

Editorial

Again, the double issue of *Politics, Culture & Socialization* you are holding in your hands contains a regular issue, No. 1, as well as a special issue, No. 2. The regular issue contains peer-reviewed articles in the sphere of political socialization and education, and political psychology as well. The special issue continues the line of the 2016 special issue on methods (I), whose theme was inspired by a 2015 conference on methods in political science. Methods for Studies in Politics, Culture and Socialization (II) focuses on a number of specific methods used in these particular domains (Twitter analysis, interviews with children, and psychological profiling techniques), which are different from the methods presented in (I) (rhetorical analysis, linguistic discourse analysis, experimental research, and statistical analysis). Researchers from Belgium, Netherlands, USA, Australia, Canada and Switzerland present, in this volume, their research findings and their methods; Vol. 8 contains, nevertheless, also five reviews of very attractive recent books.

Vol. 8, Issue No. 1 of *Politics, Culture & Socialization* deals with a range of exciting subjects in the field of political socialization and political psychology, which are considered from various perspectives. What we find is a data-base analysis concerned with two countries in Latin America, a historical case study of the Research Committee RC21 of IPSA, an analysis of the Thai case of a civic education project in schools, and a philosophical analysis related to populism.

The opening article of this part by Nohemi Jocabeth Echeverría Vicente, Kenneth Hemmerrechts & Dimokritos Kavadias (Free University of Brussels) is entitled “Growing up in contexts with armed conflict: Individual exposure to large-scale violence and differences on emancipative values in Colombia and Mexico”. The authors conclude from their extensive analysis of several databases, that individuals who have grown up in a country like Mexico or Colombia with high levels of armed conflict, show fewer support in adulthood for emancipative values; the authors, however, also emphasize the complex nature of a comparison between Colombia and Mexico. For the second article, Henk Dekker (Leiden University, The Netherlands) took the lead, as a former president of IPSA’s RC21, in preparing, with the assistance/ advice of two other former IPSA RC21 presidents, Daniel B. German (Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, USA) and Christ’l De Landtsheer (University of Antwerp, Belgium), in writing a detailed report on RC21. In the article entitled “Political Socialization Theory, Research, and Application; History and Analysis of Forty Years of the Research Committee on Political Socialization and Education of the International Political Science Association: 1979-2019”, Dekker paints the colourful history of one of IPSA’s oldest research committees, with much attention given to publications and

their contents, as well as to conferences and workshops concerned with this active research committee. The third article of Volume 8, No 1. by Murray Print (University of Sydney, Australia) describes the chances of a school project in Thailand to contribute to citizens' education ("Political socialization in a failed democracy: Civic education in Thailand"). This part of the volume ends with the essay on "Populism and the psychopolitics of morality", by Lawrence Alschuler (University of Ottawa, Canada). As he applies the Jungian framework to populism, this author encourages us to explore concepts like moral superiority and inferiority of others, pluralism, neoliberalism, and emotion in relation to populism.

Vol. 8, Issue No. 2 of *Politics, Culture and Socialization* addresses the issue of methods for studies in politics, culture and socialization. Scholars from Belgium and Switzerland in their articles present us with their novel methodological approaches. In the first article of this issue, Stéphanie De Munter and Philippe De Vries (University of Antwerp, Belgium) explain how they used Twitter Application Program Interface for investigating election tweets. From their article which is entitled "To Tweet or not to Tweet? An analysis of Twitter use during the 2014 Belgian elections" can be concluded that there is no significant association between the number of tweets and the number of preferential votes. The second article by Peter Rieker shows us how adults used problem-centered interviews for interviewing children. Samir Boureghda, Jurriaan Middelhoff, and Christ'l De Landtsheer (University of Antwerp, Belgium), finally, apply a method for profiling political leaders to the Italian politician Silvio Berlusconi. For the purpose of expanding the Millon Inventory of Diagnostic Criteria (MIDC) to include a more potent assessment of narcissistic personality traits, NPI items were infused in the MIDC method as devised by Immelmann (2004). We leave the exciting conclusion from this article, which is entitled "Narcissism and Leadership: What we can learn from a case-study of Silvio Berlusconi" to the readers.

This volume of *Politics, Culture and Socialization* brings five book reviews that all discuss recent books in the field of political psychology and political socialization, that we recommend to you with pleasure. Whereas the three books written by authors from the USA focus on leadership psychology, one other book discusses public opinion in Russia, and another book focuses on political structures that contribute to socialization into democracy in former communist countries. Daniel German (USA) and Song Yingfa (China) reviewed for us the "Handbook of Direct Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe after 1989" by the Polish colleague Maria Marczewska-Rytko (2018). Ekaterina Zamaraeva (Russia) commented on "New Trends in Russian Political Mentality: Putin 3.0" by Elena Shestopal (2015). Idil Warsame (The Netherlands) shared her admiration for "Roots of War. Wanting power, seeing threat, justifying force" by David G. Winter (2017). Jessica Jansen (The Netherlands) reviewed "How Statesmen Think: The Psychology of International Politics", by Robert Jervis (2017); and Joya Kenens (Belgium) commented on "The Political Psychology of Women in U.S. Politics" by Angela Bos and Monica Schneider (2016).

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