

## Special Issue

# Intergroup Relations and Social Cognition: Promoting Social Harmony

### Message from the Guest Editors

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a rise in incidents of intergroup conflict and violence, including a disturbing trend of hate crimes targeting Asian Americans. This underscores the critical importance of understanding the dynamics of intergroup relations, i.e. interactions between different groups influenced by social/psychological factors, and social cognition as the study of how people perceive and understand social information. Research in this area can help identify the psychological and social mechanisms that lead to intergroup conflicts, and develop interventions to promote social harmony and tolerance. This special issue provides an opportunity to advance our understanding of critical issues related to intergroup relations and social cognition. We welcome theoretical and/or empirical contributions from scholars across disciplines such as psychology, sociology, anthropology, and communication studies, on topics such as prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination, social identity, and intergroup communication. We also encourage submissions on innovative ways to work towards a more just and peaceful society for all.

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