you do not yet feel ready to develop a Special Issue but would be willing to contribute as a reviewer;
4. you are not yet ready to organize or review a Special Issue but would like to support in other way, share ideas or simply observe how such initiatives take shape.

Endorsing organisations:

more endorsing organisations to come