



# SPECIAL ISSUE CALL FOR PAPERS

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### **The Intersectionality of Development, Cultural Contexts, and Im/migration**

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The purpose of this special issue is to enhance the understanding of theories and models used to critically explore families across various sociocultural contexts (e.g., im/migration, refugee), and the intersectionality among other social factors (e.g., gender, religion, and language). Given the rapidly changing nature of immigration, it is important for researchers to examine our current trends. It is imperative for researchers to critically reflect on the parochial nature of contemporary theories and whether theories, theoretical assumptions, theoretical components require to more accurately portray the broad array of contemporary families.

Over the last several decades, regional conflicts have created unprecedented increases of immigrant families fleeing political, ethnic, and economic unrest, overwhelming and destabilizing some receiving countries. There have also been additional increases in family migration within national boundaries usually from rural to urban cities for economic/survival reasons. Moreover, families may also have left their countries due to the political positions that are taken which may not only be contradictory to one's own beliefs but safety as well (e.g., sexual orientation).

Researchers need to be critically reflective of the how individual differences influence and are influenced by physical, psychological, and social environments, and how the various contextual elements interconnect and influence the developing person over their lifespan and across chronological time.

Our special issue will focus on how current theories and models have contributed to contextualizing families, with a particular focus on im/migrant, refugee families and other cultural contexts. The special issue will also include international scholars, especially outside of the US and Canada, as perspectives or implementation of research may culturally differ. Lastly, we encourage articles that bridge between theorizing and application to cater to not only scholars but practitioners and interested stakeholders.

We also invite scholars to focus on methodological strategies as they operationalize the theoretical constructs. Methodologies also need to be critically interrogated, and move beyond standard and common ways of exploration so that the field can forward in more significant ways.

Manuscripts should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages including references and appendices. Please note in the cover letter that the manuscript is being submitted to the special issue "*The Intersectionality of Development, Cultural Contexts, and Im/migration.*" For manuscript preparation guidelines and to submit a manuscript, go to <http://www.ncftr.org/jftr/submit-jftr>.

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