

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THEMATIC SECTIONS PSICOLOGÍA, CONOCIMIENTO Y SOCIEDAD

Psicología, Conocimiento y Sociedad (PCS) is a free, arbitrated, open-access journal of Facultad de Psicología (Faculty of Psychology) at the Universidad de la República, Uruguay. This year, PCS is celebrating ten years of uninterrupted growth and we are thrilled to celebrate by taking on new challenges which are reflected in changes in our publication periodicity and sections policy.

Since its beginning, PCS has published one volume per year composed of two issues, an open one and a monographic one. In August 2020, we will launch a new issue and from that moment on we will publish three open issues per year. This change is a response to the increasing number of submissions that PCS has been receiving on a regular basis for the past two years. The publication of this new issue represents a significant effort for the editorial team so that our journal continues to grow in a scenario with increasingly demanding quality standards in the editorial field.

Another change that we will implement is the incorporation of Thematic Sections by opening a call for submissions, which will replace the monographic issues. After an in-depth analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of this publication format, the editorial team has decided to begin a new phase with the incorporation of Thematic Sections, a modality that has been adopted by several refereed journals.

The Thematic Section will include articles that present original research and will focus on a particular theme. The proposed topics must be in line with PCS' editorial policy and provide knowledge that will allow for progress in the understanding of both long-term and emerging problems in our societies. PCS,

as a journal of Universidad de la República, adheres to the goals established by our Ley Orgánica (Organic Law), and therefore will prioritize those themes that discuss topics linked to the understanding of relevant social issues.

PCS calls for proposals for Thematic Sections

Proposals will be received between June 22 and August 22. They will be evaluated by the local Editorial Committee and three external consultants who will be determined according to the submitted themes.

There will be a period of one month to respond to the proposals for the Thematic Section. The Editorial Committee may suggest changes when considered necessary. If none of the proposals meet the established requirements, the call will be declared void.

If a proposal is selected, the Thematic Section will be published in the May 2021 issue.

How to submit a proposal for a Thematic Section

The proposal for a Thematic Section may have up to two responsible editors, who will submit the following documentation:

- name(s) of the guest editor(s), a tentative title for the Thematic Section, an abstract of the proposal (maximum 500 words)
- a list of eight national and international guest authors, their institutional affiliation (their commitment to participate will be accredited by a letter that each author must sign)
- a list of at least twenty external reviewers
- a structured work schedule from October 2020 to May 2021 that clearly indicates the main activities/tasks to be carried out
- a communications strategy including a plan for launching and promoting the publication through different channels including PCS social networks

Documentation to be submitted with the proposal

Editor(s): Submit an summarized CV (maximum 3 pages) containing the name of the Editor, institutional affiliation, education (the highest academic degree achieved), academic positions held, research projects developed in relation to the proposed topic and a minimum of five refereed publications that are considered most relevant to the field of study directly related to the proposed topic. Indicate in which journals you participate or have participated as a reviewer and your previous experience in editorial projects, in case you have such experience.

The editors will also present a letter of commitment that will establish that they are aware of these guidelines and that therefore they commit themselves to adjusting the Thematic Section to the editorial standards of PCS and to developing their task within the established deadlines. Likewise, they will state that they are excluded from participating as authors in the Thematic Section.

Those who have been editors of monographic issues of PCS cannot submit proposals.

Original and unpublished articles (maximum 8): for each article include the title and abstract which contains the subject matter of the research, the objectives and methodology of the study, the main results and the conclusions. As noted above, guest authors must submit a signed letter stating their interest and commitment to participate.

Invited reviewers (between 16 and 20): Attach a list of at least 16 expert reviewers in the field (indicate name, academic degree and institutional affiliation) who are willing to participate in the double-blind review process. The Editor(s) will establish prior contact with these reviewers ensuring that they are willing to participate if the Thematic Section is selected.

The Thematic Section will include a maximum of 8 original articles and a minimum of 5, written in Spanish, Portuguese and/or English. All unpublished articles must follow the Guidelines for Authors stated in PCS' website. The review process will be carried out in a double-blind manner.

75% of the total number of original articles must be from foreign authors.

Applications will be received by e-mail: revista@psico.edu.uy and must include the complete documentation.

Evaluation Criteria

Once the proposals are received, the Editorial Committee will evaluate them according to the following criteria:

- Compliance with the guidelines of the call. Proposals that do not submit all the required documentation will not be considered.
- Academic background of the Editor(s): being a consolidated researcher or in the process of consolidation in the proposed subject, institutional affiliation, academic production in the proposed subject in particular in refereed journals, editorial experience (not exclusive)
- Thematic relevance of the proposal: social and/or disciplinary relevance of the proposal submitted
- We will favor thematic sections that give an account of emerging fields that contribute to the understanding of the problems of the current reality.
- Internationalization: presence of authors from various foreign universities, as well as papers that demonstrate regional and international collaboration (75% of the articles that will make up the thematic section will be by foreign authors)
- Academic background of the authors and proposed reviewers

- Feasibility of the proposal within the established timeframe (the timeframe submitted will be taken as a reference)
- The final decision on which articles will make up the Thematic Section is ultimately up to PCS Editorial Committee.

Important dates:

- Deadline for submission of proposals: 22 August 2020
- Date of confirmation of acceptance of the selected proposal: 22 September 2020
- Date of publication of the Thematic Section: May 2021

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It is part of BVS-Psi-Uruguay (Virtual Library in Psychology and Health); DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals); TIMBÓ (Interinstitutional Multidisciplinary Network of Online Bibliography); COLIBRI (Free Knowledge Institutional Repository, UdelAR); REDIB (Red Iberoamericana de Innovación y Conocimiento Científico); SHERPARoMEO (RoMEO Journals database); MIAR (Matriz de Información para el Análisis de Revistas); LatinREV (Red Latinoamericana de Revistas Académicas en Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades).

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