

Call for Papers

For the 14th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Theoretical Psychology 2011 in Thessaloniki, Greece (27 June – 1 July, 2011)

Doing Psychology Under New Conditions

The ISTP conference offers a welcoming venue for contributions from all currents in and approaches to theoretical psychology. These could include such approaches as activity theory, anthropological psychology, cognitive science, critical psychology, cultural psychology, developmental theory, ecological psychology, epistemology, ethics, evolutionary psychology, feminist psychology, hermeneutics, history of psychology, indigenous psychologies, phenomenology, philosophical psychology, postcolonial theory, postmodern psychology, psychoanalytic theory, social constructionism, systems theory, theoretical neuroscience, and theory of psychological practice.

As such this ISTP conference will once again be a vibrant meeting place for psychologists and scholars from other disciplines to debate ongoing and emergent themes in contemporary theory and practice. The conference offers a venue for contributing to a trans-national and trans-disciplinary discussion, and for generating collaborations with colleagues from all over the world.

Besides welcoming contributions from all areas of theoretical psychology, we also specifically invite contributions that reflect on the conference theme, ‘Doing psychology under new conditions’. In this regard it may be noted that we are presently facing new structural conditions on a global scale together with the dismantling of some familiar social fabrics. Such changes affect the practices of research and education at our universities, which means psychologists are increasingly challenged to consider if and how they can align their practices with these new conditions.

With this background in mind, we specifically invite contributions that reflect on the breadth of contemporary ways of doing psychology (from neuroscience through behavioural genetics, evolutionary psychology, psychoanalysis, discourse analysis to materialistic and historical approaches to psychology) and on the specific social and historical conditions that give rise to these approaches to psychological theory and practice. More specifically, the conference aims to provide a forum for discussions that will deepen our understanding of the links between psychological theory and the social practice of psychology in the world today. Some of the guiding questions may include the following:

- In the 20th century, psychology’s social functions largely pertained to the governance of labor power and the social integration/exclusion of individuals. Have these functions changed now in the 21st century, in the era of “New Subjectivities”, and if so how?
- Are psychological research, practice and theory today about the inhabitation of new market niches?
- What is the relevance of theoretical psychology at this time of rapid social change and standstill? How can theoretical psychology contribute to the emerging transnational landscape?
- How can we account for psychologists as agents in producing psychology and for the many others as agents in using psychology?
- How do debates and discussions in theoretical psychology resonate with the practical concerns of the discipline?
- How do recent formulations of how research and practice are best undertaken (such as ideas about evidence-based research/practice or science-practitioner models) affect the relationships between research and practice?
- How are questions about the role of theory in psychological praxis opened up, contested and debated?
- How does the work of psychologists who focus on educational and working regimes affect the theoretical debates of the discipline? Are the changing contents and contexts of psychological work contributing to new connections between psychological practice and theory?

The conference will be hosted in the Department of Primary Education, Aristotle University of Thessalonica, Greece (www.istp2011.net).

*The **deadline** for abstract submissions is **1 November 2010**, but we will consider earlier submissions in order to accommodate participants who need to apply for funding.*

*Abstracts should be no longer than **300 words** and should include the **full names, institutional affiliations and contact details** (physical address, fax number and email) of each author.*

*Abstracts should also indicate whether the contribution will take the form of an **oral presentation** or a **poster**, and whether any audiovisual equipment will be required.*

*For **symposia and roundtable discussions** an abstract of no more than **250 words** is required, along with short (no more than 150 words each) summaries of each individual contribution.*

*Abstract should be submitted to the following **email address**: abstract.istp2011@gmail.com*