

CALL FOR PAPERS

GLOBAL SPECIAL ISSUE ON "PSYCHOLOGY AND POVERTY REDUCTION"

In 2000, the United Nations collectively signed up to the Millennium Development Goals. These goals focus on the reduction of poverty by the year 2015. They encompass a range of integral human freedoms, from the right to health and education, to gender equity, a clean environment, and fair trade. They are inherently inter-disciplinary.

Inter-disciplinarity in turn creates an opportunity for disciplines and professions to-date relatively silent on poverty, to step up and make a contribution. Health is a key area within the Millennium Development Goals and the Journal of Health Psychology, as a leading platform for scholarly research on topics within health psychology, is highly relevant to work on psychology and poverty reduction.

This "global special issue" is a unique opportunity for accelerated input from an entire field. We bring not one but a whole series of peer-reviewed journals to the theme, each journal with its own, complementary focus on the MDGs in general, and poverty reduction in particular. The journals represent psychology from low-income, transition and OECD economies. Their outputs are coordinated in a temporal sense. Each journal will release its contribution in mid 2010. The Journal of Health Psychology is planning an entire issue on the poverty reduction theme.

These are the other peer-reviewed journals participating in the initiative:

Psychology and Developing Societies
The Journal of Psychology in Africa
The Interamerican Journal of Psychology
Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology
International Journal of Psychology
Applied Psychology: An International Review
American Psychologist
Journal of Managerial Psychology
New Zealand Journal of Psychology
The Australian Psychologist

In the months to come, each journal will be making its own individual call for contributions, according to its own policies and procedures. Development and policy development agencies, such as the UN and the OECD, will be notified about the global special issue. It is expected that the special issue will make a significant contribution to the work of those agencies, and the people they serve.

Please submit your ideas for papers to the editors of this special issue:

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The deadline for submissions will be May 31, 2009.

