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**Special Issue: Social roles of men and women in Spain: Emerging issues and implications for international research**

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*Sex Roles: A Journal of Research* invites manuscripts for a Special Issue titled “Social roles of men and women in Spain: Emerging issues and implications for international research”.

During the last 25 years, Spain has experienced steady growth in research production and has jumped to represent 2.5% of the total world scientific production (Jiménez-Contreras et al., 2003). Similarly, research on gender roles in Spain is a topic of increasing interest since the 90s. Institutional support such as the creation of the Spanish Institute for Women, the development of several gender equality laws, and the creation of specific programs for research on sex and gender, have also promoted the consolidation of this scientific field of study.

Along with this evolution, there has been an evolution from a more local research focusing mainly on replicating several aspects of international studies to broader research analyzing the similarities and differences from a cultural perspective. What is more, as Rudy et al. (2011) recently stated, Spain is a country that may be of special interest to gender researchers, as this country is an example of rapid change from an authoritarian and conservative regime to democratic ideals where gender equality constitutes a political priority.

As gender research in Spain is broad and covers a wide range of areas, we propose to focus on some of the psychosocial themes that are more directly associated with the social changes that have taken place in the Spanish society during the last decades. To this end, we are interested in both theoretical and empirical papers that address one of the following specific theme areas: 1) Modern sexist beliefs and their implications for the achievement of gender equality in Spain, 2) The evolution of gender equality at work in Spain and its generalizability to other Western countries, and 3) Gender violence as a social problem in Spain and other modern societies. Manuscripts could also combine these three approaches. In addition, we invite articles on the cross-cultural aspects of these theme areas. Furthermore, because a relevant issue is that social change pertaining to gender has been rapid in Spain when compared to other countries, papers that speak to that theme in various ways will be positively valued.

Authors who plan to submit manuscripts are asked to do so by **September 1, 2012**. Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the editorial guidelines of *Sex Roles* ([http://www.springer.com/11199/](http://www.springer.com/11199/)) and the 6th edition of the APA Publication Manual. Manuscripts should be between 25 and 40 pages, double-spaced (including title page, abstract, tables, figures, and references). All manuscripts should be submitted via the online submission site ([http://www.editorialmanager.com/sers/](http://www.editorialmanager.com/sers/)). Please select the article type “Sp. Iss. – Social Roles in Spain” from the drop down menu, and indicate in the notes to the editorial office that the paper is to be considered as a contribution to the special issue “Social roles of men and women in Spain: Emerging issues and implications for international research.” All papers will be peer reviewed. For further inquiries, please contact Dr. Leire Gartzia ([leire.gartzia@deusto.es](mailto:leire.gartzia@deusto.es)) or Dr. Esther Lopez-Zafra ([elopez@ujaen.es](mailto:elopez@ujaen.es)).
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