

 [Year end report](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 18]

Dear All,

Please find attached a draft of my report on the IP Task Force, to be published on APA's International Psychology Bulletin. Note that the "you" in the attached article refers not to you who is reading this, but to the audience of the International Psychology Bulletin. Please send suggestions for correction ASAP, before the submission deadline of 12/15. This report, once finalized, shall serve as the end of the year report of the Task Force.

Thanks for making this a productive year for the Task Force,

Louise S.  [Task Force on Indigenous Psychology 12 12](#)

 [Comment by Louise S.](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Dear All,

Thanks for your input. I would like to respond to the suggestion of anthropology professor Joan Koss: "The only addition that might be of interest is to list the topics and give brief content of the most intense discussions between members." Some of the interesting discussions are posted on the Discussion page of the IP website:

[http://www.indigenoupsych.org/.](http://www.indigenoupsych.org/)

In particular, our debate on the APA delegation to China got attention! Merry Bullock, Senior Director of the Office of International Affairs, APA, has this to say after she read our discussions:

>As the APA staff person who is the liaison to Academics abroad and the APA International Learning partner program I read with interest the discussion on the planned APA trip to China. I am not sure at this point whether it will take place (little response) but would more than welcome your input into making sure that it is indeed an appropriate undertaking. As you may know, a group of chinese psychologists (including Buxin Han, Kan Zhang, Yufang Yang) visited at APA for several days last October, and we are in regular contact. There is much history in APA-Chinese relations at the organizational level, and individually we have been talking with each other for at least a decade with visits on both sides. All that said, there is no limit to our appreciation of insight from colleagues who have experiences in china in helping understand nuances and develop a visit that would exemplify the learning and exchange goals of the program.

Thank you all for a great year in IP!

Louise

 [Comment by Peter Ping Li](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 20]

Dear Louise:

Your draft year-end report is well-written.

The only comments I have are: (1) I do not why you single out "Northern Europe" rather than "Europe" as a whole, and (2) I think you can be explicit about the approach of IP: to be culture-specific first, and then move from there toward more culture-generic, but never culture-free. I do not believe that any social research can be culture-free. The best it can be is more culture-generic in the sense that its core abstract ideas are relatively culture-free, but the concrete applications of those ideas are meaningful only in the culture-specific context. I call this geocentric as a yin-yang balance between ethnocentrism and polycentrism.

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 [Comment by Dr Waseem Alladin](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 20]

Dear Louise

Many congratulations! Thank you very much for your hard work in producing the helpful report. Incidentally I agree with the important points that Peter makes!

Happy Holidays to all!

Akbar

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 [IP- New Member - Sayyed Mohsen Fatemi](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 28]

Dear All,

It is my pleasure to introduce Dr. Sayyed Mohsen Fatemi to the Task Force. Attached is his contact information and a brief bio.

Welcome!

Louise

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Bio

Dr. Sayyed Mohsen Fatemi (Ph.D., University of British Columbia, 2003) is a post doctoral and teaching fellow in the department of psychology at Harvard University and works in areas of social and cross cultural psychology. He holds doctorates in psychology and language education and is a frequently published author and poet with numerous conference presentations. He teaches in the department of psychology at Harvard University. Dr. Fatemi also teaches both graduate and undergraduate programs for the Department of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Fatemi's present areas of research focus on the psychological implications of mindfulness for negotiations, media, cultural understanding and communication, creativity and leadership, persuasive and influencing skills, clinical and counseling psychology.

He has taught courses on language and psychology of negotiations, psychology of mass media, health psychology, social psychology, social issues in education, research methods in education, philosophy of education, social foundations of education, existential psychology, psychology of propaganda, educational and counseling psychology, developmental psychology, political psychology, qualitative and quantitative methods of research, communication and language, hermeneutics, psychoanalysis, semiotics and culture, discourse and creativity, mindfulness and creativity, narrative inquiry, film analysis, critical thinking models and methods, application of learning theories in instruction, etc. for the University of British Columbia, Harvard University, Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, Athabasca University, Western Washington University, Upper Iowa University, New York Institute of Technology, University of Phoenix, Antioch University of Seattle, City University of Seattle, University of Tehran, Iran's University of Science and Technology and Meritus University. Dr. Fatemi has been the keynote speaker of a number of International Conferences including the World Council for Psychotherapy, the seventh International Conference on Management, the first International Conference on e-Learning, the first national congress on psychodynamics and the first international conference on psychology, religion and culture. Dr. Fatemi will also be the keynote speaker of the 5th International and 10th National Congress of Clinical Psychology in Spain in 2012.

He has also conducted a wide variety of seminars and workshops on negotiation skills,

mindfulness and its implications for interpersonal and intrapersonal relationships, intercultural skills, emotional intelligence, communication skills, presentation skills, creative thinking and creative writing, motivation and performance enhancement, language awareness and self-actualization, influencing skills, team building and effective leadership across North America and overseas. Dr. Fatemi implements mindfulness in his counseling and training programs. His new book “how we speak shapes how we learn, a linguistic and psychological theory of education” presents a new psychological theory on the relationship between mindfulness and creativity. His latest interview on mindfulness can be found at <http://www.thenewhumanism.org/> OR <http://www.thenewhumanism.org/authors/rick-heller/articles/mindful-learning>

 [Comment by Wael Mohamed](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 28]

Welcome on board Dr Fatemi

You are doing a really fascinating work
Keep the spirit

Wael

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 [Comment by J. I. Bakker](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 30]

Dear Dr. Sayyad Mohsen Fatema,

Welcome to the network for IP. If you are in the Cambridge-Boston area now it would be interesting to perhaps have a coffee at Au Bon Pain in Cambridge. My wife and I go to Cambridge from time to time. Your work sounds very sophisticated. My email is: hbakker@uoguelph.ca I just retired (Sept. 1, 2012) from the University of Guelph. I recently wrote a message about human rights and the Abrahamic religions, which you can find in previous messages. Louise Sundarajan was kind enough to post a recent chapter in an edited book where I argue that the Abrahamic religions are important for the study of the evolution of our contemporary notions of the human rights of individuals. The article in the New York Times today (Dec. 28, 2012) illustrates the mis-application of Sharia law. At least that is my opinion. But I must immediately say that I am not an expert on Islam. I would definitely like to learn more about all of the "world religions" and the indigenous religions. I hope to write a book which links theology with comparative sociology and psychology.

Sincerely,



Hans

J. I. Bakker

cc: the IP list (in case anyone might be interested in further discussions on this list or privately via email or facebook.) I am also on Sociologists without Borders.