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Psychology of Sexualities Section Annual Conference: Innovations in Psychology and Sexualities

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Structure for all submissions

All submission abstracts should be 200-250 words (absolute maximum is 300 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 are published in booklet form for the benefit of attendees at the conference. They will also appear in *The Proceedings* of the British Psychological Society which are published online.

Abstracts must be structured according to one of the four following formats, incorporating the indicated headings and information:

Empirical papers/posters:

**Objectives:** State the primary aim(s)/ purpose/ objective of the paper/poster and the major hypothesis tested or research question posed (if appropriate).

**Design:** Briefly describe the design of the study and the rationale for the procedures adopted (if appropriate).

**Background:** Give a concise summary of information, which places the present paper in context (if appropriate).

**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. If appropriate provide a justification for using a single case-study approach with regard to the phenomenon being illustrated, and demonstrate the theoretical argument for the particular systematic tool that is used. If appropriate provide details of the procedures adopted and their rationale (e.g., literature search, inclusion/exclusion criteria and methods of analysis) and/or key arguments and theoretical positions.

**Results:** If appropriate state the analytic strategies employed and summarise the main results of the study. For work that is still in press, it is acceptable to report anticipated results. Numerical data may be included but should be kept to a minimum. For qualitative analyses briefly describe your findings (eg, themes, categories, discourses identified).
Conclusions: State the conclusions that can be drawn from the study, including theoretical, methodological, or applied/policy implications and any key limitations of the study as appropriate.

Additional requirements for all submissions:

Submissions must also include explicit confirmation that the convenor and authors/co-authors understand and adhere to the Society's Code of Ethics and Conduct. Please tick the box to indicate this.

The most frequent reasons submissions are rejected include:

- Failure to meet the submission criteria (particularly by not following the required format, omitting information or details that must be evident in the submission)
- Incomplete or insufficient empirical evidence reported in the abstract
- Lack of a relevant theoretical background evident in the abstract
- The abstract arrived after the deadline.

Themes for the conference

To focus the conference programme, we have chosen a broad-ranging theme of Innovations in Psychology and Sexualities. Suggestions for topics include, but are not limited to:

- LGTBC+ experiences, identities, and relationships (including civil partnerships, equal marriage, monogamies, non-monogamies and polyamory)
- Sexual fluidity
- Asexuality
- Marginalisation of LGBTQ+ identities (e.g., heterosexism / homophobia / biphobia / transphobia)
- Representations of LGBTQ+ identities (e.g., in media, politics, healthcare, professional settings)
- LGBTQ+ health
- LGBTQ+ communities
- Equalities and inequalities / sameness and difference
- Feminist, queer and other critical approaches to sexualities

Don't be concerned if your proposal doesn't fit exactly into one of these topics as all sexuality related submissions are welcome.

Criteria for Oral Presentation, Workshop and Poster Presentation submissions

**Oral Presentations** are allocated 15 minute slots on the programme (10 minute presentation and 5 minutes for questions).

Proposals for oral presentations **must** include:

- Title
- Name and institutional affiliation of the first author
- Abstract (200-250 words)

**Poster presentations** will be timetabled into the conference programme over lunch which provides an opportunity for presenters and participants to discuss work and findings.

Proposals for posters **must** include:

- Title
- Name and institutional affiliation of the first author
- Name and institutional affiliation of each co-author
- Abstract (200-250 words)

Further information regarding the dimensions of the poster boards and suggestions of how to display poster material will be supplied to presenters who have their posters accepted.
Refereeing procedure

Reviewers will be assessing each submission on a number of criteria, namely: its contribution to knowledge; the extent to which it informs the practical application of knowledge; the extent to which it provides new insight into the issues it addresses; its methodological thoroughness; its originality; its clarity and its potential interest to the conference audience.

Each submission is blind reviewed by at least two nominees of the 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.

In the case of symposia submissions, the refereeing procedure will include the package as a whole and the merit and importance of any individual contributions.

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. Successful contributors will be advised of the time and date of their presentation. 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. Individual presenters in symposia are not contacted directly by BPS Conferences. All correspondence will be conducted through the Convenor who is responsible for keeping presenters informed.

Timetable

- Online submissions for abstracts are now open
- Deadline for submitting abstracts for all submissions is Monday 9th October 2016
- Email correspondence with information about acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent to all submitters of symposia, papers and workshops by Friday 18th November
- If your submission is accepted we will require a full draft of your contribution by Monday 28th November 2016.

Further information

Registration
All presenters are expected to register and pay at the appropriate rate. Please note that you will be required to confirm that you have booked a place to attend the conference before you submit an abstract.

Audio visual requirements
A data projector and laptop will be available for presenters. If you are likely to require additional equipment, please indicate this when submitting your abstract.

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 4.1.iii and 4.1.vi. Copies of the Code may be obtained either from the Society’s website: http://www.bps.org.uk/what-we-do/ethics-standards/ethics-standards or from the Leicester office.
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.

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-policy-documents/research-guidelines-policy-documents or from the Leicester Office.

Multiple submissions

The Standing Conference Committee (SCC) wishes to maximise the opportunities for delegates to present their work. However, there are often considerable constraints on time and space and inevitably this means that some strong submissions have to be rejected. In order to give every submitter a fair opportunity SCC has decided to discourage multiple submissions. Therefore only 2 submissions per person are permitted. (A submission includes any submission on which an individual is named as an author, in whatever order their name appears on the author list).

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