

CALL FOR PAPERS

“Adolescence”

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We invite your contributions to the Special Issue of

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“Adolescence”

Adolescence, the transitional period from childhood to adulthood, is full of inter- or intrapersonal changes and psychosocial problems. The surrounding environments of adolescents have rapidly changed through the decades in many countries. Adolescent developmental trajectories are extremely varied, have many individual differences and are difficult to understand. These facts suggest both the existence of possible barriers to research aimed at establishing evidence-based theories regarding adolescents, and the values of the continuous effort of researchers in their work.

Applied social science in adolescence is rapidly growing. In medical and social welfare areas, various psychosocial treatments for adolescent mental disorders have been developed and their effectiveness has been examined. In educational areas, psychoeducational programs for preventing substance abuse, risky sexual behaviors, or other forms of externalizing behavior problems have been recognized as important educational practices other than enhancing academic performance. There is no doubt that these applied scientific practices are heavily based on the pile of empirical findings of basic psychology or relevant research in the field. Pubertal maturation, brain development, psychological development, changes of interpersonal relationships, or any other internal or external changes experienced in adolescence are of growing interest all over the world.

Given these recent movements, this special issue aims to publish a wide range of papers addressing state-of-the-art research on adolescence. We accept any type of empirical research that includes 10- to 22-year-old humans or other animals of corresponding ages that contributes to our understanding of human adolescents. Systematic or descriptive review articles regarding the direction or methodology of adolescent psychology are also welcomed. The deadline for manuscript submission is April 30, 2019.

We welcome three types of papers

1. Original articles: In principle, an original article should present research results, theoretical discussion, and a clear conclusion based on the description of problems, experiments, surveys, and case studies. It should also include new methods, skills, and data that are useful for conducting research, such as the development of new experimentation equipment and analysis programs, the creation of new psychological measurement scales, as well as database construction. The length should be kept to a maximum of 12 pages on the published version.

2. Brief Reports: A Brief Report contains the following contents: (a) an additional examination of an already published report, (b) the discovery of a new fact, (c) a new important observation, (d) a report of a few cases, (e) results to be published quickly or (f) a report based on exploratory ideas. Assuming approximately 700 words per page, the maximum acceptable length is 8 pages (up to 5,600 words) for a Brief Report, including the title, abstract, references, figures, tables, and line drawings.

3. Reviews: A review should focus on recent major themes in psychology, explain primary research status, main achievements and problems, and discuss the significance of current and future studies. "Invited Review" articles are written by request of the Editorial Board. The length should be kept to a maximum of 24 pages on the published version.

Submission and Deadline

Deadline for submission is **April 30, 2019**.

Papers should be submitted as usual via *the Japanese Psychological Research* website:

https://jpa.bunken.org/jpa/user_logins/en/ (until end of September, 2018)

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The cover letter must clearly state that the paper is intended for the "**Special Issue**."

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In line with the Journal's policy, all submissions to this special issue will be subject to the usual process of initial screening and peer review. Reviews will be completed by **end- December, 2019**, and any revisions requested **MUST** be carried out by **mid- January, 2020**.

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