# Call for papers - contributions of psychological science to understanding and addressing global challenges

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**Special Issue call for papers:** *Contributions of Psychological Science to Understanding and Addressing Global Challenges*

**Submission deadline**: December 31, 2023

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**Brief Description**
The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda](https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda)) is a universal call for action focusing on People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership. The Agenda sets out 17 inter-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ([https://sdgs.un.org/goals](https://sdgs.un.org/goals)). As a discipline, psychology is uniquely positioned to address pressing problems reflected in the SDGs, including, *but not limited to*:

- Human rights
- Climate action
- Global health and well-being
- Responses to international conflict
- Inequalities

The idea for this Special Issue was first advanced by the Canadian Psychological Association / Société canadienne de psychologie International Relations Committee (IRC). The Special Issue will demonstrate how psychological science and psychologists have contributed to an improved understanding of global challenges as captured in the UN SDGs. It will also provide an opportunity to engage in reflection and analysis of global challenges and solutions in which psychology as a discipline appears to be less visible but stands to make substantive contributions.

Submissions may include:
- Systematic reviews
- Literature reviews

- Empirical studies (i.e., high-powered multi-study projects, meta-analyses, or data drawn from large ongoing projects)
- Qualitative and mixed-methods studies
- Articles discussing pedagogy in global and international psychology, professional issues related to addressing global challenges, and policy solutions to challenges of global relevance

Submissions from multi-author international teams and/or interdisciplinary groups are especially welcome.

**Timeline and submission details**

- Manuscripts may be submitted in French or in English.

- Manuscripts must be prepared according to the journal's formatting instructions, and the 7th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.

- As part of their submission, authors are asked to explain in a cover letter the relevance of their work to the UN SDGs. Submissions may pertain directly (or indirectly) to one SDG or multiple, inter-related SDGs.

- The deadline for manuscript submission is December 31, 2023 via the Canadian Psychology/Psychologie canadienne submission portal: https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/cap.

- All submitted manuscripts will undergo peer review as well as review by the co-Guest Editors. Submissions will be carefully evaluated and vetted to establish their eligibility for further consideration.

- Once accepted, papers will appear online before being included in a printed Special Issue planned for publication in 2024.

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