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Social and Structural Influences on Social Identities

Message from the Guest Editor

Social identities are dynamic, multifaceted, and deeply contextualized. We also know that our social identities are developed, experienced, and perceived in ways that are fluid and sensitive to broader contexts. Increasingly, social scientists have been calling for researchers to more intentionally center the ways in which these social and structural factors influence the content of social identities as well as their development, significance and salience. There is also great interest in developing innovative methodologies to assess the complexity of social identities—such as its multidimensionality and contextualized aspects of social identities—across development and type of identity. Understanding the implications of social identities and identity processes in various domains and life outcomes have also been critical areas of research.

This Special Issue aims to bring together scholarship—both empirical and theoretical/conceptual—that showcases work that situates social identities, the methodologies to assess them and their implications for various outcomes within broader social and structural, historical, political, legal, and cultural contexts.

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