



Consolidating the Past, Moving Towards the Future

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It is with great joy that in 2021, we assumed the role of editors-in-chief of *Trends in Psychology*, which is the official voice of the Brazilian Society of Psychology (SBP).

We both already served the journal as associate editors and have had fruitful cooperation with SBP. In this way, we have been witnesses the immense growth of the journal in recent years under the direction of Professor Luísa Habigzang, to whom goes our gratitude for her work taking so well care of the transitions from a Portuguese based journal to an English based one. Professor Habigzang was one of the leading figures along with key persons of the SPB through the journal's new publishing partnership with Springer. This complex process has been completed thanks also to the restless work of the Springer editor Dr. Bruno Fiuza.

Our Editorial Vision for the Direction of the Journal

Our expertise as editors and our international networking, meet the Brazilian Society of Psychology's editorial goals of supporting and consolidating the journal worldwide.

We will lead the journal to an international forum of scholarly interchanges strengthening *Trends in Psychology* as a solid theoretically based and empirical rigorous psychology journal. While consolidating the work already done, we will be engaged in making the journal a prominent worldwide known scientific platform for communicating research in relevant trends in psychology.

The journal is meant to enhance the scholarly competence in, and widen the practical usability of, different trends in contemporary psychology. With this focus, the journal will raise a particular interest in a large number of countries around the world (from Latin America to India, from China to Europe, from North America to Australia and Africa).

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Our commitment as editors-in-chief is to foster *Trends of Psychology* in becoming a leading international journal that would typically systematize the current state-of-the-art of psychological investigation, though not for its own sake but for further advance in the field.

Building Forward Better

As new editors-in-chief we have already taken some concrete decisions to solidify the internationalization process, both in the field of editorial policy and in attracting future authors and associate editors. We have already invited twelve new editors from different countries and areas of expertise in psychology who have recently started their work. Besides, we implemented some new processes in line with the international editorial standard, such as the data sharing statement, and soon, we will implement our policy for pre-prints, the refinement in the authorship statements, and the pre-registration of research protocols. The historical editions of *Trends in Psychology* can now be found on the cover page and the journal is now operating with the seventh edition of the APA publication format.

Last year has been difficult due to the Covid-19 pandemic that has unfortunately affected academic life in several ways, especially in communities with fewer resources. Thus, although we are maintaining the editorial process in the timeframe that we used to work also thank to the competence and enthusiasm of our managing editor Felipe Vilanova, we may face some possible delays.

Finally, we would like to remind you that until May 15, 2021, the journal is receiving manuscript proposals for the Special Issue on “Internationalization of Research in Psychology” edited by Drs. Merry Bullock and Claudia Zúñiga.

In these difficult times, we want to thank the work of those that still believe in the scientific dialogue and that support, as the Brazilian Society of Psychology does since its foundation, the role of researchers and professionals in psychology in their attempt to construct a better world for the humankind. Researching and publishing have never been more important for our collective and sustainable future.