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❖ News from the President

Hello members,

I hope you have all been well over the past three months. I know you have been productive, judging from the submissions to this newsletter! As usual, the executive has also been very busy. You should have received your December, 2008 issue of *Social Justice Research*, and the March 2009 journal is on its way. Thanks to John Jost, Curtis Hardin and their teams, as well as all the contributors, for a couple of very thought-provoking issues.

Isabel Correia, ISJR secretary, has been working hard with Anette Weidler to update the website with respect to member information, announcements, etc. (see <http://www.isjr.org>). Meanwhile, the site for the 2010 conference has been confirmed! The conference will be held in beautiful Banff, in Western Canada. I will leave more detailed comments until the next newsletter, and will only say here that the organizing committee is very excited to be holding the meeting in such a wonderful venue. Some preliminary promotional materials can be found on our website.

Finally, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, those who have joined

our society for the first time since the December newsletter. Welcome to:

Mariette Berndsen, Flinders University, Australia

Tace Vigliante, University of South Australia, Australia

Debra Miller, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

Todd Lucas, Wayne State University, USA

Elizabeth Shockley, University of Chicago, USA

Marcia McKinley, Mount St. Mary's University, USA

Linda Coates, Okanagan College, Canada

We hope you enjoy the opportunities for scholarly exchange and cooperation provided by ISJR. See you in Banff in 2010!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hafer,

ISJR President

❖ News from the Treasurer: A call for membership renewals

This note is a reminder that it is not too late to renew your membership with ISJR for 2009. Doing so soon will assure that you receive all issues Social Justice Research (SJR) for this year, and it will with covering the modest expenses of maintaining our Society and providing annual awards. Associate Memberships are also available for students (dues for Associate Members are currently \$ 10 per year without subscription to Social Justice Research and \$ 40 per year, with a subscription of SJR included).

You can renew your membership by pointing your web browser to the ISJR web page: <http://www.isjr.org/> and clicking on "Members", and then clicking on "Renew your dues." Alternatively, you can go directly to the Membership Information page:

http://study.psych.uic.edu/ISJR/ISJR_membership.htm

While the Society's experience with PayPal has been excellent, if you experience any problems with it (or with receipt of your journals), please let me know in order that I might try to assist.

Thank you for your continuing support of the ISJR. I look forward to seeing your memberships renewed very soon.

Sincerely,

Larry Heuer, ISJR Treasurer

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❖ ISJR listserv

Please note that the location of the ISJR listserv has changed since early December. All postings to the listserv should now be sent to: isjr-1@brocku.ca

❖ Conference on Terrorism and Radical Behavior

On September 11, 2009, Annemarie Loseman, Kees van den Bos, and the Association of Dutch Social Psychologists (ASPO) will organize "The 9/11/9 Conference on Terrorism and Radical Behavior" at Utrecht University.

❖ Joint Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and the European Association of Social Psychology on Uncertainty and Extremism

In the beginning of December, Mike Hogg, Arie Kruglanski, and Kees van den Bos will be organizing a Joint Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and the European Association of Social Psychology on Uncertainty and Extremism. The meeting will be held at the Universities of Maryland or Claremont.

❖ Marsella Prize

Rudmin Floyd Webster was awarded the Marsella Prize by Psychologists for Social Responsibility.

❖ Special Issue of the *Australian Journal of Psychology* on "New Directions in the Psychology of Justice: International Perspectives"

Special issue editors: Michael Wenzel & Michael J. Platow

Australian Journal of Psychology, 61(1), 2009

Free access for ISJR members!!!

Australian Journal of Psychology is the premier scientific journal of the Australian Psychological Society, covering the entire spectrum of psychological research. Taylor & Francis would like to offer ISJR members free access to a special issue of AJP that focuses on the concept of justice. This special issue brings together contributions from some of psychology's most outstanding justice researchers and research groups. The articles highlight key issues that define the current field and are likely to shape its future directions.

To access this special issue, please visit:

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And enter voucher code: V3MSPSP000164A9

❖ Recent Publications of ISJR Members

- Alves, H. & Correia, I. (in press). A first approach to social norms regarding reactions towards innocent and noninnocent victims. *Portuguese Journal of Social Science*.
- Bauman, C. W., & Skitka, L. J. (2009). Moral conflict and procedural justice: Moral mandates as constraints to voice effects. *Australian Journal of Psychology*, 61, 40 – 49.
- Bauman, C. W., & Skitka, L. J. (2009). In the mind of the perceiver: Psychological implications of moral conviction. In D. Bartels, C. W. Bauman, L. J. Skitka, & D. Medin (Eds.) *Moral judgment and decision making. Psychology of learning and motivation* (pp. 341-364). San Diego, CA: Academic Press.
- Baumert, A. & Schmitt, M. (2009). Justice sensitive interpretations of ambiguous situations. *Australian Journal of Psychology*, 61, 6-12.
- Correia, I., Alves, H., Almeida, A., & Garcia, D. (in press). Norms regarding secondary victimization of bullying victims: Do they differ according to the victim's categorization? *Scandinavian Journal of Psychology*.
- Correia, I., Batista, M.T. & Lima, M.L. (in press). Does the belief in a just world bring happiness? Causal relationships among belief in a just world, life satisfaction and mood. *Australian Journal of Psychology*.
- Crandall, C. S., Eidelman, S., Skitka, L. J., & Morgan, G. S. (2009). Status quo framing increases support for torture. *Social Influence*, 4, 1-10.
- Dalbert, C. & Umlauft, S. (2009). The role of the justice motive in economic decision making. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 30, 172–180.
- Davies, A. L. B., & Alissa Pollitz Worden, A. P. (2008). Criminal Justice Policy Across the United States: Due Process and the Punitive Turn. In I. W. Morgan and P. J. Davies (Eds.), *The Federal Nation: Perspectives on American Federalism*. NY: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Davies, A. L. B., & Alissa Pollitz Worden, A. P. (2009). State Politics and the Right to Counsel: A Comparative Analysis. *Law & Society Review*, 43/1, 187-220.
- Feather, N. T. (2006). Deservingness and emotions: Applying the structural model of deservingness to the analysis of affective reactions to outcomes. *European Review of Social Psychology*, 17, 38-73.
- Feather, N. T. (2008). Perceived legitimacy of a promotion decision in relation to deservingness, entitlement, and resentment in the context of affirmative action and performance. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 38, 1230-1254.
- Feather, N. T. (2009). Differentiating emotions in relation to deserved or undeserved outcomes: A retrospective study of real-life events. *Cognition and Emotion* (on line with hard copy in the journal due probably in April).
- Glenn, A. L., Iyer, R., Graham, J., Koleva, S., & Haidt, J. (in press). Are all types of morality compromised in psychopathy? *Journal of Personality Disorders*.
- Gradess, J. E., & Davies, A. L. B. (2009). The Cost of the Death Penalty in America: Directions for Future Research. In C. S. Lanier, W. J. Bowers, & J. R. Acker (Eds.), *The Future on America's Death Penalty*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

Graham, J., Haidt, J. & Nosek, B.A. (in press). Liberals and conservatives rely on different sets of moral foundations. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Gromet, D. N., & Darley, J. (2009). Punishment and Beyond: Achieving Justice Through the Satisfaction of Multiple Goals. *Law & Society Review*, 43, 1-38.

Hafer, C. L., & Choma, B. L. (2009). Belief in a just world, perceived fairness, and justification of the status quo. In J. Jost, A. C. Kay, & H. Thorisdottir (Eds.), *Social and psychological bases of ideology and system justification* (pp. 107-125). New York: Oxford University Press.

Ham, J., & Van den Bos, K. (in press). On unconscious morality: The effects of unconscious thinking on moral decision making. *Social Cognition*.

Abstract: In this paper, we argue that when making moral decisions, unconscious thought can lead to more utilitarian moral decisions (approving of harmful actions that maximize good consequences), compared to conscious thought and immediate decision making. Therefore, we presented participants with a complex version of the well-known footbridge dilemma. In immediate decision conditions, participants made decisions what to do in this dilemma immediately. In conscious thought conditions, participants consciously thought about what to do for three minutes and then made their decisions. In unconscious thought conditions, participants were distracted for three minutes, and next made their decisions. As expected, participants who thought unconsciously about the dilemma were more willing to make utilitarian decisions than participants who thought consciously or who made an immediate decision. The current findings provide a new perspective on the social psychology of moral decision making and further insight into unconscious thinking.

Honigsberg, P. J. (2009). *Our Nation Unhinged: The Human Consequences of the War on Terror*. Berkeley, CA: The University of California Press

Klandermans, B., Van der Toorn, J., & Van Stekelenburg, J. (2008). Embeddedness and identity: How immigrants turn grievances into action. *American Sociological Review*, 73, 992 – 1012.

Abstract: The social and political integration of Muslim immigrants into Western societies is among the most pressing problems of today. Research documents how immigrant communities are increasingly under pressure to assimilate to their “host” societies in the face of significant discrimination. In this article, we bring together two literatures—that on immigrants and that on social movement participation—to explore whether Muslim immigrants respond to their societal situation by engaging in collective political action. Although neither literature has given much attention to immigrant collective action, they do provide predictive leverage relative to the influence of grievances, efficacy, identity, emotions, and embeddedness in civil society networks. Our analyses are comprised of three separate but identical studies: a study of Turkish (N = 126) and Moroccan immigrants (N = 80) in the Netherlands and a study of Turkish immigrants (N = 100) in New York. Results suggest that social psychological mechanisms known to affect native citizens’ collective action function similarly for immigrants to a great extent, although certain immigrant patterns are indeed unique.

Lucas, T., Alexander, S., Firestone, I.J., & LeBreton, J.M., (2009). Belief in a Just World, Social Influence, and Responsibility for Illness: Evidence of a Just World Boomerang Effect. *Journal of Health Psychology, 14*, 258-266.

Lucas, T., Alexander S., Firestone, I.J., LeBreton, J.M. & (2008). Just World Beliefs, Perceived Stress, and Health Behavior: The Impact of a Procedurally Just World. *Psychology & Health, 23*, 849-865.

Maas, M., & Van den Bos, K. (in press). An affective-experiential perspective on reactions to fair and unfair events: Individual differences in affect intensity moderated by experiential mindsets. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

Abstract: The present paper focuses on what psychological processes are driving people's reactions to fair and unfair events. Specifically, by extending on ideas that people's reactions to fair and unfair events consist at least partly of affect-related responses, and by adopting the assumption made in cognitive-experiential self-theory that the operation of experiential mindsets is intimately associated with affect-related experiences, we formulate the hypothesis that individual differences in affect intensity will moderate reactions to fair and unfair events. Introducing a novel manipulation of experiential and rationalistic mindsets to the research literature, the findings of two studies indeed reveal that for people in experiential (vs. rationalistic mindsets) mindsets negative affective reactions to fair and unfair events increase with high (vs. low) scores on affect intensity. Implications for the literature on social justice, experiential mindsets, and affect intensity are discussed.

Marinos, V., Griffiths, D., Gosse, L., Robinson, J., Olley, J. G., & Lindsay, W. (2009). Legalrights and persons with intellectual disabilities. In F. Owen & D. Griffiths (Eds). *Challenges to the Human Rights of People with Intellectual Disabilities* (pp. 124-154). Philadelphia, United States: Jessica Kingsley

Mueller, P. A., Greifeneder, R., Stahlberg, D., Van den Bos, K., & Bless, H. (in press). Shaping cooperation behavior: The role of accessibility experiences. *European Journal of Social Psychology*.

Abstract: The present research investigates the influence on cooperative behavior of accessibility experiences associated with the retrieval of fairness-relevant information from memory. We argue that the decision whether to cooperate in negotiations depends not only on information about the appropriateness of the negotiation procedure, but also on the experience of how difficult or easy it is to come up with this information. Supporting this hypothesis, it is shown that in the context of a bargaining experiment, participants's experiences of ease or difficulty in retrieving unfair aspects of the respective negotiation procedure strongly influence their cooperation behavior. In addition, we hypothesize and empirically substantiate that the influence of accessibility experiences on cooperation behavior occurs particularly in situations of certainty salience. Implications for future research on cooperation and on accessibility experiences are discussed.

Mullen, E., & Skitka, L. J. (2009). Comparing Americans' and Ukrainians' allocations of public assistance: The role of affective reactions in helping behavior. *Journal of Cross Cultural Psychology, 40*, 301-318.

Schmitt, M., Baumert, A., Fetchenhauer, D., Gollwitzer, M., Rothmund, T. & Schlösser, T. (2009). Sensibilität für Ungerechtigkeit [Sensitivity to injustice]. *Psychologische Rundschau*, 60, 8-22.

Abstract: Individuals differ in their sensitivity to injustice. These differences are stable across time and generalize across a wide range of cases of injustice. Justice sensitivity composes of four facets: Victim sensitivity, observer sensitivity, beneficiary sensitivity, and perpetrator sensitivity. These facets are meaningfully correlated among each other. We present research on the relation of the facets with selfish dispositions, prosocial dispositions, behavior in experimental games, and civil courage. Results show differential effects of the facets. Observer, beneficiary, and perpetrator sensitivity seem to be rooted in a genuine concern for justice while victim sensitivity also includes a self-related fear to be exploited. Emotions that mediate the effects of the facets further distinguish between observer and beneficiary sensitivity: In the face of injustice, observer sensitivity leads to moral outrage and beneficiary sensitivity to guilt reactions. First results suggest that the effect of justice sensitivity on behavior is mediated by information processing such as automatic attention allocation, the interpretation of ambiguous information, and memory for relevant information. It is assumed that the link between justice sensitivity and information processing results from individual differences in the accessibility and elaboration of justice concepts.

Skitka, L. J. (2009). Exploring the “lost and found” of justice theory and research. *Social Justice Research*, 22, 98 –116.

Skitka, L. J., Aramovich, N., Lytle, B. L., & Sargis, E. (in press). Knitting together an elephant: An integrative approach to understanding the psychology of justice reasoning. In D. R. Bobocel, A. C. Kay, M. P. Zanna, & J. M. Olson (Eds.), *The psychology of justice and legitimacy: The Ontario symposium* (Vol. 11). Philadelphia, PA: Psychology Press.

Skitka, L. J., Bauman, C. W., & Lytle, B. L. (in press). The limits of legitimacy: Moral and religious convictions as a constraints on deference to authority. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Skitka, L. J., & Morgan, G. S. (in press). The double-edged sword of a moral state of mind. In D. Narvaez & D. K. Lapsley (Eds.), *Moral self, identity, and character: Prospects for new field of study*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Skitka, L. J., Saunders, B., Morgan, G. S., & Wisneski, D. (in press). Dark clouds and silver linings: Socio-psychological responses to September 11, 2001. In M. Morgan (Ed.), *The day that changed everything? Looking at the impact of 9-11* (Vol. 3). West Port, CT: Greenwood/Praeger International Security Press.

Wisneski, D. C., Lytle, B. L. & Skitka, L. J. (in press). Gut reactions: Moral conviction, religiosity, and trust in authority. *Psychological Science*.

❖ Grants awarded to ISJR Members

The German Academic Exchange Service awarded a two-year grant to Prof. Dr. Isabel Correia and Prof. Dr. Claudia Dalbert to support a network investigating "Experiences of Justice, Roles in Bullying and Well-Being of Adolescents".