



Call for Papers: Psychology and the Climate Emergency

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A “code red for humanity” has been signaled by the [United Nations](#) (UN) after releasing the [IPCC 2021 Sixth Assessment Report](#), which marked that climate change is rapidly intensifying. A 1.5°C threshold has been set by the international community, with global South nations warning that this threshold marks the difference between survival and life-threatening consequences. [Climate change’s psychological and mental health consequences](#) will be disproportionately felt by those in the global South or living on the margins of society. The IPCC calls for “[deep cuts](#)” in greenhouse gas emissions to avoid the worst. This month world leaders, climate activists, and affected communities have descended on Glasgow for the [UN Climate Summit](#) to discuss the stakes and this urgent action needed. This special issue builds on a growing body of scholarship, see for example, [American Journal of Community Psychology](#) (2011), [Community Psychology in Global Perspective](#) (2020), [Psychology in Society](#) (forthcoming). Within this context, we invite submissions for a special issue on **Psychology and the Climate Emergency** in the *South African Journal of Psychology*.

The special issue welcomes manuscripts related to: psychological impacts of climate change; experiences of climate-exacerbated disasters; risk perceptions; resilience and adaptation; engaging governments, extractive and fossil fuel industries; public education and curriculum development; evaluating novel interventions; clinical case studies (intervention, group or community); community mobilisation; ethical case studies (e.g., engaging with statutory bodies); climate activism; climate anxiety; at-risk populations; psychologists’ roles in supporting climate action; climate inequities and mental health.

We welcome theoretical, position, policy and empirical papers. We also like to encourage manuscripts based on collaborations with early-career researchers to submit their manuscripts.

The deadline for submission is **28 February 2022**. Please, follow the [Manuscript Submission Guidelines, which details formatting and maximum length requirements](#). We look forward to receiving appropriate manuscripts, which should be emailed to sajp@psyssa.co.za, indicating that they are for the “Special Issue on Psychology and the Climate Emergency”. Contact the Lead Guest Editor with a query beforehand at sajp@psyssa.co.za, for the attention of Dr Garret Barnwell