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Call for Papers

“Capturing the Dynamics of Emotion and Emotion Regulation in Daily Life With Ambulatory Assessment”

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Introduction

How people experience and regulate their emotions in daily life lies at the heart of their psychological functioning. Recognising this, affective scientists are increasingly adopting ambulatory assessment (AA) methods to study the dynamics of emotional experience and regulation in daily life, a trajectory that has been accelerated by the proliferation of smartphones and other mobile/wearable devices. For the purpose of this special issue, we define AA as any naturalistic method used to capture experience, behaviour, or physiology in daily life, including (but not limited to) experience sampling, ecological momentary assessment, diary methods, the Electronically Activated Recorder (EAR), passive sensing, continuous physiology monitoring, etc.

Despite growing interest in the use of AA methods in affective science, many challenges remain, including the development of valid and reliable tools for measuring emotions and emotion regulation in daily life; statistical models that capture (bi-directional) relations between emotions and emotion regulation; and methods and models for capturing how emotions and emotion regulation dynamically interact with other psychological, physiological, and behavioural processes, and with contextual factors in daily life.

The current special issue aims to highlight the important challenges facing researchers who apply AA methods to the study of emotion and emotion regulation in daily life, and to propose some possible solutions.

Submission Process and Timeline

We are currently seeking letters of intent from prospective authors who wish to contribute to this special issue. Contributions may include empirical studies, scale validation studies, papers reporting the development and/or validation of new statistical or data analytic models, and theoretical/review papers that focus on the use of AA to study (a) emotional experience, behavior, or physiology; or (b) deliberate or automatic emotion regulation. This may include papers on the dynamics of emotions and emotion regulation efforts in daily life, bi-directional associations between emotions and emotion regulation, associations between emotions and emotion regulation strategies with other psychological processes (e.g., attention, cognition, memory), and how any of the above are influenced by contextual variables and/or individual differences. This list of topics is not meant to be exhaustive but rather to provide general guidance to prospective contributors. However, in line with EJPA’s general aim and scope, empirical papers that report the results of AA studies but do not focus specifically on issues relating to measurement, modelling, or assessment may not be sufficiently relevant.
We encourage interested authors to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI), as detailed below.

**Letter of Intent**

If you are interested in submitting a manuscript, please send a letter of intent (LOI) to Peter Koval (E-mail p.koval@unimelb.edu.au), with the subject line “LOI for EJPA special issue” by no later than September 1, 2018.

LOIs should include a brief (max. 200 words) summary of your proposed contribution, including
- an overview of the topic/question your article will address,
- a (tentative) list of authors including institutional affiliations, and
- as much detail as possible of methods and results – studies at or near completion are strongly preferred.

This can be in the form of bullet points, an outline, or an abstract, whatever best conveys the proposed content of your article.

We expect to communicate decisions on the LOIs to prospective authors by October 15, 2018.

Only manuscripts that have been invited by the special issue Guest Editors based on an LOI will be considered for inclusion in the special issue.

**Authors’ Instructions**

Please note that the standards for review maintained by EJPA will be followed and all submissions will be subject to rigorous peer review. An invitation to submit a manuscript does not guarantee that it will ultimately be accepted for the special issue.

Following EJPA’s regular instructions for authors, manuscripts submitted for publication in the special issue may be either
(a) Regular Length: no more than 5,000 words (max. 22 pages, double-spaced, 12-pt font) including figures, tables, and references; or
(b) Brief Reports: no more than 2,500 words (max. 11 pages) including tables, figures, and references.

Note that Electronic Supplementary Material is not included in the word count. Please consult the journal’s general guidelines at https://www.hogrefe.com/j/ejpa on manuscript submission for more details.

Papers acceptable for publication that cannot be published in this special issue may be considered for publication in a regular issue of EJPA, unless authors explicitly decline this option.

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