

ARTS 2004 ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TRAINING SEMINARS

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PSYCHOLOGISTS FROM LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES
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ARTS is a program of international psychology (IAAP- International Association of Applied Psychology, IUPsyS- International Union of Psychological Science, and IACCP- International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology) to provide training opportunities for scholars from low-income countries and to promote their attendance at the international congresses. Contributions from these international associations and from various national associations and universities have enabled the offering of the following seminars for 2004.

ARTS SEMINAR #1:

ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: A MULTIMETHOD APPROACH

Xi'an, China

July 30-Aug 1, 2004

Dr. Barry Ruback - Pennsylvania State University (Convener)

The seminar will present an overview of the major content areas in environmental psychology, with particular attention to environmental issues that face developing countries: crowding, urbanization, disasters, and environmental degradation. These issues will be discussed in light of three contextual factors: climate, culture, and poverty. Emphasis will be placed on the need for multiple methods to examine issues in environmental psychology, with examples from the convener's research on crowding and territoriality conducted in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the United States. In addition, examples from his research in environmental criminology will introduce new statistical and geographical techniques that can be used in research elsewhere. An integral part of the seminar will be two short observation assignments participants will complete concerning an issue in environmental psychology, one in their own country and the other during the seminar. These assignments will be used to illustrate both the common problems that researchers face, as well as the unique problems posed by the beliefs of a particular culture and the specific conditions in the country being investigated. Participants will have the opportunity to present their own environmental research, and to discuss the difficulties facing researchers and how these problems can be addressed.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applicants should submit the completed application form (see below), an overview of their background and interests in environmental psychology, and a brief statement concerning the type of research they might present at the seminar. Instruction and discussion will be in English; participants must be able to speak and understand the language.

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ARTS SEMINAR #2:

DEVELOPMENT & EVALUATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN HEALTH AND DISEASE.

Beijing, China

August 6-8, 2004

Dr. Stan Maes - University of Leiden (Convener)

Many psychologists around the world have become involved in the development and evaluation of health promotion initiatives in a variety of settings (such as the workplace and schools), and of psychological interventions for patients suffering from chronic diseases (such as coronary heart disease, cancer, and AIDS). Several health promotion programs are illustrated in the seminar: a life skills, children rights and health program in Mexican schools; a stress management intervention for Japanese health professionals; and a German evaluative study of an exercise program for cardiac rehabilitation patients. Often such initiatives are poorly evaluated, if at all, which endangers their continuity. In the seminar consideration will be given to several evaluation designs: quasi-experimental and reflexive designs, cost-effectiveness analyses and meta-analysis. The seminar will actively involve participants in presenting, discussing, and designing health intervention programs and evaluations of their own as well as the cases presented by the instructors. The convener will be assisted by four instructors engaged in health promotion intervention and evaluation: Susan Pick (Mexico); Kyoko Noguchi (Japan), Ralf Swarzer (Germany), and Veronique De Gucht (The Netherlands)..

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Participants are welcomed from as many different countries as possible, Applicants must have a degree in psychology, interests in health research. Experience with health promotion programs or psychological interventions with chronic patients is desirable but not a requirement, but participants should demonstrate familiarity with the area and write a letter indicating their interests and motivation to participate. Participants must be able to function independently in English.

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ARTS SEMINAR #3:

SURVEY RESEARCH METHODS

Beijing, China

August 14-16, 2004

Professor Peter Ph. Mohler and Dr. Janet Harkness - ZUMA, Mannheim,
Germany (Conveners)

Survey research is a widely used tool across disciplines and continents, yet in the past many researchers became involved in survey data collection without a proper grounding in the methodological issues involved. This seminar will focus on the basic issues to be addressed in planning, implementing, monitoring and archiving a (sample) survey. The seminar will begin with an overview of the different forms of survey design (e.g., cross-sectional, longitudinal, cohort studies, cross-national, and trend studies), different sampling designs and different modes of administration. The focus will shift to instrument development and testing, covering different question formats (standardized, semi-standardized, open), response scale considerations, and the connections between question design and the different types of data to be collected (e.g., facts, behaviors, psychological traits or cognitive performance, values, or opinions). The final day's session will be devoted to documenting, archiving and analyzing survey data, activities that appear to be relevant only after data have been collected, but will be shown to be best integrated into study design from the start. The seminar will be presented jointly by Peter Mohler, Janet Harkness, and one or two further colleagues from ZUMA selected to complement the interests of the participants. (ZUMA is a unique institution in Europe, financed by German state and federal funds, and set up especially to help substantive experts in various fields conduct quality survey research.)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Instruction is in English; applicants must be able to function independently in that language. A basic course in quantitative research for psychologists would be highly desirable. A list of technical vocabulary will be provided participants before the seminar to facilitate instruction. Applicants should submit the completed application form (see below) together with an indication of their particular interest in survey research methods, its direct relevance to their work, and a full description of their knowledge of or experience with survey research and its methods.

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES OF PSYCHOLOGY

Participation at any of the ARTS should be coordinated with attendance at the ICP and IACCP Congresses. Contact congress organizers for details about participation and registration.

28th International Congress of Psychology August 8-13, 2004

Beijing, China

Internet: <http://www.icp2004.org/>

Email: icp2004@psych.ac.cn

17th International Congress of IACCP August 2-6, 2004
Xi'an, China

Internet: <http://www.iaccp2004.org/> Email: iaccp2004@psych.ac.cn

APPLICATION FOR ARTS 2004

Last Name First Name Initial Title

____ Gender ____ Age ____ Date of Birth

Institutional Affiliation: _____ Academic rank _____

Highest Degree ____ (specify degree) Year obtained: _____

University granting degree _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Fluency in English: ____ Reading ____ Listening ____ Speaking

2004 Congress Attendance Plans

28th International Congress of Psychology (Beijing, August 8-13)

Plan to attend: ____ Yes ____ No

To submit Paper/Poster ____ Yes ____ No

17th International Congress of IACCP (Xi'an, August 2-6)

Plan to attend: ____ Yes ____ No

To submit Paper/Poster ____ Yes ____ No

Previous Congress Attendance (Circle as many as apply):

1992: Brussels (IUPsyS) Liege (IACCP)
1994: Madrid (IAAP) Pamplona (IACCP)
1996: Montreal (IUPsyS) Montreal (IACCP)
1998: San Francisco (IAAP) Bellingham (IACCP)
2000: Stockholm (IUPsyS) Pultusk (IACCP)
2002: Singapore (IAAP) Yogyakarta (IACCP)

Previous ARTS?: ____ No ____ Yes: Specify year and/or topic _____

Seminar Applied for (Circle only one):

ARTS #1 Environmental

ARTS #2 Health

ARTS #3: Survey Methods

Funding Support Provided and Supplementary Assistance Required: During the seminars meals, accommodation and instruction will be provided. (During the international congresses participants are expected to provide for their own food and lodging; no ARTS assistance is provided during the Congress). Participants from low-income countries may also be eligible for modest assistance with their travel expenses from ARTS, but must first seek funding from other sources in their home country (university or national granting agency). Moreover, our funding is limited so that full travel support is unlikely. When requesting assistance include detailed information about your travel expenses, funding sources and the institutions from which you have sought financial support.

Statement of Qualifications: Please attach to your application a description of your special qualifications for the seminar you have selected (See the application requirements for each seminar).

Send your application: Directly to the convener of the seminar you wish to attend.