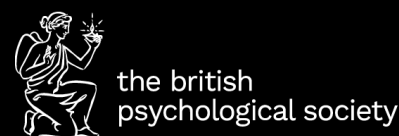


PSYCHOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES SECTION



Submission Guidelines

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Log into the new submission system. You will need to create an account if this is the first time you are submitting.

1. TIMELINES

Authors are strongly advised to register on the on-line submission system and begin preparing their submissions well in advance of the following deadlines:

3 February 2021	On-line submission system opens
13 April 2021	The deadline for oral presentation abstracts, workshop proposals and posters
Early May 2021	Notification of submission outcomes for oral presentations, workshop proposals and posters

2. THEMES FOR THE CONFERENCE

You are warmly invited to submit your abstract to this **one-day online conference** which will take place on 25 June 2021.

We invite submissions for workshop sessions, oral presentations and poster presentations from students, academics and practitioners in the field of psychology and related disciplines. Both quantitative and qualitative research studies are welcome. The environment is friendly and supportive.

Note that you do not need to be a member of the Society to submit a workshop proposal or presentation abstract or attend the conference.

Presentation abstracts will be published as conference proceedings in a subsequent issue of the Section publication, *Psychology of Sexualities Review*. Accepted talks will also be invited to submit a manuscript to the *Psychology of Sexualities Review*.

Suggestions for topics include but are not limited to:

- LGBTQIA+ experiences, identities, relationships, communities and health
- Sexual fluidity and sexual orientation
- Asexuality
- Relationship diversity (for example, non-monogamy, BDSM)

- Representation and marginalisation of LGBTQIA+ identities (for example, heterosexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia, in media, politics, healthcare, professional settings), including intersectionality
- Working as an applied psychologist with LGBTQI+ individuals
- The impact of COVID-19 on sexualities
- Sexuality/identity communities in online environments

Don't be concerned if your proposal doesn't fit exactly into one of the themes. All submissions are welcome. We also have a 'General' topic, which will capture all other research areas.

You will be prompted to select one of these topics when submitting your proposal.

3. STRUCTURE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for presentations (including posters)

All submission abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words, exclusive of the title. It should not include references and should be written in either the past or present tense. Abstracts of accepted papers will be available to download on the conference website.

Abstracts must be structured according to the following format, incorporating the indicated headings and information:

You may find it useful to submit a structured abstract incorporating the following headings and information:

Objectives: State the primary objective of the research described in the paper and the major hypothesis tested or research question posed.

Methods: Describe how participants were selected and number of participants (if documentary data used, state how these were selected), materials employed (if appropriate), methods of data collection and analysis.

Results: Include numerical and/or textual data. This should be kept to a minimum. For qualitative analyses briefly describe your findings (for example, themes, categories, discourses identified).

Conclusions: State the conclusions that can be drawn from the study, including theoretical, methodological, or applied/policy implications as appropriate and any key limitations of the study.

(These headings are suggestions only, you are also welcome to submit a block of text which covers similar information.)

There are three types of presentations (see Section 4 below for further details):

1. Oral presentations of 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes for questions.
2. Lightning talks: Pecha Kutcha style presentations of five slides in five minutes.
3. Posters (electronic) in portrait orientation.

Submissions for workshops

In addition to research presentations, we also invite workshop proposals. Workshops should be suitable to run online for one hour. They should be interactive in nature and typically designed for postgraduate students, those early in their career or those wishing to develop a new skill. Workshops should be practice focused (for example, tips for working with a particular client group).

If you would be interested in facilitating a workshop, your proposal should be a maximum of 250 words in length. It should be written mainly in the future tense (e.g. "Participants will...").

Proposals should incorporate the following information:

- A general outline of the background to the area.
- An indication of the activities that participants will be invited to engage in.
- An indication of the intended benefits and/or learning outcomes of the session.
- Any prerequisites in terms of knowledge or experience required and any preparatory work that participants could or should do.
- A short description of the facilitator's expertise.
- 1-3 supporting references.

4. PRESENTATION METHODS

The Standing Conference Committee welcomes submissions from both academics and practitioners. The quality of the scientific programme depends on your submissions and we thank you for choosing this conference to present your work.

Oral Presentations	Papers are allocated 20-minute slots on the programme (a 15-minute presentation and 5 minutes for questions)
Lightening talks	These presentations will be short, 5-minute presentations, where the emphasis is on presenting new research and ideas in a dynamic and succinct presentation. This format is ideal for early career presenters, or more experienced presenters who might want to get across work in development in a shorter presentation format. The goal is to adopt an energetic approach that captures the interest of a broad audience.
Poster Presentations	Will be timetabled into the conference programme in an online session which will provide an opportunity for presenters and participants to discuss work and findings. Further information regarding how to display poster material will be supplied to presenters who have their posters accepted. Full details will be sent to all poster presenters closer to the event along with details on how to be entered into the poster prize .
Workshops	Workshops will be allocated one hour on the programme. The Standing Conference Committee welcomes workshops which do not follow the normal pattern of formal presentations. These alternative submissions may take many different forms (i.e. tightly structured or open ended) and will ideally incorporate some interactive components. These workshops will be judged in terms of interest and quality and an adequate summary paper and the organiser's credentials are therefore important. Where a workshop organiser wishes to limit attendance either by number or by any specific criteria (e.g. a participant's level of expertise) such an intention MUST be explained and justified and notified to the Committee in the first application.

5. REFEREEING PROCEDURE

Reviewers will be assessing each submission on a number of criteria:

- Written Quality
- Suitability for Annual Conference
- Overall Quality

For full reviewing criteria please visit the website.

Each submission is blind reviewed by at least two members of the Standing Conference Committee according to established criteria and standards.

Please note:

- **Submissions will be considered solely on the information you provide**
- **If a submission does not evidence all the required elements set out in the submission information above it will be rejected**

From time to time referees may feel that a particular submission lends itself to a different format to that which is proposed and in these cases authors will be invited to consider an alternative format.

Authors will be notified of the referees' decision via email. The decision of referees is final. The conference organising committee are unable to respond to further enquiries once a decision has been made. Every effort will have been made to accommodate any timetable constraints notified at the time of submission.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration

All presenters are expected to register and pay at the appropriate rate. Registration is open from March 2021.

Press Office

If successful, your submission may be considered suitable for a press release, timed to coincide with the conference. If this is so, a Press Officer will contact you to ask whether you wish your submission to be press released, and to discuss the content of the press release with you. To write an accurate press release, and to provide more information for journalists attending the conference, you may be asked for additional information regarding your submission. **Please note all papers and posters are under a media embargo until the day of presentation.**

Audio visual requirements

Please note that the conference will be online. Presentations will be live and will require an internet connection and suitable PC/laptop.

Code of Conduct

Authors of all material submitted must confirm adherence to the British Psychological Society's Code of Ethics and Conduct. Particular attention should be made to the section on *Integrity* and the importance of sub-sections 4.1iii and 4.1vi. Copies of the Code may be obtained from the Society's website:

<http://beta.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-code-ethics-and-conduct>

The use of non-sexist language

Submissions must not contain sexist language. The following suggestions are made about ways to avoid sexist language:

- i) Avoid using sex-specific forms generically. For example, use plurals they/their rather than he/she or his/her.
- ii) Delete pronouns – e.g., the participant completed his/her task becomes the participant completed the task.
- iii) Avoid specifying the sex of the referent unless it is relevant – e.g., use counsellor, client or participant.
- iv) Avoid making sex-stereotyped assumptions about people, their abilities, attitudes and relationships.

Guidelines for Psychologists Working with Animals

When submitting material, please note the guidelines for psychologists working with animals. Copies of these guidelines can be obtained online: <http://www.bps.org.uk/publications/policy-and-guidelines/research-guidelines-policy-documents/research-guidelines-poli>

About the Psychology of Sexualities Section

The Psychology of Sexualities Section of the British Psychological Society is chaired by Dr Adam Jowett and aims to provide an integrative forum for those involved in research, teaching and applied work in the United Kingdom. The Section aims to serve members whose work is relevant to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues. The section is strongly committed to developing non-heterosexist and gender-inclusive forms of research, theory and clinical practice in British psychology.

The Section represents psychologists who work in all of the disciplines' sub-areas including clinical psychology, community psychology, counselling psychology, critical psychology, developmental psychology, experimental psychology, health psychology, history of psychology, the psychology of women, and social psychology. The Section publishes The Psychology of Sexualities Review.

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