Call for papers

You are cordially invited to consider contributing a manuscript for a forthcoming special issue to the Psychology of Sexualities Review, the official journal of the Psychology of Sexualities Section of the British Psychological Society. The Psychology of Sexualities Review is an international peer-reviewed journal and was recently selected for full-text coverage by EBSCO.

Psychology of Sexualities Review – Special Issue on LGBTI Psychology: International perspectives

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There is a paucity of information regarding the emergence and development of psychological issues and support for Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) and other non-heterosexualities in different countries. Compared to other aspects of LGBTI psychology, the historical considerations have received little attention from scholars and scientists. Therefore, to develop a clear picture of the current issues, controversies, and innovations of LGBTI psychology worldwide, it is highly relevant to document its trajectory from a cross-cultural point of view. For that reason, we encourage contributions from all nations in order to provide a good representation of LGBTI psychology in different countries.

Manuscripts proposed should mainly address the following topics:
1. Brief history of LGBTI issues in your country:
   a. Background of LGBTI concerns in the country.
   b. Political and philosophical antecedents.
   c. The role of religion, class, language (and other identity markers) in the emergence of LGBTI issues.
   d. Pioneers in the context of LGBTI topics.

2. Which psychological societies/associations/organizations endorse LGBTI issues (if any):
   a. Special sections, groups or divisions.
   b. Brief history of the section.
   c. The role of the section or organization in the promotion of LGBTI concerns in the country.
   d. If the psychological societies do not currently endorse LGBTI issues, what are the barriers and what can be done to create awareness of LGBTI issues and stimulate endorsement?

3. Social response to LGBTI issues:
   a. Country and society’s response to LGBTI issues: legal, political, and cultural reactions.
   b. Association’s/Organization’s response to LGBTI concerns, including parades, manifestations, and other activities.
   c. Psychological Association’s/Organization’s response to LGBTI issues, such as reparative therapies, guidelines on working therapeutically with LGBTI clients, books and articles written from a psychological perspective, among others.

4. Country-specific psychological and health issues that LGBTI people face:
   a. Barriers to access health-care, including medical and psychological services.
   b. The role of inequality, stigma, and homonegativity when accessing health-care.
   c. Confidentiality and safety concerns.
   d. Ethical aspects.

5. Constraints and challenges that had to be overcome (or are being faced) in advancing psychology to promote LGBTI rights and well-being in your country:
   a. Legal aspects limiting equal access to rights.
   b. The current role of psychologists and psychological associations.
   c. Organizational barriers within each association.
   d. Education targeting the general population and specific LGBTI communities.
   e. Research on LGBTI issues.

6. How the efforts of psychology in your country link with broader human rights issues and/or the efforts of the LGBTI sector of your country:
   a. Specific role of psychology in human rights.
   b. Participation of psychological organizations in public debates regarding LGBTI issues, such as equal marriage, adoption, homoparentality, and redefinition of the concept of family, among others.
7. Psychological support for LGBTI clients:
   a. Response to sexual orientation change efforts.
   b. Development of clinical practice guidelines for LGBTI clients.
   c. Community and social interventions.

8. Next steps for your Society/Association/Organization:
   a. Future directions.
   b. Priorities.
   c. Needs.
   d. Obstacles and suggestions to overcome them.

Submission guidelines:

1. Manuscript proposals received: **March 30, 2015.** However, earlier submissions are welcomed.
2. Notification of accepted manuscript proposals: **April 30, 2015.**
3. Review manuscript and revision feedback: **June 30, 2015.**
4. Final draft of manuscripts: **July 30, 2015.**
5. Anticipated publication: **August 2015.**

**Length:** Manuscript proposal should not exceed **8000** words including figures, tables, and graphs.

**Format of citations:** APA style.

**Language:** English.

Submissions should be sent as a Word Document attachment, together with a covering letter. The author(s) should retain a copy. Please, submit your manuscript proposal no later than March 30, 2015. Please note that submitting author(s) whose proposals are accepted, may be asked to provide anonymous constructive feedback on one manuscript. Also, author(s) will be primarily responsible for correcting spelling and grammatical errors of their own manuscripts. For those who are not used to writing in English, please may we suggest that you have your manuscript proofread by professional proofreading service once it has been provisionally accepted by the Editors.

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