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## President's Address

### **[Claudia Dalbert, President](#)**

One important aim of ISJR is to foster productive discussions of new ideas, research, and theories in the field of social justice and, thus, strengthening social justice research and increasing its visibility. From time to time, we should therefore review the progress social justice research made in the various disciplines harbored in ISJR. I am a psychologist and thus can only evaluate the progress made in this discipline. Let me refer to some events which in my subjective view illustrate the positive development social justice research made in the last few years within psychology. In 2001, Dale T. Miller wrote the first review on justice research for the influential Annual Review of Psychology; meanwhile, Linda Skitka and John Ellard have organized the 4<sup>th</sup> Justice Pre-Conference in connection with the yearly SPSP Conference, providing a whole day of intensive discussion about social justice research; recently, Carolyn Hafer and Laurent Begue published a review on experimental just-world research in the leading Psychological Bulletin. Furthermore, numerous empirical papers are published in the prime psychology journals. In sum, my feeling is that social justice research is becoming increasingly important and visible within psychology. However, I am sure that there are other important developments within justice psychology which are not depicted here. Moreover, I would be eager to learn more about the development of social justice research within the other disciplines (e.g., sociology, economics, law). Therefore, I ask you as reader of the newsletter to inform us about important events and developments of social justice research by writing a short statement for the Newsletter.

The future of social justice research will be built on the inputs of the younger generations. Excellent and highly visible social justice research, thus, depends on the attractiveness of social justice research for young scholars, This in mind, the Executive Committee of ISJR is glad to

announce the first **Early Career Contribution Award of ISJR**. With this award, the society recognizes excellent young justice scholars. You will find the details of the announcement in this newsletter and later on, on our homepage <http://www.isjr.org>. Deadline for nominations is October 31, 2005. I hope that we will receive ample excellent nominations for this award.

Time is flying. I took over presidency last summer at our conference in Regina. According to the ISJR bylaws, the **President** serves a term of two-years. The new president will be elected as President-elect one year prior to serving as President. Thus, this summer, we will hold elections. I am asking you as member of ISJR for nominations for our new president. All members of the Executive Board are devoted to the continuing democratization of ISJR and this democratization is based on your input to ISJR. Please, send your nomination of candidates within the next four weeks by email to me: [claudia.dalbert@paedagogik.uni-halle.de](mailto:claudia.dalbert@paedagogik.uni-halle.de). Self-nominations are welcomed.

If you have any suggestions for ISJR, please send me an email at [claudia.dalbert@paedagogik.uni-halle.de](mailto:claudia.dalbert@paedagogik.uni-halle.de). Any ideas and measures to enhance the exchange within our network are highly welcomed.

*Claudia Dalbert, President ISJR*

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## Early Career Contribution Award of the International Society of Justice Research 2006

At the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Justice Research August 2-5, 2006 in Berlin, Germany, the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR) will bestow the first

### Early Career Contribution Award of ISJR 2006

The International Society for Justice Research will present this award bi-annually to an individual member of the society. With this award, the society recognizes excellent young justice scholars. Recipient of this award may not have held a PhD for more than approximately 10 years. The award winner will present an address on some aspect of her/his scientific work at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Justice Research. The Conference fee will be waived for the award winner.

Members of ISJR are asked to nominate excellent young justice scholars for this award. Self-nominations are welcomed. The nomination should include a detailed statement explaining the accomplishments of the scholar and should be accompanied by a CV, including a publication list, and copies of the five most important publications for the candidate's research program. Nominations by E-mail are preferred. Please send nominations to the Secretary of ISJR: [k.vandenbos@fss.uu.nl](mailto:k.vandenbos@fss.uu.nl). Deadline for nominations is **October 31, 2005**.

The Executive Board of ISJR will select a panel of three scholars (including the President of ISJR) to review nominations. This panel will recommend a winner to the Executive Board.

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## Request for information

All members are asked to please forward any information concerning their activities to me ([sblair@buffalo.edu](mailto:sblair@buffalo.edu)), so that it can be included in future issues of the ISJR Newsletter. Publications, presentations, promotions, grants, or any relevant activities (even marriage or childbirth news is welcome) are requested. Remember, ISJR is an international organization, and it is essential that we maintain our network of scholars; one way to achieve this is by sharing your news with others. Thanks!

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## Fraud Alert!

Several members have reported receiving a request for payment of their 2005 dues from someone using the name Jeff Wenzel. Please be aware that there is no Jeff Wenzel associated with ISJR, and that the request, which is accompanied by a form which is very similar to that which is used by Karen A. Hegtvedt, our ISJR Treasurer, is an act of fraud. **DO NOT SUBMIT THE FORM! This is clearly a criminal act, and you should disregard the request.**

An additional request has appeared, wherein someone is using the name of Sibylle Classen (who actually collects ISJR dues) to request an additional payment for the funeral service of someone who is supposedly an ISJR member. We are currently alerting the FBI about this situation, and are also taking steps to safeguard the membership of ISJR against any future attempts of fraud.

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## Upcoming Events

German Peace Psychology Conference – Call for Papers  
The 18th Annual Conference of the German Peace Psychology Association (Forum Friedenspsychologie e.V.) will be held from Friday, June 10, 2005, 17:00, to Sunday, June 12, 2005, 13:30, in Erlangen, Germany. The conference title is:

"Psychological Contributions to Peace and Justice: Current Challenges."

The aim of the conference is to take stock of important present and future fields of peace psychology in research and professional work. As a background, two keynote talks will be held. Gert Sommer (University of Marburg, Germany) will speak about 20 years of German peace psychology in

retrospect, and Ed Cairns (University of Ulster, Northern Ireland) will speak about current and future challenges of peace psychology from an international perspective. Conference languages are English and German.

We call for empirical and theoretical papers from all fields of psychology that can contribute to peace and justice. Papers may be submitted in English (preferred) or German. For each talk 30 minutes including discussion time are scheduled. Submitted papers will be screened with regard to their general appropriateness and grouped with

related papers to thematic sessions. Please submit your contributions, including a summary of approximately 500 words, as soon as possible, preferably electronically at:

<http://www.sozialpsychologie.phil.uni-erlangen.de/> -> Tagung Friedenspsychologie.

There you will also find further up-to-date information on the conference. The deadline for paper submissions is April 15, 2005.

#### Fairness: Its Role in our Lives – A Social Research Conference

Conference to be held on April 14 and 15 at the New School, New York City. The conference is built around the themes of equality, justice, and social change. Sessions will include: 1) Science Looks at Fairness, 2) When does Fairness become an Issue? General Conditions that give rise to a Sense of Unfairness, 3) Reasoning about Fairness and Unfairness in Law, Philosophy and Political Theory, and 4) Fairness and Social Justice. The keynote address will be given by Senator John Edwards, the 2004 Democratic candidate for Vice President and former Senator from North Carolina. Information on the conference can be obtained at: [www.socres.org/fairness](http://www.socres.org/fairness).

#### The 2006 ISJR Conference

The webpage for the 2006 ISJR meetings will soon be in place. When it is completed, you can locate it at: [www.isjr2006.org](http://www.isjr2006.org). In the interim, though, if you should have any questions or suggestions, you can also contact the organizers, Stefan Liebig ([liebig@isjr2006.org](mailto:liebig@isjr2006.org)) and Bernd Wegener ([wegener@isjr2006.org](mailto:wegener@isjr2006.org)), who can provide you with information.

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A note from the webmaster: Please send any suggestions and changes of email-Addresses etc. to [Anette Weidler](mailto:Anette.Weidler) . Thank you!

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