

IX SARAJEVO DAYS OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Guidelines for Authors

Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to participate in the IX Sarajevo Days of Psychology. Authors are invited to submit abstracts of papers belonging to one of the following categories: original scientific research work, review (theoretical) papers, professional papers, case studies, and applications for round tables, panels, workshops, book and project promotions.

The abstract should be written in *Times New Roman* font, size 12 pt, and must contain:

- ❖ A brief and clear paper title
- ❖ Names and surnames of authors with their affiliation
- ❖ A minimum of three and a maximum of five keywords

The abstract may be written in Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, or English.

One author may submit a maximum of three papers, and may be listed as the first author on at most two papers. The maximum length of the abstract is 300 words (not counting the title, author names, and keywords).

Deadline for abstract submission: **February 1, 2026**

Guidelines for Empirical Research Papers

For empirical research papers, the information in the abstract should include standard segments of a scientific article: theoretical framework and research problem, research hypotheses, methodology, results, and conclusion.

The methodology section should contain information about the sample (e.g., $N=100$ participants, $M_{age}=18.7$ years, $SD=1.1$), key manipulations and/or measurements of relevant variables (e.g., Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale), without citing references.

When presenting research results, it is necessary to provide information about comparisons of key experimental conditions and basic parameters for determining statistical significance (e.g., As expected, analysis of variance showed that participants in the stereotype threat condition achieved poorer results on the working memory test compared to the control group, $F(1, 98) = 12.35, p = .039$).

In the conclusion section of the abstract, authors should highlight the main theoretical and/or practical implications of the obtained results.

Guidelines for Review and Professional Papers

When submitting review and professional papers, authors should clearly state the theoretical framework of the work, the objectives of the paper or fundamental questions the paper seeks to address, explain how these questions were addressed and what insights were obtained, and highlight the theoretical and/or practical implications of the obtained insights.

Review papers are aimed at summarizing and critically evaluating the results of previous research on a given topic, while professional papers primarily describe practical experiences, new approaches, working methods, or examples of good practice.

It is also important to describe the methodological approach, including analysis of relevant literature and critical evaluation of existing knowledge. The abstract should emphasize the insights gained, their contribution to theory and/or practice, and relevance for future research or professional application. It is also advisable to point out possible limitations of the work and provide recommendations for further research or practical application.

Guidelines for Case Studies

In the abstract of a case study, it is necessary to state the basic problem, the approach within which the case was addressed, the method used and the manner of data collection (including the techniques applied), as well as the basic findings and recommendations for future work.

The abstract should provide a concise and systematic presentation of the problem or phenomenon, including the basic problem, contextual determinants, and the applied theoretical framework. The methodology section should contain a description of the data collection methods used (e.g., interviews, questionnaires, observations) and criteria for their evaluation. The abstract should clearly present the key findings and their interpretation, and highlight the practical implications and recommendations for future research, interventions, or professional practice.

Guidelines for Round Tables, Panels, and Workshops

Authors wishing to apply for a round table, panel, or workshop should submit an abstract that includes:

- ❖ The session title
- ❖ Names and surnames of facilitators
- ❖ Session duration
- ❖ A brief description of the objectives and topics

It is necessary to describe in detail the plan for participation and the dynamics of the session, including the expected structure, interactive elements, discussion, exercises, and presentations.

For round tables and panels, it is necessary to clearly define:

- ❖ The topics and subtopics to be addressed
- ❖ The maximum number of participants
- ❖ The manner of conducting the discussion and involving participants

For workshops, special attention should be given to:

- ❖ The target audience and maximum number of participants

- ❖ Planned activities and working methodology
- ❖ Expected outcomes and contribution to practical or professional competencies of participants

The abstract should not exceed 300 words and should be concise, clear, and sufficiently informative so that the Program Committee can assess the relevance, innovativeness, and feasibility of the proposed session.

Guidelines for Book and Project Promotion Applications

Authors wishing to apply for a book or project promotion should submit an abstract that includes: promotion title, names of authors/organizers, 3–5 keywords, an abstract of up to 300 words.

In the abstract, authors should clearly state:

- ❖ A brief description of the book or project – topic, purpose, and objective
- ❖ Specific promotion objectives – expected outcomes
- ❖ Plan of activities during the promotion – e.g., presentation of content, interactive discussion, presentation of project results
- ❖ Relevance and contribution – how the promotion contributes to theory, practice, education, or the professional community
- ❖ Special notes – e.g., target audience, duration, potential materials for participants

General Information

The preliminary abstract book will be available on the conference website: <https://www.sdpsih.ff.unsa.ba/bs/>. The final abstract book will include papers and sessions that have been accepted and for which the conference fee has been paid. To ensure linguistic and technical consistency of the abstract book, the Program Committee reserves the right to correct minor grammatical, spelling, and typographical errors in the abstracts, without changing the meaning or content of the text.

Thank you for your participation and contribution to the development of the conference program.

Program Committee