SSEA - Thematic conference: Self and Identity in Emerging Adulthood
17-19 May, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

From May 17th to May 19th 2018 the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood presents the thematic conference entitled “Self and Identity in Emerging Adulthood”. The conference will be held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania and is hosted by the Department of Psychology of Babes-Bolyai University.

Self and Identity in Emerging Adulthood will focus on identity across multiple domains*:

- personal identity
- ethnic identity and acculturation
- cultural identity and globalization
- gender and sexual identity
- moral identity
- religious and spiritual identity
- civic identity

*Proposals with alternative topics will be given full consideration.

A special focus will be on methodological approaches in identity research:

- Quantitative methods
- Qualitative methods
- Mixed-methods

Self and Identity in Emerging Adulthood welcomes researchers and practitioners from all over the world, interested in topics pertaining to self and identity in emerging adulthood (EA).
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CALL FOR PAPERS AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION TIMELINE

Call for papers and submission portal (www.ssea.org) open: November 12, 2017

Submission deadline for those requiring an expedited review: January 6, 2018 (notifications of acceptance will be provided by January 20, 2018)

Abstract submission deadline: February 8, 2018 (notifications of acceptance will be provided by March 8, 2018)

Expedited review: To accommodate international travel and special circumstances that may warrant an extended period between decision notification and the conference, we are offering expedited reviews to those whose circumstances qualify. Expedited review will only be granted in situations that would otherwise prohibit a presenter from traveling to the conference. You will be able to indicate this option when you submit your proposal. Proposals submitted for expedited review are due on January 6, 2018 and notifications will be granted within two weeks (January 20, 2018).

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Focus of the proposal is on emerging adulthood (age range 18-29).
2. Importance of the topic for the conference themes.
3. For empirical presentations, methods must be appropriate for the research question(s). Research using quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods are all encouraged.

Please note: There is a limit of two submissions by the same first author.

FORMATS

Proposals consistent with the conference theme are encouraged, but all proposals will be given full consideration. Three types of submission formats will be considered (each is described further below): individual papers, posters, and paper symposia.

Individual papers

Individual Paper proposals will be grouped into sessions of 4 papers. Sessions will be assigned a Chair by the Program Committee. Each session will be 90 minutes. Presenters will be allotted 15 minutes each; 30 minutes will be reserved for a Q & A period to be led by the Chair.
Submissions for paper presentations should include a proposal of no more than 500 words (approximately 2 double-spaced pages) containing the following: title, introduction to the research question(s), description of methods, results, brief discussion and implications. In addition, proposals may contain up to two figures, tables, charts or graphs (reference list is not required).

NOTE: Some proposals submitted as paper presentations may be accepted as poster presentations.

Posters

Individual Posters will be presented during general poster sessions. The general poster sessions are unopposed sessions, and therefore offer an opportunity to present work to all conference participants who attend. Reports of empirical studies are well suited for poster presentations. Submissions for poster presentations should include a proposal of no more than 500 words (approximately 2 double-spaced pages) containing the following: title, introduction to the research question(s), description of methods, results, brief discussion and/or implications. In addition, proposals may contain up to two figures, tables, charts or graphs (reference list is not required).

Paper symposia

A Paper Symposium includes a series of presentations on a common topic. The session may consist of 3 papers and a Discussant who summarizes and comments on the presented papers, or 4 papers and no Discussant. A Chair should be designated from the set of presenters. Paper Symposia will be scheduled for 90 minutes. Each paper and the discussion will be allotted 15 minutes for presentation; 30 minutes will be reserved for a Q & A period to be led by the Chair. Individuals interested in finding other presenters to form a symposium are strongly encouraged to get involved with a relevant SSEA Topic Network or post on the SSEA Facebook page.
Submissions for paper symposia should include a proposal of no more than 500 words (approximately 2 double-spaced pages) for each presentation that contains the following: title, introduction to the research question(s), description of methods, results, brief discussion and/or implications. In addition, proposals may contain up to two figures, tables, charts or graphs (reference list is not required). Additionally, Paper Symposia must include an integrative statement of no more than 500 words. The integrative statement will include a (I) title of the Paper Symposium, (II) rationale for bringing the papers together, and (III) discussion of the themes the papers address.

Please contact coordinator@ssea.org with any questions.