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News from the President

Dear ISJR members,

We are heading with giant steps towards our big event in the ISJR calendar, our biennial conference. And the conference in New York is indeed going to be a BIG one! Registration is now open. Register as soon as possible, but in any case before April 30! And have a look inside this newsletter for a conference update and the appealing social events you are invited to join.

At every conference, we also hold our general Business Meeting, and I would like to cordially invite all members to attend and do their member's duty. One agenda item is a proposed bylaws change regarding a re-structure in membership fees, a vote on which needed to be deferred from the last meeting in Israel. See below for details.

And another item is of course going to be the changeover to the new ISJR executive, including the election of the office-bearers of Secretary and Treasurer. Our President-Elect Aaron Kay is calling for nominations to join his team in these two roles. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring and nominate for one of these roles, to join Aaron's team!

There is one other news item I would like to highlight – with some pride! ISJR now has its own official book series! The series is called *Perspectives on Justice and Morality*, and Carolyn Hafer is the series editor. The series is published by Oxford University Press and ISJR is series partner. This new book series will provide a valuable platform for ISJR members and other researchers to publish their works, and a welcome additional avenue to further the goals of our society and promote research in the areas of justice and morality. The series follows in the footsteps of the long-running series Critical Issues in Social Justice edited by Mel Lerner, in which ISJR however did not have a stake.

At a time when journal publishers and editors emphasize short and punchy formats for research articles, and space for expansive theory development appears to get scarcer, books have an important role to play in the research landscape. *Perspectives on Justice and Morality* will give space for programmatic sole-author monographs as well as thematic edited volumes that give voice to a diversity of perspectives. Authors and volume editors can be assured of the keen interest in their works from ISJR members and followers, as well as of ISJR's every effort to promote their volume to the wider research community. I would like to encourage everyone playing with the idea of publishing their work in a book-format or putting together an edited volume within the broad domains of justice and morality, to consider doing so in our book series and to get in touch with Carolyn. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Carolyn Hafer for taking on the role as book series editor!

For more information about our new book series, and other interesting news, read on!

See you in New York!

Michael Wenzel

ISJR President

Call for Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer of ISJR

ISJR members are invited to submit candidacy nominations for Secretary and Treasurer of the International Society for Justice Research for the period 2014-2016 (the positions are held from ISJR conference to conference). Elections will take place on the occasion of the General Business Meeting at the coming ISJR's Biennial Conference in New York, New York.

Nominations should include the candidate's name, affiliation, short curriculum vitae (up to 2 pages), including both academic and organisational experience, and listing up to ten selected publications. Candidates should have agreed to be nominated. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. Please email nominations to Aaron Kay, ISJR President-Elect, at

aaron.kay@duke.edu by April 30, 2014.

A short description of the Secretary and Treasurer positions is outlined below.

The <u>Secretary</u> is a member of the Executive Committee and actively contributes to its discussions and leadership. Part of the Secretary's role is to oversee the ISJR website and work with our webmaster (Anette Weidler) to implement any changes to the ISJR website. The Secretary further answers queries sent to isjr.org or re-distributes these emails to the appropriate person, takes minutes at the Executive Meeting and the General Business Meeting held at the biennial conference, and updates the Administrative Handbook. The Secretary sometimes also assists with the process of selecting award winners.

The <u>Treasurer</u> is a member of the Executive Committee and actively contributes to its discussions and leadership. Part of the Treasurer's role is to maintain the membership list and instruct members regarding the payment of dues (123Signup is used for these purposes). The Treasurer responds to queries from individuals who have problems registering as new members or renewing their dues, forwards members' addresses to Springer so that members receive the journal, prepares a treasurer's report for the biennial meeting to be presented at the General Business Meeting, provides information to the newsletter when appropriate, sends out cheques when required (e.g., to award winners) and deposits cheques from 123Signup into ISJR's bank account.

✤ ISJR conference 2014: Update

SPECIAL ISJR CONFERENCE EVENTS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

(1) TOUR OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE TENEMENT MUSEUM (9:45 AM - 12:00 PM)

We have arranged a private tour for 30 conference participants to attend a walking tour of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, which tells the stories of 97 Orchard Street, which was built in 1863 and was home to nearly 7,000 working class immigrants. It is a truly fascinating museum experience with direct implications for the theory and practice of social justice. From the museum website: "They faced challenges we understand today: making a new life, working for a better future, starting a family with limited means." <u>http://www.tenement.org/about.html</u>

If you would like to reserve a spot on the tour, please add your name to the "doodle poll" here as soon as possible: <u>http://doodle.com/</u>78zws8kk8bp3zkft. The tour will cost \$22, which is payable upon registration for the ISJR conference. If more than 30 people sign up, we will schedule a

second tour, which will take place concurrently. There will also be an optional lunch outing afterward at a restaurant in the Lower East Side. If you wish to attend the lunch please also indicate that on the "doodle poll."

(2) ISJR OPENING RECEPTION IN THE NYU PRESIDENTIAL PENTHOUSE (5:00 – 10: 00 PM)

Join us any time between 5:00 and 10:00 PM for a "happy hour"/opening reception with wine, beer, and heavy appetizers. Catch up with old friends and colleagues and meet new ones. Drop by before or after dinner (or skip it altogether). The venue will be the extraordinary penthouse apartment of NYU President John Sexton (used exclusively for entertaining purposes), with panoramic views of Washington Square and New York City. Welcome to NYU!

John Jost

Conference Chair

✤ ISJR Travel Awards

As an international society it is one of ISJR's declared goals to strive towards inclusiveness and make our society open, attractive and accessible to justice researchers all over the world. As one measure towards this goal, ISJR offers up to three Travel Awards to help researchers from underrepresented parts of the world and with financial challenges to attend and present at our conference. Three representatives of the executive board assessed the applications for the Travel Awards and selected the following winners in 2014:

Gabriel Nudelman (Tel Aviv University, Israel) Monika Prusik (University of Warsaw, Poland) Nevin Solak (Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey)

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing you all in New York!

Invitation to ISJR Business Meeting

All ISJR members are invited to attend the Business Meeting of the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR), in the context of the New York conference. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2014, 12pm.

Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approval of the two auditors
- 3. Honours announcements
- 4. Report of the President
- 5. Proposed changes to the bylaws
- 6. Report of the Treasurer
- 7. Report of the Editor of Social Justice Research
- 8. Discharge of the Executive Board

Presidency change

9. Elections to the Executive Board

- 10. Announcement of the appointment of Newsletter Editor
- 11. Presentations concerning the 2016 conference
- 12. Any new business from the floor

Proposed changes to the bylaws

The previous executive board had decided to put to the membership a change of the bylaws that relates to the structure of ISJR membership fees. This bylaw change was meant to be debated and voted on at the 2012 conference in Rishon LeZion in Israel, however because the required quorum of members was not present at that business meeting the issue needed to be deferred. It will now automatically be on the agenda for the 2014 Business Meeting in New York and voted on irrespective of whether a member quorum is present or not.

The proposal is to change the ISJR membership dues to take into account the members' annual income, as is also practice in some other international academic organizations such as the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), the International Sociological Association (ISA) and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP).

Proposed changes to §4 Membership Dues:

Dues for members are currently fixed at the rate of \$75 per year for people who hold permanent positions and \$38 per year for others are determined by levels of Gross Annual Income. The following structure defines membership categories according to different income levels:

Dues (US \$)
\$10
<u>\$20</u>
\$40
\$65
\$85

Dues for members <u>in categories d) and e)</u> include a subscription to *Social Justice Research*.

Dues for Associate-members in categories a), b) and c) are currently \$ 10 per year do not include a without subscription to the journal Social Justice Research. If an associate member in these categories wishes to subscribe to Social Justice Research, the her/his total dues to the society will equal the cost of the journal to the society. Dues will increase to accommodate scheduled increases in journal subscriptions. Any other changes in dues regulations are to be decided by the members at a General Business Meeting of the Society. Any member or applicant may apply to the treasurer for a reduction in dues because of financial hardship.

Perspectives on Justice and Morality Book Series

Message from the Book Series editor

I am pleased to announce ISJR's new book series—Perspectives on Justice and Morality—to be published by Oxford University Press. Perspectives on Justice and Morality will replace our longstanding book series with Springer entitled Critical Issues in Social Justice. The new series will continue to include both authored and edited works presenting cutting-edge research, but with an expanded mandate to include work related to both social justice and morality.

As the Series Editor of Perspectives on Justice and Morality, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mel Lerner (editor of the Critical Issues series) and Springer for their many years of dedication to disseminating social justice research through the Critical Issues books.

If you would like to propose a volume for the new series, see the attached guidelines. You can also email me at chafer@brocku.ca for more information.

I look forward to working with ISJR, Oxford University Press, and future authors/editors in continuing our tradition of high quality publications that will be of interest to a broad range of scholars and practitioners.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hafer

Guidelines for Writing a Manuscript Proposal for

Perspectives on Justice and Morality

A Series of Scholarly Volumes from Oxford University Press

A. THE SERIES

This series is published in partnership by Oxford University Press and the International Society for Justice Research, an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to research on justice and related phenomena of morality and ethics. The series primarily serves to (1) integrate the work of several scholars in a current area of research (usually through edited works) and (2) present indepth discussion of a specific theory or a specific perspective (usually through authored works). The series is interdisciplinary; thus, we welcome works from one or more of a variety of perspectives and levels of analysis, including biological/evolutionary processes, intraindividual processes, interpersonal and intergroup relations, organizations and institutions, as well as society, politics, and culture.

Volumes in the series are expected to be of moderate length (approximately 300 manuscript pages or 80,000 to 120,000 words).

Books in the series can be authored or edited volumes.

B. YOUR BOOK

1. Brief Description

Describe the topic and scope of information to be covered in your book in one or two paragraphs. What is the central theme, argument, or innovation? What is the rationale for writing the book

and how does it fit within research on justice and/or morality?

2. Annotated Table of Contents

Please prepare an annotated table of contents with at least a paragraph for each chapter, explaining what is in each chapter and how each chapter will contribute to the development of the argument as a whole.

3. Unique Contribution and Competition

To provide a frame of reference for evaluating your material, list any books on the same or related topics and discuss how your book compares with each. How does your book's contribution differ from the contributions made by its competitors? Which topics and arguments do you include or exclude? Why will the reader want to read your book over any other?

C. MARKET CONSIDERATIONS

1. Explain the intended audience for this volume. For example, would the book be used as a textbook for a course? Would it be bought by scholars and/or practitioners for personal use? Would it be of interest to an international audience?

2. Please describe the main aim of your book.

3. If your book has the potential to be adopted as a college text (or a supplement to such texts), please list the courses for which it could be used. If you know of any instructors who might adopt your book as a text for their courses, please include their names and contact information.

D. STATUS OF THE WORK

1. What is the timetable for completing the book?

2. Estimate the page length of the completed manuscript.

Double-spaced typewritten pages normally reduce about one-third when set in type; e.g., 300 typewritten pages make about 200 printed pages. There are about 400 words on a printed book page or 300 on a double-spaced manuscript page. (For this series, books are expected to be between 80,000 and 120,000 words long.)

E. ART

Approximately how many black and white or color photographs do you plan to include?

Approximately how many line drawings (charts, graphs, diagrams, etc.) do you plan to include?

F. PERMISSIONS

Do you plan to include material requiring permission (text or art)?

Please note that it is helpful to determine the cost of obtaining permission.

G. SAMPLE CHAPTERS

If you have completed chapters, please send them with the proposal. If you do not have completed chapters, it is helpful to send a writing sample that reflects the style in which the book will be written.

Please number all pages consecutively and double space all text, including notes and references.

H. REVIEWS

If we are interested in your project, we will commission reviewers to evaluate your proposal. We will also solicit reviews from people whose opinions you consider to be particularly important. For this purpose, please provide the names and email addresses of four people who you feel would be competent to review your material.

I. AUTHOR(S) BACKGROUND

Please include a current vita or brief summary of your writing, teaching, and/or educational background and experience. Be sure to list any previous books, and any other information addressing why you are qualified to write this book.

J. RESPONSE TIME

Please allow at least four to eight weeks for the review process.

✤ Justice Related Journals

The APA is now managing PEACE AND CONFLICT: JOURNAL OF PEACE PSYCHOLOGY, and I am the new editor. I want to alert all researchers conducting research related to 'justice and conflict' (defined broadly) to consider this Journal as a possible publication outlet for their research. I am particularly open to justice related research being published in this journal.

Fathali M. Moghaddam

✤ Justice-Related Books

The Good, the Bad, and the Just: How Modern Men Shape Their World, by Riël Vermunt, Leiden University, The Netherlands

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- Series : Law, Ethics and Economics
- Imprint: Ashgate
- Published: April 2014
- Extent: 338 pages
- Binding: Hardback
- Other editions: <u>ebook ePUB</u>, <u>ebook PDF</u>
 - ISBN: 978-1-4094-6845-5
 - ISBN Short: 9781409468455

Drawing on multidisciplinary findings and ideas, this book discusses fair allocation of social resources, such as goods, services and information, in a novel and integrated way. The role of the essential features of allocation behavior: motivation, cognition and emotion, as well as morality and reactions to perceived unfairness are examined in the newly developed Justice Model. The author offers explanations as to why, how and to what extent, people, in an effort to attain justice, allocate social resources between self and others and among others. It is held that the allocation event, featuring actor, recipient and observer, as well as the resources to be allocated by an actor, can function as a guideline for the essentials of fair behavior. The work explores the conditions under which an actor may deviate from a just division of social resources thus instigating a reaction from recipients and observers. The study covers various levels of analysis ranging from the intra-personal to the societal. The book will be of interest to academics and researchers working in the areas of crime, law, justice, public policy and governance.

Contents: Preface; Prologue; Part I The Justice Motive: Origins of the justice motive: between egoism and altruism; Climate change, social change, and the justice motive. Part II Morality and Justice: Resource allocation, justice and morality; Resource allocation and justice in society. Part III Justice Related Mental States: The psychology of fair resource allocation: emotions and cognitions; The psychology of fair resource allocation: relationships. Part IV Reactions to Unfairness: Reactions to unfair allocations: recipient's and observer's roles; Reactions to unfair allocations: actor's role; Epilogue; Subject index.

About the Author: Dr Riël Vermunt is Associate Professor of Social and Organizational Psychology at Leiden University, the Netherlands. He has authored and co-authored many articles and chapters on justice and co-edited several volumes in English and Dutch. He is one of the founders of the International Society of Social Justice Research. In 1987 he (co)-founded the Dutch journal Gedrag en Organisatie (Behavior and Organization). Riël Vermunt holds the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2014, awarded by The International Society for Justice Research (ISJR).

Reviews

'Riël Vermunt's book provides a thoughtful explanation of our understanding of the psychology of fairness, as it has emerged over the last half-century, and it gives an exciting new perspective on how and why people act fairly (or unfairly). It is a wonderful work for anyone interested in the topic.'

E. Allan Lind, Duke University, USA

'What do people think is just? How do ideas of justice shape actual allocations? What is the magnitude of the injustice associated with specified discrepancies between the actual reward and the just reward? What are the reactions to injustice? In this broad-ranging and stimulating book, Riel Vermunt addresses these questions, examining the three protagonists in justice processes - allocator, rewardee, observer - the goods and bads that are allocated, and the unfolding of the sense of justice. The pages are alive with the thoughts, sentiments, and actions of the justice life.' Guillermina Jasso, New York University, USA

Power, politics, and paranoia: Why people are suspicious of their leaders, by Van Prooijen, J.-W., & Van Lange, P. A. M. (Eds.) (2014).

Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. (in print May 2014) http://www.cambridge.org/asia/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9781107035805



Abstract:

Powerful societal leaders-such as politicians and CEOs-are frequently approached with substantial distrust and suspiciousness by the public. Why are people so suspicious of their leaders? One possibility is that "power corrupts", and that people are right to be suspicious. Indeed, there are examples abound of unethical leadership even at the highest level, as the Watergate scandal and the Enron CEOs illustrate. But another possibility is that people frequently are unjustifiably paranoid, as underscored by some of the rather far-fetched conspiracy beliefs that are endorsed by a surprisingly large portion of citizens. Are societal power holders more likely than the average citizen to display unethical behaviour? How do people generally think and feel about politicians? How do paranoia and conspiracy beliefs about societal power holders originate? In this book, prominent scholars address these intriguing questions, and illuminate the many facets of the relations between power, politics, and paranoia.

Contents:

Chapter 1 - Power, Politics, and Paranoia: An Introduction (Jan-Willem van Prooijen and Paul A. M. van Lange)

Part 1 - Power

Chapter 2 - The Effects of Power on Immorality (Joris Lammers and Ilja van Beest)

Chapter 3 - Do We Give Power to the Right People? When and How Norm Violators Rise to the Top (Eftychia Stamkou and Gerben van Kleef)

Chapter 4 - The Leaders' Rosy Halo: Why Do We Give Powerholders the Benefit of the Doubt? (Pamela K. Smith and Jennifer R. Overbeck)

Chapter 5 - "Power Corrupts" Revisited: The Role of Construal of Power as Opportunity or Responsibility (Kai Sassenberg, Naomi Ellemers, Daan Scheepers, and Annika Scholl)

Part 2 - Politics

Chapter 6 - Never Trust a Politician? Collective Distrust, Relational Accountability, and Voter Response (Susan T. Fiske and Federica Durante)

Chapter 7 - Political Distrust: The Seed and Fruit of Popular Empowerment (Fouad Bou Zeineddine and Felicia Pratto)

Chapter 8 - All Power to Our Great Leader: Political Leadership under Uncertainty (John J. Haller and Michael A. Hogg)

Chapter 9 - Those Who Supported and Voted for Berlusconi. A Social-Psychological Profile of the Willing Followers of a Controversial Political Leader (Antonio Chirumbolo and Luigi Leone)

Chapter 10 - A Growing Confidence Gap in Politics? Data versus Discourse (Rudy B. Andeweg)

Part 3 - Paranoia

Chapter 11 - Misconnecting the Dots: Origins and Dynamics of Outgroup Paranoia (Roderick M. Kramer and Jennifer Schaffer)

Chapter 12 - Political Paranoia and Conspiracy Theories (Viren Swami and Adrian Furnham)

Chapter 13 - The Social Dimension of Belief in Conspiracy Theories (Jan-Willem van Prooijen and Paul A. M. van Lange)

Chapter 14 - Examining the Monological Nature of Conspiracy Theories (Robbie M. Sutton and Karen M. Douglas)

Chapter 15 - The Role of Paranoia in a Dual-Process Motivational Model of Conspiracy Belief

(Marc Wilson and Chelsea Rose)

Chapter 16 - Searching for the Root of all Evil: An Existential-Sociological Perspective on Political Enemyship and Scapegoating (Daniel Sullivan, Mark J. Landau, Zachary K. Rothschild, and Lucas A. Keefer)

Recent Justice-Related Publications of ISJR Members

- Martin, L. L., & Van den Bos, K. (in press). Beyond terror: Toward a paradigm shift in the study of threat and culture. European Review of Social Psychology.
- Moss-Racusin, C. A., Van der Toorn, J., Dovidio, J. F., Brescoll, V. F., Graham, M. J., & Handelsman, J. (2014). Scientific diversity interventions. Science, 343, 615-616.

Rothmund, T., & Baumert, A. (2014). Shame on Me - Implicit assessment of negative moral selfevaluation in shame-proneness. *Social Psychological & Personality Science*. 5(2), 195-202.

- Rothmund, T., Baumert, A., & Zinkernagel, A. (2014). The german "wutbürger": How justice sensitivity accounts for individual differences in political engagement. *Social Justice Research*, published online before print. doi:10.1007/s11211-014-0202-x
- Strelan, P., & Van Prooijen, J.-W. (in press). Rationalizers or realists? The effects of transgressors' just world beliefs within committed relationships. *Personality and Individual Differences*.
- Van den Bos, K., & Bal, M. (in press). Social-cognitive and motivational processes underlying the justice motive. In C. Sabbagh & M. Schmitt (Eds.), *Handbook of social justice theory and research*. New York: Plenum.
- Van der Toorn, J., Feinberg, M., Jost, J. T., Kay, A. C., Tyler, T. R., Willer, R., & Wilmuth, C. (in press). A sense of powerlessness fosters system justification: On the legitimation of authority, hierarchy, and government. *Political Psychology*.

- Van der Toorn, J., Napier, J. L., & Dovidio, J. F. (in press). We the people: Intergroup interdependence breeds liberalism. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.
- Van Prooijen, J.-W., & Coffeng, J. (2013). What is fair punishment for Alex or Ahmed? Perspective taking increases racial bias in retributive justice judgments. *Social Justice Research*, 26, 383-399.
- Van Prooijen, J.-W., Coffeng, J., & Vermeer, M. (2014). Power and retributive justice: How trait information influences the fairness of punishment among power holders. Journal of *Experimental Social Psychology*, *50*, 190-201.
- Yoder, K.L, & and Decety, J. (in press). The Good, the Bad, and the Just: Justice sensitivity predicts neural response during moral evaluation of actions performed by others. The Journal of Neuroscience. Abstract: Morality is a fundamental component of human cultures, and has been defined as prescriptive norms regarding how people should treat one another, including concepts such as justice, fairness, and rights. Using functional MRI, the current study examined the extent to which dispositions in justice sensitivity (i.e., how individuals react to experiences of injustice and unfairness) predict behavioral ratings of praise and blame, and how they modulate the online neural response and functional connectivity when participants evaluate morally-laden (good and bad) everyday actions. Justice sensitivity did not impact the neuro-hemodynamic response in the actionobservation network, but instead influenced higher-order computational nodes in the right temporoparietal junction (rTPJ), right dorsolateral and dorsomedial prefrontal cortex (rdlPFC, dmPFC) that process mental states understanding and maintain goal representations. Activity in these regions predicted praise and blame ratings. Further, the hemodynamic response in rTPJ showed a differentiation between good and bad actions 2 seconds before the response in rdlPFC. Evaluation of good actions was specifically associated with enhanced activity in dorsal striatum, and increased the functional coupling between the rTPJ and the anterior cingulate cortex. Taken together, this study provides important knowledge in how individual differences in justice sensitivity impact neural computations that support psychological processes involved in moral judgment and mental-state reasoning.

✤ ISJR Membership and Listserv

You are not a member and would like to join ISJR? Please go to our website to the "Membership" tab: <u>http://isjr.jimdo.com/membership/</u> and click "Become a member." Or email Steven Blader, New York University, <u>sblader@stern.nyu.edu</u>.

As a member you will be automatically subscribed to the ISJR listserv. Otherwise, to subscribe to the ISJR listserv, go to: <u>http://isjr.jimdo.com/membership/listserv/</u>.

If you are already a member of ISJR, please make sure you renew your membership and keep your membership details updated (in particular your email!): <u>http://isjr.jimdo.com/membership/</u>

For further information, please email Michael.Wenzel@flinders.edu.au.