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“Implicit Cognition”

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Our actions and thoughts can be intentionally controlled to achieve current behavioral goals. Accordingly, we believe that we can access the contents of the mind explicitly. However, this apparently adaptive cognitive system cannot function properly without the aid of the implicit side of the mind. Although there is no doubt that explicitly acquired knowledge serves as the foundation for our activities, it is also true that experiences acquired through implicit processing of the environment affect various aspects of behavior, such as perception, learning, decision-making, and social interactions. In social psychology, it is known that explicit attitudes can be influenced by social desirability, and thus implicit attitudes have predictive validity independent of explicit measures. In cognitive psychology, studies have shown that identification of objects can be improved by various cues even when observers do not notice those cues. Recently, unconscious bias, also referred to as implicit bias, has attracted a great deal of attention in the field of applied psychology, especially in diversity education programs. The special issue will highlight the multiple aspects of implicit cognition.

This special issue welcomes reports of new research relevant to the field of implicit cognition. All submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed using the same standards as for regular submissions to *Japanese Psychological Research*. The deadline for manuscript submission is January 31, 2018. The submitting author should log in from https://jpa.bunken.org/jpa/user_logins/en/.

We welcome three types of papers

1. Original articles: In principle, an original article should present research results, theoretical discussion, and a clear conclusion based on the description of problems, experiments, surveys, and case studies. It should also include new methods, skills, and data that are useful for conducting research, such as the development of new experimentation equipment and analysis programs, the creation of new psychological measurement scales, as well as database construction. The length should be kept to a maximum of 12 pages on the published version.

2. Brief Reports: A Brief Report contains the following contents: (a) an additional examination of an already published report, (b) the discovery of a new fact, (c) a new important observation, (d) a report of a few cases, (e) results to be published quickly or (f) a report based on exploratory ideas. Assuming approximately 700 words per page, the maximum acceptable length is 8 pages (up to 5,600 words) for a Brief Report, including the title, abstract, references, figures, tables, and line drawings.

3. Reviews: A review should focus on recent major themes in psychology, explain primary research status, main achievements and problems, and discuss the significance of current and future studies. "Invited Review" articles are written by request of the Editorial Board. The length should be kept to a maximum of 24 pages on the published version.

Submission and Deadline

Deadline for submission is **January 31, 2018**.

Papers should be submitted as usual via *the Japanese Psychological Research* website:

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The cover letter must clearly state that the paper is intended for the "**Special Issue.**"

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In line with the Journal's policy, all submissions to this special issue will be subject to the usual process of initial screening and peer review. Reviews will be completed by **end- September, 2018**, and any revisions requested **MUST** be carried out by **mid- October, 2018**.

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