

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue on *Bridging Theory and Practice as a Feminist Concern*

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CfP Details

Throughout history, a complex and often contentious interplay has existed between feminist theory, practice, and movements. Feminist academics have repeatedly demonstrated how practice influenced their psychological theory building and vice versa, thus challenging the often stark division between theory and practice. Alongside other scholars, we argue that feminist theory in psychology is connected with everyday experiences in a variety of ways. Consequently, the ways in which forms of theorizing and theory building link to action, practice, critical reflection and/ or lived experience is itself a question worth examining. Despite the vast depth and breadth of feminist research, feminist perspectives struggle to get recognized beyond the margins of the psychological discipline. All the while, some claim that feminist theory in psychology aspires to nothing less than to contribute to feminist scholarship as a vehicle for achieving social justice. But how can the often ambivalent and contradictory relation between theory and practice as a feminist concern be bridged? We believe that to pursue this question, diverse feminist perspectives across a range of contexts and disciplines are necessary. This Special Issue of Theory & Psychology, therefore, invites submissions, that critically examine the dynamic and complex relation between feminist-psychological theory and practice, such as, but not limited to:

- Meta-contributions on the relationship between feminist theory and practice: What are ways to theorize the relationship between theory and practice? How can and must the relationship between theory and practice be problematized? How is practice informed by theoretical knowledge? How are theories enriched through practice?
- Critical readings of concepts/theories and exploring the limits of psychological theory: What are the potentials and limitations of theory? What is currently missing in feminist-psychological theory? How can different feminist-psychological theories be brought together? How can new approaches to feminist-psychological theory be developed?
- Questions of power, accessibility, exclusions, and inclusions of feminist theory work: What is considered as a psychological theory and why? How can the entanglement of (feminist) theory in epistemic relations of violence be dealt with? How can a variety of feminist perspectives within feminist-psychological theories be ensured? How can theory work be made (more) accessible?
- Issues of critical (self-)reflection and positionality: In what ways can feminist-psychological theory building be understood as a political practice? What implications does this understanding carry? How do we inscribe ourselves in our theories?
- Conceptualizing the future of feminist psychology and theory: Where do/ can/ should we go from here? What are the objectives of feminist-psychological theory?

Information for Authors

We invite theoretical submissions from interdisciplinary scholars, activists, and professionals at various stages of their careers and from diverse backgrounds who have an interest in psychology and theory. We are especially looking to showcase challenging, novel, thought-provoking ideas, and contributions. Submissions can be directed via email to **bridgingtheoryandpractice@gmail.com**

Extended Abstract submissions: If you are interested in contributing to our special issue, please submit a 1000-1500 words extended abstract (excluding references), a 100-word biography, and contact information of the corresponding author to the guest editors. The extended abstract should present how the author(s) plan on responding to the special issue call and provide the following information: Introduction/ background, research question(s) and objectives, method(s), results (preliminary or final), and context of the work. If you need help developing your article ideas or exploring potential angles or approaches, feel free to contact the special issue editors. Once the abstracts have been reviewed, authors whose submissions have been accepted will be invited to submit a full paper.

Final Paper submissions should be at most 8,000 words (including abstract, footnotes, and references). Please contact us if you are interested in submitting in an alternative format. See <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/TAP> for further submission information. Please note that the acceptance of an extended abstract will not ensure publication; all manuscripts will undergo the journal's rigorous peer review process.

Deadlines

Extended abstract submission: **February 28, 2025**

Invited submission notification: **April 11, 2025**

Final paper submission: **September 12, 2025**

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