

Special Call for Papers

Emerging Trends in Systemic Family Therapy Around the World

We have witnessed important advances in systemic family therapy research over the past decade (Wittenborn & Holtrop, 2022), yet there is a continued need to better understand systemic interventions from a global perspective (Sim & Shamai, 2020). We seek high-quality manuscripts involving systemic approaches from diverse geological, socioeconomic, political, and cultural contexts. Priority will be given to empirical papers. Submissions for this special section are due **November 30, 2024**. Due to high interest, we anticipate having two special sections: (a) one specific to systemic family therapy in Asia; and (b) one representing other areas around the globe. If interested in contributing to this collection, please email the guest editors below based on the section that best fits your work.

Special Section: Emerging Trends of Systemic Family Therapy in Asia: What Works?

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Deadlines:

Abstracts due July 15, 2024
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Marital and family therapy (MFT) was introduced to Asia in the 1970s. Mavericks like Virginia Satir, Salvador Minuchin, and Michael White visited China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and more. Some of them continually helped their Asian counterparts, kept up long-time working relationships, and saw their models flourish in Asia. Using a Chinese adage to describe this: MFT bloomed like bamboo shoots after the spring showers since then.

Half a century on, what has become of MFT in Asia? In what ways is MFT contextualized or left in its ‘original’ form in Asia? What is the state of MFT therapy now? What specific fields is MFT applied to? Who are the MFT practitioners and what competency levels are they at? What are some of the key challenges of applying MFT in Asia currently? Underlying these questions: When using MFT, what works in Asia?

We are seeking submissions for manuscripts that showcase MFT interventions and practices that have worked in Asia and enable MFTs to effectively serve families. We are seeking to circulate promising practices and the evidence that supports them. Possible topics include:

- Application of MFT to various contexts in Asia
- Systemically-oriented services for specific or special populations
- Adaptation processes to contextualize MFT in Asia
- Innovative practices in MFT in Asia
- MFT competencies in Asia
- Training and clinical supervision of MFTs in adapting systemic family therapy
- Practical, legal, and ethical issues in applying SFT in Asia

We seek cutting-edge empirical manuscripts (quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods). Conceptual, theoretical, and case studies also may be considered, but priority will be given to submissions that include empirical data, novel programs or services, or innovative approaches. Submissions for this special section are due **November 30, 2024**.

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Special Section: Emerging Trends of Systemic Family Therapy Around the World: What Works?

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Systemic therapy approaches have continued to develop around the world in different ways over the last decades, based on the influence of different epistemologies, theoretical frameworks, and schools. During this time, both the ideas of family *and* therapy also have changed radically, giving space for the emergence of new ideas and forms of practice. The need to develop interventions and approaches more sensitive to the local or regional cultural and social features of the families and communities also has been highlighted, supporting the need for new, context-informed models and practices. Considering these changes, we ask: What are the trends of systemic family therapy in different parts of the world? What is the state of Couple and Family Therapy (CFT) in different parts of the world? In what ways is CFT contextualized, being responsive to local (social, economic, political, cultural, ethnic, etc.) demands? What are the specific fields to which CFT is applied in different parts of the world? What are the main

competencies required for systemic therapists in different parts of the world? How have training and supervision been conceived and developed in different contexts? What are some of the key challenges of applying systemic therapies around the world currently? How are mainstream systemic approaches being locally adapted, integrated, and implemented? Have the mainstream systemic approaches inspired local new contextual tendencies and models? Underlying these questions: What works in different parts of the world?

We are seeking submissions for manuscripts that showcase CFT interventions and practices that have been developed around the world and enable systemic practitioners to effectively help families. We aim to contribute to the knowledge base, circulate promising practices, and identify key principles, values, and outcomes that could inspire systemic therapists around the world.

Possible topics include:

- Application of CFT to various contexts around the world.
- Systemically-oriented practices (including postmodern, social constructionist, narrative, dialogic, collaborative, solution-focused, etc.) for specific or special populations.
- Adaptation processes to contextualize CFT in different parts of the world.
- Innovative research and practices in CFT in different parts of the world.
- Couple and family therapists' skills and competencies in different countries.
- Education, training, and clinical supervision of CFTs incorporating local context, values, and culture.
- Practical, legal, and ethical issues in applying CFT in different countries.

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