

ECPA CONFERENCE 2025

Building Community Strength in Uncertain Times

July 23-25, Lisbon (Portugal), ISPA-Instituto Universitário

Call for contributions (opened from 5th March to 20th April)

The **European Community Psychology Association (ECPA)** has been working since its inception to promote [the core values of Community Psychology within our professional community](#).

As **Community Psychologists**, we are called to play a critical role in these uncertain times, standing in solidarity with marginalised and oppressed communities. In response to the growing geographies of fear, hate, and despair, we believe that now, more than ever, we must nurture **community-led, bottom-up geographies of solidarity, love, hope, joy and collective care**.

To do this, it is vital to continue strengthening our **collective knowledge, practices, and perspectives** across the diverse contexts in which we work in order to pursue social justice. By weaving connections between our struggles and experiences, we can co-create alternative ways of fostering communal bonds and sustaining hope.

We face profound challenges: the rise of authoritarianism, the criminalisation of displaced people, and the relentless destruction of lives and ecosystems through racial capitalism, transphobic and queerphobic attacks, wars, and genocides. Yet, in the face of these crises, we also witness **powerful acts of humanity and resilience**—people opening their homes, sharing resources, resisting injustice, and envisioning new possibilities for a better future. These actions remind us that the world we strive to create is not just an idea—it is already being built, piece by piece, through collective care and action.

A Conference Rooted in Our Values

This conference is the result of a socially responsible and volunteer-led effort—an approach that reflects both our values and those of our professional community. By working collectively and autonomously, we ensure that participation remains accessible, free from prohibitive registration fees, and aligned with our shared commitment to solidarity and mutuality. Without professional agencies organising activities, we rely on one another's support, generosity, and mutual care to create a meaningful and welcoming experience for all.

Although no registration fees are required, participation is limited to members of our professional community. This allows us to maintain a community-based, sustainable approach—distinct from large, impersonal, and performance-driven conferences.

We actively welcome non-conventional contributions from diverse voices, including academic and non-academic contributors, communities of practice, students, activists, people with lived experience, and artists, to challenge the hierarchy of knowledge within the academic sphere. This event will be an opportunity to deepen exchanges, challenge dominant narratives, recognise our collective power, and co-create new possibilities.

Above all, we hope this conference fosters joyful encounters that help us grow together, reaffirm our commitments, and dream of other possible worlds.

We look forward to seeing you in Lisbon!

Themes

1. Migrant and Racial Justice: Resistance to Border Violence, Solidarity, and Advocacy
2. Climate, Land, and Environmental Justice: Strategies, Struggles, and Sustainability
3. Gender, Racial, Class and Health Inequalities: Structural Barriers and Transformative Practices
4. Spatial, Housing, and Place-Based Justice: Research, Activism, and Community Resilience
5. Educational and University Practices: Access, Institutional Change, Dismantling Knowledge Hierarchies
6. Community-Based Participatory Methodologies: Collaboration, Agency, and Knowledge Production
7. Digital and Technology-Based Communities: Innovation, Activism, and Inclusion
8. Arts-Based Projects and Practices: Creative Resistance, Expression, and Social Change
9. Indigenous People's Rights, Activism, and Solidarity: Decolonization, Advocacy, and Self-Determination

10. Queer and Trans, Nonbinary People and Communities: Resistance Strategies and Struggles
11. Intersectional Perspectives: Power Dynamics Analysis and Social Justice in Practice

Format of sessions

1. Work Groups
2. Human libraries
3. Workshops
4. Artistic-creative proposals
5. Round Tables
6. Poster sessions
7. Individual contributions

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