



PERSONALITY

Science



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Core Features

- **Free:** No article processing charges for authors → Publishing is completely free
- **Online-only:** Papers are published (as PDFs) online only (no print option available)
- **Open access (OA):** All papers and content is *freely* accessible to everyone

Format

- Continuous publishing of papers
- No restriction of paper types or content (but recommended word, table, figure, ref' counts)
- Approx. 450 formatted pages (or 30-50 articles) per year possible (German taxpayer pays)
- Emphasis on transparency and openness
- Language: English only

Partners

- European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP: www.eapp.org)
- PsychOpen GOLD (<https://www.psychopen.eu/>), operated by Leibniz Institute for Psychology Information (ZPID: <https://leibniz-psychology.org/en/>)



2019

January – February

Discussions about new OA journal within EAPP

March

Application to ZPID on behalf of EAPP

April

Notification of Acceptance

May-July

Finalization of contract between ZPID and EAPP

July

First notification about and marketing of journal

July

Meeting of the journal's advisory board for strategy building

July – December

Building of the journal's infrastructure

Honing of strategies and policies

Invitations and soliciting of papers

2020

January - June

Submissions to web portal

Reviewing, revising, editing

~ August (anticipated)

Official launch

(ready for submission of papers)



Expansion

1 Expansion of the field

The journal is multidisciplinary and actively seeks out contributions from fields of science other than psychology (e.g., genetics, anthropology, sociology, computer sciences, economics, educational sciences, medicine, political science, etc.) that also study personality and individual differences. By its multidisciplinary approach, it seeks to honor personality science as a hub science and help generate truly inter- and transdisciplinary approaches by cross-fertilization within the journal.

2 Expansion to the public

The journal welcomes papers that concern how personality science can inform, and be informed by, societal and geo-political issues, public interest, and applied practice. It seeks to open up the field to a more diverse readership, including policy-makers, institutions, NGOs, and international institutions. The journal thus aims to publish papers of significant relevance and implications (which includes both basic and applied research).

3 Expansions in geography

The journal seeks high-quality publications from authors around the globe. As geographical diversity is a core concern, the journal aims to foster regional diversity and inclusion by a diverse editorial team, special invited topics, and public outreach initiatives.



***Personality Science* shares following **EAPP core values** with its sister journal, the *European Journal of Personality*:**

- 1 Diversity and inclusion of contributors
- 2 Topical breadth
- 3 Multidisciplinarity
- 4 Transparency, openness, and fairness in all matters
- 5 Conceptual clarity and terminological precision
- 6 Rigorousness of methods and statistics
- 7 Replicability, robustness, and generalizability of insights
- 8 Utility, impact, and broadcasting of robust insights to the public



Diversity and inclusion of contributors

The journal strives for diversity and inclusion regarding its editorial team, reviewers, and authors, with a special emphasis on including scholars from underrepresented regions.



Topical breadth

The journal does not restrict any topics so long as they pertain to personality and individual differences.



Multidisciplinarity

The journal encourages publications from disciplines other than psychology or from multi-disciplinary consortia. Over time, the journal's multidisciplinary focus should contribute to inter- and transdisciplinary approaches.



Transparency, openness, and fairness in all matters

The journal adheres to scientific and ethical best practice and continuously strives to update itself and implement cutting-edge solutions that ensure transparency, openness, and fairness.



Conceptual clarity and terminological precision

Papers need to be written concisely and clearly (intended for a wide audience), with a special emphasis on precise and consistent terminology to avoid jingle-jangle fallacies.



Rigorousness of methods and statistics

Papers with empirical data need to meet the highest quality standards regarding methods and statistics.



Replicability, robustness, and generalizability of insights

The journal aims to contribute towards building a strong and cumulative knowledge base for personality science by publishing replication studies, registered reports, and papers indicating the (boundaries of the) generalizability of their findings, methods, or theories.



Utility, impact, and broadcasting of robust insights to the public

The journal aims to broadcast personality science better to the public so that personality-scientific knowledge can inform real-world issues.



What distinguishes *Personality Science* from other personality-related journals?

- ★ First pure, full personality journal that is online-only and OA
- ★ Full commitment to diversity and inclusion, in terms of fields, topics, article types, and geographical coverage
- ★ Dedicated to a multi-disciplinary perspective on personality and individual differences (i.e., papers expected not just from psychology): Emphasis on cross-fertilization between disciplines
- ★ No fees for authors (i.e., all APCs are waived), ensuring that there are no barriers to those seeking to publish in *Personality Science* (which especially benefits scholars from underrepresented and low-income countries or institutions)



Preliminary List of Topics

Inaugural Papers

1. Editorial
2. Inaugural Bundle (several ultra-brief papers): “Inside-out”
Expanding the Field of Personality Science: Big Questions, Burning Issues, and a Bright Future
3. Inaugural Bundle (several ultra-brief papers, each from a different discipline): “Outside-in”
A Multidisciplinary Perspective on Personality and Individual Differences

Controversy Exchanges

1. How is personality psychopathology best conceptualized and assessed?
2. Are there non-cognitive intelligences?
3. How are self, identity, and personality related?

Theme Bundles

1. Personality and leadership
2. The epigenetics of personality
3. Personality and politics
4. Technological advances in personality assessment
5. Socio-cultural, geo-ecological, and epochal variations of personality

Papers Formats: Categories



Category	Examples (not exhaustive)	Recommended Maxima			
		Words	References	Tables	Figures
Theory	Literature review New theory	7,000	50	4	4
Methodology	Methods Statistics Psychometrics Tutorials Simulations	5,000	30	5	5
Empirical	One study Multiple studies Meta-analysis	5,000	40	5	5
Applied	Transfer/Translation Best Practice	3,000	25	2	2
Comment	Discussion News Update	1,000	10	1	1

Papers Formats: Types



Type	Usual Category	Recommended Maxima			
		Words	References	Tables	Figures
State of the Art Review	Theory	5,000	40	3	3
Insights & Ideas	Any	2,000	15	2	2
Cumulative Blitz Report	Empirical	2,500	15	5	5
Registered Report (Stages 1 and 2)	Empirical (One Study)	5,000	40	5	5
	Empirical (Multiple Studies)	7,000	50	8	6
Replication	Empirical (One Study)	5,000	40	5	5
	Empirical (Multiple Studies)	7,000	50	8	6
Meta-analysis	Empirical	7,000	40 ²	8	6

Paper Formats: Collections



Category	Modality	PDFs	Number per Year
Theme Bundle	Proposals Open Call Invited	One Bundle, Separate PDFs	~ 1-2 (each with 3-8 papers)
Controversy Exchange	Proposals Open Call Invited	One Bundle, Separate PDFs	~ 1-2 (each with 3-6 papers)

Theme Bundles

PS will publish “Theme Bundles” where papers (regardless of their category or type) are bundled together because of a common theme (e.g., a phenomenon, issue, topic, perspective, theory, method, or application). These are often coordinated by an editorial team member or guest editors and should help alert readers to interesting and/or emerging topics in personality science.

Controversy Exchanges

PS will host the format of “Controversy Exchanges” which can be exciting for authors and readers alike, especially when controversial issues are tackled. The idea is to have papers from opposed, adversarial, or even warring factions that each (try to) make their case as compellingly as possible. There are different ways of going about a Controversy Exchange, and the specifics will depend on the topics and author teams involved. For example, if only two parties are involved, each party could first write their own, unique perspective (irrespective of what the others write). Next, these papers would be exchanged, and each party writes a response to the other parties. Lastly, some rather neutral or cross-cutting figure could provide a meta-commentary on the issues brought up in the sets of party-specific papers and perhaps attempt to reconcile them or show us the way forward. However, if there are three or more parties, this may become unwieldy. In such a situation, there could just be the initial papers describing own, unique perspectives and one meta-commentary on those (i.e., there will be no or only limited direct exchange between the opposing parties).



List of Key Players

Type	Description
Editor-in-Chief (EiC)	Provides long-term plan for the journal, edits papers, works closely with the editorial team, represents the journal outwards
Managing Editor (ME)	Takes care of day-to-day journal-related processes
Senior Consultant Member (SCM)	Advises on general and specific issues surrounding the journal (including long-term vision and mission) and monitors the journal's development and growth over time
Methodological Consultant Member (MCM)	Advises on methodological, statistical, and ethical issues (especially new best practices)
Associate Editor (AE)	Handles papers (e.g., solicits reviews, provides comments and suggestions, makes final decisions)
Editorial Board Member (EBM)	Endorse the journal, may guest-edit, and can be called upon for reviews or editing of specific papers
Editorial Office Assistant (EA)	Supports the editorial team (especially the EiC and ME), checks papers, and takes care of the general workflows; Handles online social media communication, marketing, public relations, and outreach



Advisory Board

Editor-in-Chief
Managing Editor

John F. Rauthmann
(Germany)

Senior Consultant Members

Mitja D. Back
(Germany)

Verónica Benet-Martínez
(Spain)

Sam Gosling
(USA)

Methodological Consultant Members

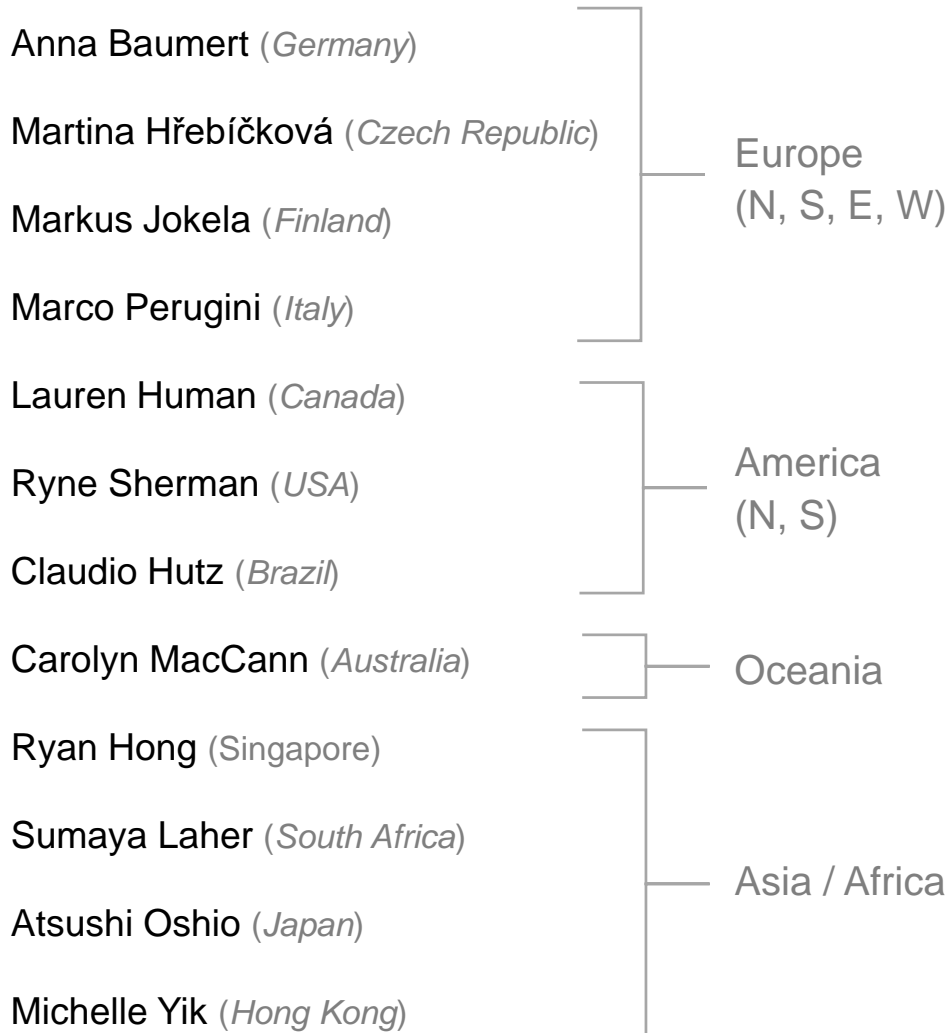
Daniel Lakens
(Netherlands)

Daniel Leising
(Germany)

Felix Schönbrodt
(Germany)



Associate Editors



Selection criteria:

- Broad expertise in multiple topics and/or fields, especially related to personality
- Editing and/or reviewing experience
- Good geographical coverage
- As best as possible: equal representation of women and men



Editorial Board

Members from different scientific disciplines
will be shortly invited

Transparency and Open Science



Modular Standard and Selected Tier		Tier		
		1	2	3
Citation Standard	<i>Article is not published until providing appropriate citation for data and materials following journal's author guidelines.</i>			✓
Data Transparency	<i>Data must be posted to a trusted repository. Exceptions must be identified at article submission.</i>		✓	
Analytical Methods Transparency	<i>Code must be posted to a trusted repository. Exceptions must be identified at article submission.</i>		✓	
Research Materials Transparency	<i>Materials must be posted to a trusted repository. Exceptions must be identified at article submission.</i>		✓	
Design and Analysis Transparency	<i>Journal requires and enforces adherence to design transparency standards for review and publication.</i>			✓
Pre-registration of Studies	<i>Article states whether preregistration of study exists, and, if so, allows journal access during peer-review for verification.</i>		✓	
Pre-registration of Analysis Plans	<i>Article states whether preregistration with analysis plan exists, and, if so, allows journal access during peer-review for verification.</i>		✓	
Replication	<i>Journal uses Registered Reports as a submission option for replication studies with peer-review prior to observing the study outcomes.</i>			✓



Reviews

- Potential for open pre-publication peer-review (PrePPR) if authors *and* reviewers agree (will be published alongside the paper)
- Post-publication peer-review (PostPPR) as experiment
- PrePPR process: Double-blind by default, but authors and reviewers can each choose to identify themselves to each other in the review process

Transparent recognitions printed on published papers

- Open Science badges (open data, open materials/code, pre-registered)
- Type of paper (e.g., category, invited)
- Role of each author (e.g., writing, analysis, supervision, etc.)
- Handling editor
- Reviewer names (if wished by reviewers)

Standards

- Different “best practice” standards will be enforced
- Tier 2 or 3 of TOP guidelines need to be adhered to in empirical papers
- Registered Reports with in-principle acceptances possible
- ZPID tools available

Transparency, Sharing, and Tracking



PlumX



Dimensions



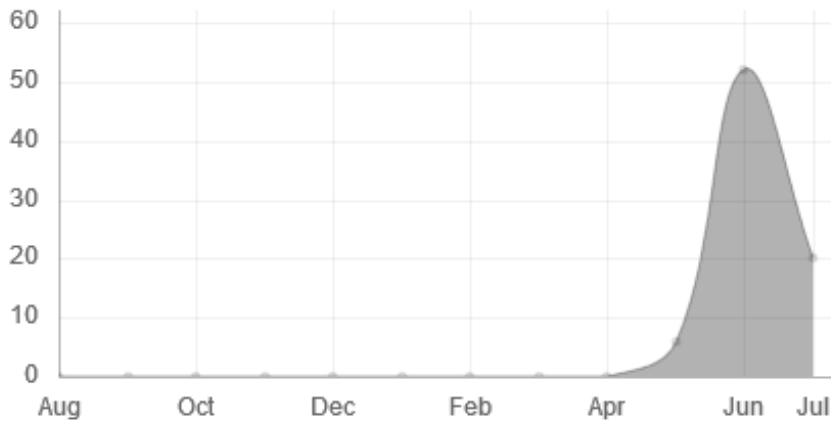
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Downloads:



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Why Should You Publish With Us?



- + Completely free open-access journal with no article processing charges
- + Editorial team dedicated to transparency and fairness in all matters (as in EJP)
- + Registered Reports with in-principle acceptances (after review) offered
- + Fast turn-around times intended
- + New and attractive paper formats (e.g., Controversy Exchange, Cumulative Blitz Reports)
- + Long-term vision and development plan for *Personality Science* in place by EAPP and ZPID
- + Marketing and social media presence (e.g., blog, Twitter)
- + PsychOpen journals represented in international scientific databases (including Scopus, PubMed Central, PsycINFO, PubPsych, DOAJ)