



**Announcement of a Special Issue of *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology* on  
the Psychological Impacts of Involuntary Migration**

Manuscripts are now sought for a Special Issue of the *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology (JPRP)*. The theme of the Special Issue, which will be launched formally at the 27th International Congress of Applied Psychology to be held in Melbourne in July 2010, is **Psychological Impacts of Involuntary Migration**. Manuscripts focusing on psychological and related psycho-social and economic impacts of involuntary migration resulting from political, economic, cultural, religious, environmental or other forces are welcome, as are those that address related issues of social, political and economic exclusion. Theoretical, review and empirical contributions related to the theme of the special issue are welcome. The Guest Editor for the Special Issue is Graham Davidson (University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia), who is a member of *JPRP*'s Advisory Board.

*JPRP*'s publication of this Special Issue on **Psychological Impacts of Involuntary Migration** is part of a unique 'Global Special Issue' on *Psychology and Poverty Reduction*.

In 2000, the United Nations collectively signed up to the Millennium Development Goals. These goals focus on the reduction of poverty by the year 2015. They encompass a range of integral human freedoms, from the right to health and education, to gender equity, a clean environment, and fair trade. They are inherently inter-disciplinary. Inter-disciplinarity in turn creates an opportunity for disciplines and professions to-date relatively silent on poverty, to step up and make a contribution. Psychology is one such discipline and profession. This 'Global Special Issue' is a unique opportunity for accelerated input from an entire field. It commits not one but a whole series of peer-reviewed journals to the theme, each journal with its own, complementary focus on the Millennium Development Goals in general, and poverty reduction in particular. The journals represent psychology from low-income, transition and OECD economies. Their outputs are coordinated in a temporal sense. Each journal will release its contribution either as a special section of papers or an entire issue on the poverty reduction theme in mid-2010.

The peer-reviewed journals participating in the 'Global Special Issue' initiative are *Psychology and Developing Societies*, *The Journal of Psychology in Africa*, *The Interamerican Journal of Psychology*, *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology*, *International Journal of Psychology*, *Applied Psychology: An International Review*, *American Psychologist*, *Journal of Managerial Psychology*, *Journal of Health Psychology*, *New Zealand Journal of Psychology* and *The Australian Psychologist*.

*JPRP* fills a void in contemporary psychology, and potentially in the Global Special Issue. *JPRP* has a focus on a region of the world that includes Australasia, Pacific Island nations, Eastern Asia, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Western seaboard of North and South America. *JPRP* is broadly based theoretically and methodologically and, as such, encourages scholarly and applied contributions that offer psychological and cognate perspectives on the complexity of real-world questions and dilemmas that confront the region and its peoples.

Manuscripts for the Special Issue should be forwarded as email attachments to Graham Davidson at [Gdavidso@usc.edu.au](mailto:Gdavidso@usc.edu.au) or to the Editor of *JPRP*, Stuart Carr, at [S.C.Carr@massey.ac.nz](mailto:S.C.Carr@massey.ac.nz), no later than 31 May 2009. Guidelines for Authors on the preparation of manuscripts are available at <http://www.australianacademicpress.com.au/Publications/Journals/JPRC/jprp.htm>.