

Editorial

This double issue of IJDS comprises three regular and one invited paper: Hellmer et al. (2021) investigate in their experimental study the reasons for individual differences in conformity in a sample of Swedish 3.5-year-olds. In addition, the authors are interested in finding out whether conformity was socialized by parents via their parental style and whether conformity is correlated with the behaviors of anonymous sharing or obedience. Gresham (2021) investigates the moderating role of coping in the relation between community violence exposure and externalizing problems (e.g. delinquent behavior, physical aggression, and substance use) in a two-wave longitudinal study with low-income, urban adolescents. Espinoza et al. (2021) investigate in their longitudinal study the reciprocal relation between discrimination, disrespect sensitivity, and aggression, and whether they vary by sex in predominantly African American adolescents. Lehmann et al. (2021) address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in their systematic review. They synthesize “available literature on psychosocial outcomes in schoolchildren (ages 6–13 years) who were exposed to family-related stressors during mandatory school closures.” (p. 85).

We very much hope that this issue reaches a wide readership. With this double issue, we also want to thank the expert reviewers for the issues of IJDS that have been published in 2021. Without their diligent efforts, we would not be able to implement a successful peer review process.

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