

Call for Papers
Special Issue in the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*

“The Psychology of Economic Inequality and Social Class”

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Introduction

Economic inequality is increasing across the globe, not only in developed countries (e.g., the United States, United Kingdom), but also in developing ones (e.g., China, Indonesia) (Solt, 2016). Rising economic inequality means that the gap between individuals from the upper-class and the lower-class becomes more salient. Although economic inequality and social class have been widely investigated by economists and sociologists, it is only recently that psychologists have begun developing theories to understand their profound psychological consequences. Empirical research has also gathered growing evidence that economic inequality and social class divisions shape key psychological processes and behaviors leading to higher mortality, poorer well-being, worse health, more risk taking, less prosocial behavior, greater crime, and lower social solidarity among others (Buttrick & Oishi, 2017; Piff, Kraus, & Keltner, 2018; Wilkinson & Pickett, 2019).

Despite the theoretical and empirical advances, research on the psychological underpinnings and consequences of economic inequality and social class is still at a very nascent stage. This special issue in the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* is designed to advance existing knowledge on why and how economic inequality and social class shape psychological processes and behaviors.

Submission procedures:

To submit a paper for consideration in this special issue, please first submit a short 500-word proposal to the Guest Editors via email by 5 January 2020. The Guest Editors will review all proposals and invite submission of full manuscripts for selected proposals. The deadline for submission of invited full manuscripts is 15 May 2020. Invited manuscripts will undergo double blind review; the invitation to submit a manuscript is not an assurance of acceptance or publication.

Submission requirements:

Proposal submissions must present research which can enrich and advance theories of economic inequality and social class. Regarding the impacts of economic inequality, we will consider studies that focus on both objective economic inequality (e.g., GINI index) and subjective inequality (e.g., perceptions of income inequality) across different levels of analysis (countries, regions, states, provinces, etc.). Methodologically, we will consider papers that examine both daily-life exposure to inequality and experimentally induced inequality. Regarding the impact of social class, we welcome studies that delve into objective and subjective social class as well as changes in social class (e.g., social mobility). We are also open to accepting theoretical and review papers on economic inequality and social class.

Invited manuscript submissions must be original and not under consideration by any other journals. Regular articles (8,000 words) are preferred, but short notes (4,000 words) will also be considered. The word restrictions apply to the entire manuscript, including title page, abstract, main text, references, tables and figures, appendices, and acknowledgments. Each manuscript will undergo the normal review process, with the final decision to be made by the Guest Editors in consultation with the journal’s Editor-in-Chief.

The Guest Editors are happy to discuss with interested authors. Please contact them directly via email.