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### ❖ News from the President

Dear ISJR members,

I begin my service as ISJR president with much joy, enthusiasm and commitment to the mission of our society. Since I joined the society 19 years ago, it has kept nurturing my personal and moral identity, my concern for justice, and my hope for a better world. Therefore, this occasion gives me the opportunity to express my deep gratitude to you, dear members, for your confidence in my capacity to lead this exceptional justice society.

On behalf of ISJR, I would first like to express our profound gratitude to Carolyn Hafer for her dedicated service as President of our society. Throughout her term, she demonstrated that decision-making can be guided by unbiased concern for justice and the welfare of our society rather than by personal preferences. Carolyn's leadership has proved to be gentle yet morally committed, cautious yet courageous, transparent and discreet, outspoken and respectful, thoughtful and always available to everyone who needed her. Carolyn is not only an excellent justice scholar but also a true leader in the field of justice who has put her wisdom into everyday praxis.

I would also like to congratulate our new ISJR Executive Board officers: Past-President Carolyn Hafer (Brock University), Secretary Susan Opotow (CUNY), Treasurer Steven Blader (NYU), Newsletter Editor Manfred Schmitt (Universität Koblenz-Landau), SJR Editor Kjell Törnblom (University of Skövde) and the 2012 Conference Organizer Dahlia Moore (College of Management, Rishon LeZion).

Together with this outstanding team of colleagues and friends, I will strive in every possible way to further ISJR's mission in the following directions: Through contacting key institutions and scholars, I would like to strengthen our society's international standing by involving more scholars and students from non-Western developing countries in our society's activities. Some initial steps in this direction include the implementation of a donation option which will enable ISJR to sponsor new memberships from developing nations and to provide travel awards to facilitate participation in our meetings. In order to enable this initiative, you are invited to make a donation at <http://www.isjr.org/>. In addition, the Executive Board has discussed the possibility of introducing some changes in the membership categories and dues, though these changes will have to be approved in our next members meeting.

Moreover, I would like to further the interdisciplinary perspective in justice research by fostering diversity in terms of substantial issues, membership, theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches. Achieving this idea is a challenging task that requires implementation of complex strategies. One initial strategy is the cultivation of interdisciplinary research among new generations of justice researchers and to facilitate their active integration into our society. For this purpose, we intend to hold an interdisciplinary workshop for doctoral students that will take place just before the upcoming 2012 ISJR conference in Israel (see announcement below). The workshop will be led by Manfred Schmitt and sponsored by the University of Haifa, Israel. Another strategy that we are implementing is reaching out to new audiences of individual scholars (by means of an expanded Listserv) and networks across disciplines which might in joint effort with ISJR make the most of the exchange of interdisciplinary knowledge in all areas related to justice research.

In promoting these causes, I will do my best to justify your trust in me.

Finally, you are invited to visit our new website at: <http://www.isjr.org/>. Special thanks to our Webmaster Anette Weidler for her excellent work and for her real concern and loyalty to ISJR.

Truly yours,

Clara Sabbagh

ISJR President

## ❖ News from the Treasurer

Dear ISJR members,

I am excited to be writing to you for the first time as the ISJR Treasurer. I am looking forward to working with Clara and the other members of the ISJR Executive Board to further the mission of our organization and to build on the wonderful work and success of the outgoing Executive Board. I would also like to particularly thank Larry Heuer for making my transition into the role of ISJR Treasurer incredibly easy.

While ISJR is in strong financial shape, the Society relies on your membership dues. Your dues provide the funding that is necessary to keep ISJR functioning and working to achieve our collective mission of advancing international, interdisciplinary theory and research related to justice. To ensure we are able to realize this mission, I would like to encourage everyone to renew their membership in ISJR for 2011 as soon as possible.

In fact, almost 40% of our membership has already renewed for 2011! Thank you to everyone that responded to the initial email regarding membership renewals. If you have not yet had a chance to renew, I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Also, please encourage your friends and colleagues who are not members of ISJR to join. They can learn more about the organization at our updated website, [www.isjr.org](http://www.isjr.org).

Membership to ISJR includes a subscription to the journal Social Justice Research. You can renew your membership by going to the membership page of the ISJR website at: <http://www.isjr.org/Members.html>, or by following the appropriate link(s) below:

To become a member:

<https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?PG=1532935182200&P=153293500>

To renew your membership:

<https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?PG=1532935182700&P=153293500>

In addition, your donation helps to support our grants and awards programs, sponsor members from developing nations, and provide travel awards for scholars from developing nations to attend the biennial ISJR conferences. If you have any preference for the application of your donation, please indicate it while making the donation.

<https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?PG=1532935185200&P=153293500>

Finally, to update your membership profile:

<https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?PG=1532935182500&P=153293500>

If you experience any problems with this website (or with receipt of your journals), please let me know so that I might try to assist.

Sincerely,

Steven Blader

Treasurer

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## ❖ Last and Upcoming ISJR Conferences

On behalf of ISJR, we would like to thank John Ellard, the 2010 Banff conference host; and the entire organizing committee, who spent many long hours organizing this event: Ramona Bobocel, Leanne Gosse, Mitch Callan and Carolyn Hafer. Thanks also to the program committee who were Steve Blader, Karen Hegtvedt, Dahlia Moore, Katherine Starzyk, Kees van den Bos and Leo Montada for their help in the review process. Special thanks to Leanne, who answered participants' questions about registration, program issues, and other conference details. Thanks also to the conference's sponsors: Brock University Faculty of Social Science and Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Waterloo Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary Faculty of Social Sciences and Department of Psychology, SSHRC.

The next ISJR conference, which will be organized by Dahlia Moore, will be held in September 2012 at the The School of Behavioral Sciences College of Management, which is located in Rishon LeZion, nearby the metropolitan area of Tel Aviv. See more information at our Website <http://www.isjr.org/>.

## ❖ Interview with Leo Montada, 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

*Can you tell us a bit about yourself and the familial, social, and political environment in which you grew up?*

The day of my 7th birthday American tanks drove into the German village near the French border where my family lived. For us, this much longed for event meant both the end of the war and the end of the Nazi regime. My generation had experienced war, totalitarian terror, and also privation. This was a good basis for appreciating the growing political and economical prosperity during the following decades - the securing of peace by NATO, the European Unification, the end of the Cold War, the reunification of Germany, and the integration of East European countries. My generation is aware of all these achievements and does not take them for granted.

Personally, I grew up in a wonderful, cultured family. Early in my life, I had the opportunity to pursue a professional career and I was fortunate to work with a team of excellent peers and bright students. You see, I had good luck in my life. My concern for justice did not originate from suffering injustice, but from the feeling of being privileged. In line with that, our first large scale study on justice dealt not with relative deprivation, but with relative privilege and the existential guilt experienced in view of the fates of less fortunate people.

*You first had a successful career in developmental psychology. When did you become interested in social justice research?*

I had worked on moral socialization. Moral and social norms only get internalized when they are appraised as just. The experimental proofs of this hypothesis were my first steps into justice research. In the late 1970's Gerold Mikula invited me to write a chapter on "Developmental Changes in Concepts of Justice" for a book he edited. Since then, justice became the central theme in my agenda.

*Please reflect on how you see the current state of social justice research. Where do you think it is heading to, and is it pointing in the right direction?*

Justice and injustice are burning problems for both individuals and social systems at micro (e.g. intimate friendships) and macro levels (e.g. international relations). The strife for justice as well as the

coping with suffered and observed injustices is one of the everlasting problems of mankind. Justice research should be relevant for a better understanding of these problems, for their prevention as well as for coping with them, for the rehabilitation of the victims of injustice, and for the settlement of personal and political conflicts.

I am impressed by the potential practical impact of research hitherto. Yet, when reading publications, I sometimes miss a section where the potential practical relevance would be illustrated by some concrete examples. Such sections would be helpful to raise the impact of research.

May I add one suggestion? As conflicts about justice are universal, and as all social conflicts are basically justice conflicts, more research on conflicts and their resolution is needed.

*What advice would you give a young justice scholar?*

The interest of young scholars for justice is often awakened by concrete cases of injustice or by public debates about justice. Often, their potential mentors are interested in getting them involved in their own long standing research programs. This might be mutually advantageous. However, the 50th study in a mainstream does seldom contribute much to our knowledge. An alternative advice for young scholars would be: "Try to fill with enthusiasm senior people for your own questions and ideas." This, too, would be good for both sides and, furthermore, for the future of justice research.

### ❖ Honors Awarded to ISJR Members

Kees van den Boos was elected to be the 2010 psychology teacher of the year.

### ❖ Karen Hegtvedt & Cathryn Johnson New Editors of SPQ

Karen A. Hegtvedt and Cathryn Johnson, both of Emory University, have been named the new co-editors of *Social Psychology Quarterly*, one of the main publications of the American Sociological Association. Their term will run from 2011-2014.

### ❖ Conferences of Interest to ISJR Members

#### Justice Studies Association 13th Meeting

"Unlocking the Prisons of Our Lives"  
Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA.  
June 9-11, 2011

The 13th annual meeting of the Justice Studies Association will focus on the prisons of our lives. The conference is interdisciplinary and so is our understanding of prison – as constraints imposed on youth, immigrants, minorities, convicted offenders, crime victims, nonhuman animals, environments, ourselves and our ways of thinking. The Justice Studies Association welcomes any research, experiences, activism, teaching, and reflections on the "prisons" that impede justice and the "unlocking" that might restore people and communities.

Please send your presentation or session title with a 200 word abstract electronically to Program Co-Chair, Kathryn Sullivan at [k.sullivan@hvcc.edu](mailto:k.sullivan@hvcc.edu) by April 1, 2011.

### Political Psychology Preconference at the 2011 SPSP Meeting

We invite you to join us for the 2011 Political Psychology Preconference, held in conjunction with the annual SPSP meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The preconference will take place on January 27, 2011 in Room 210A of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. We are very excited about our line-up of speakers, as we believe they provide a diverse and penetrative glimpse into the field of political psychology:

Daniel Bar-Tal; Julia Becker & Nicole Tausch; Hannah Riley Bowles & May Al-Dabbagh; Stanley Feldman; Eran Halperin; Aaron Kay; Arie Kruglanski; Howie Lavine; Betsy Levy Paluck

Registration is now open and will close when space is filled or January 4th, whichever comes first. The pre-conference will also include a poster session and a paper swap. To submit your poster or paper for inclusion, register for the pre-conference, or obtain more information, please visit: [http://www.psych.nyu.edu/spsp\\_politpsych](http://www.psych.nyu.edu/spsp_politpsych)

The deadline for abstract submissions is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We hope to see you on January 27; it promises to be a great day!

Sincerely,

Jojanneke van der Toorn and Margarita Krochik

Political Psychology Preconference organizers

#### ❖ Justice-Related Movies

The Joy Luck Club, adapted from Amy Tan's (1989) book Directed by Wayne Wang (1993). This movie exemplifies some of the ideas appearing in the book 'Spheres of Justice' by Michael Walzer (1983). Specifically it focuses on the family as a sphere of justice whereby the just distribution of resources such as love and marriage arrangements are historically- and culturally determined (USA vs. China).

The Winslow Boy, adapted from Terence Rattigan's (1949) play Directed by David Mamet (1999). This movie illustrates the dominance of the justice motive vis-à-vis other kind of considerations such as self-interest and compliance to norms, in the everyday life of an English family.

White, directed by Krzysztof Kieślowski (1994). This movie, which has as background the Post-Communist era, is about the idea of proportional equality (equity) in close relationships and about individuals' emotional and behavioral reactions in their striving to restore justice.

#### ❖ Job Offers

The Department of Psychology at New York University invites applications for a tenure-track position in the area of Political Psychology. We are primarily seeking applicants at the assistant professor level, but outstanding candidates at a higher level will be considered. The appointment may begin as soon as September 1, 2011, pending university and budgetary approval. The deadline for receiving applications has been extended from October 15, 2010, to October 31, 2010. To apply, see the NYU Department of Psychology web site at <http://www.psych.nyu.edu/>. The application should include a vita, statement of research and teaching interests, representative publications, and three letters of reference. Questions may be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Professor John T. Jost at [john.jost@nyu.edu](mailto:john.jost@nyu.edu). New York University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

## ❖ Recent Justice-Related Publications of ISJR Members

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- Lipponen, J. & Wisse, B. (in press). Perceived justice as a predictor of externally rated departmental level academic performance. *Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology*.
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<http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/1948550610376598>



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