

## Special Issue on Positive Psychology

### Call for Papers

Positive psychology is a recent branch of psychology whose purpose was summed up in 1998 by Martin Seligman and Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi: "We believe that a psychology of positive human functioning will arise, which achieves a scientific understanding and effective interventions to build thriving individuals, families, and communities." Positive psychologists seek "to find and nurture genius and talent", and "to make normal life more fulfilling", not simply to treat mental illness. The field is intended to complement, not to replace traditional psychology. It does not seek to deny the importance of studying how things go wrong, but rather to emphasize the importance of using the scientific method to determine how things go right.

Researchers in the field analyze things like states of pleasure or flow, values, strengths, virtues, talents, as well as the ways that they can be promoted by social systems and institutions. Positive psychologists are concerned with four topics:

(1) positive experiences, (2) enduring psychological traits, (3) positive relationships and (4) positive institutions.

In this special issue, we intend to invite front-line researchers and authors to submit original research and review articles on exploring **Positive Psychology**.

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Please kindly notice that the "**Special Issue**" under your manuscript title is supposed to be specified and the research field "**Special Issue-Positive Psychology**" should be chosen during your submission.

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