

SANTIAGO, July 4-6, 2024 Call for Proposals & papers

SANTIAGO, CHILE, July 2024, the 47th Annual Meeting

ISPP 2024: Dismantling Democracy: Insecurity, emotions and authoritarian populism

Where: Hotel InterContinental – Santiago, Chile

When: July 4-6, 2024

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Conference Program Co-Chairs: Molly Andrews (University College London), Neil Ferguson (Liverpool Hope University), Siugmin Lay, (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)

Submission Deadline: November 15, 2023

The International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) invites scholars from different disciplines (political science, psychology, international relations, history, sociology, economics, anthropology, media and communication, gender studies, and more) to share ideas, theories, and current research on political and psychological processes that address the decline of political rights and democracy across the world as well as the insecurities and emotions that underlie such developments.

Almost 75% of the world's population lives in countries with a deterioration in civil liberties, driven by economic and physical insecurity, violent conflict, social injustice, and political grievances. Thirty years of social and demographic transformation since the end of the Cold War have also had significant impact on injustice across the world, including the changing nature of employment, and created new patterns of migration and asylum seeking. Moreover, the optimism of the Rio Earth Summit, Kyoto Protocol, and Paris Agreement has subsided as annual increases in global greenhouse gas emissions ensure unsustainability and climate catastrophe across the planet with associated climate anxieties and insecurities in their wake. For some populations – especially those whose lives are marked by wars, terrorism, displacement, urban marginalization, climate change and, more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine – insecurity is an ever-present potentiality and experience. Through political rhetoric, media and other forms of 'emotional governance', state leaders and powerful politicians can exploit an already precarious sociopolitical context – in which individuals and groups experience heightened anxieties and fears – by extending and intensifying efforts to mislead and disinform states, citizens, communities, organizations and voters. These disinformation processes fundamentally affect notions of reality, engender distrust of political opponents and undermine the capacity to develop healthy political dialogues. Rather than creating resilient states, communities and individuals, such processes are likely to induce, promote and prioritize emotions that increase insecurity and pave the way for more authoritarian forms of government.

For the Santiago conference, we encourage submissions that address any of these developments and related phenomena across the Global North and South. The conference will be an opportunity to discuss cutting-edge and cross-disciplinary research that aims to understand, develop and systematically organize knowledge and solutions to democratic decline and authoritarian politics in the light of heightened insecurity and conflict. We also encourage research that develops, validates and disseminates insights about the structural preconditions, emotional motivations and strategies used by authoritarian actors and by those who resist this

process, such as youth activists, women's resistance movements, pro-democratic and pro-human right advocates, and 'networked' resistance carried out by, among others, investigative journalists and academics.

The theme is particularly suitable for the conference setting and efforts will be made to reach out to the wider Chilean society in order to integrate 'local' knowledges produced in conditions of post-totalitarianism.

We extend a warm welcome to ISPP members and scholars from all disciplines and countries and from all theoretical and methodological perspectives to submit their academic contributions and research to our annual conference. All types of submissions (proposals for individual papers, panels, roundtables, and posters) on any topic in political psychology are equally welcome. We encourage the inclusion of discussants for panel proposals. There will be space accommodated for panels and roundtables held in Spanish in addition to those held in English.

The conference will offer participants the opportunity to learn from, and interact with, distinguished keynote speakers addressing democratic decline, insecurity, emotions and authoritarian politics. As in past years, there is an opportunity to attend a panel discussion with the editors of our journals, *Political Psychology* and *Advances in Political Psychology*, as well as social networking opportunities for early-career scholars, mentoring sessions, our Scholars under Threat symposium, and finally, the ISPP Summer Academy held prior to the conference.

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