

*Call for Papers N. 1*  
for the issue **Rivista di Studi Familiari, XVI, 2, 2011**  
*«Disability and the Family»*

The demands of caring for a child with severe impairments affect the whole family, and the parents have to manage many and diverse challenges throughout the lifespan. Disability acquired in adult life affects both partners in their acquired or relinquished roles and this may result in loss of parenting for their children. The process of adjusting to any psychological or personality changes may be particularly challenging, especially if children have no one outside the family that can provide informed support. Illnesses or disabilities acquired in developmental age may have consequences on siblings, on parents' health and on the whole fabric of family life, often leading to family isolation. However, after a short period of bewilderment, the parents of children with disabilities actually "roll up their sleeves", make strong efforts and often succeed in cope with their problems in a surprisingly adequate way. Many health and social initiatives can assist family relationships when supportive proposals are well designed, personalized and suitably implemented. The purpose of this special issue of the Journal of Family Studies is to gather research studies conducted – or in progress – on "Disability and the Family" to evaluate what knowledge families who live with disability actually have and to provide the most effective ways to support them. Contributions featuring mainly empirical research (not exclusively based on theoretical considerations) using both qualitative and quantitative methods are especially welcome.

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**Submitting Instructions.**

Authors are invited to submit their abstract (max 5 pages in English or in Italian, double spaced, APA style, all inclusive) by **February 18, 2011**. The abstract must contain the following sections: (a) theoretical framework, (b) Objectives and research hypotheses, (c) Methodology (description of sample, analysis), (d) Results, (e) Discussion and

conclusions. The editors, along with other experts in the field, will make an initial evaluation based on the abstract and respond to the authors by **May 31, 2011**.

Authors, whose abstracts are accepted, will be then invited to send the complete paper, written following the given instructions, in English to the Editors by **July 15, 2011** for a final double blind peer evaluation. The next issue of the **Journal of Family Studies** (XVI, 2, 2011) will be published in **November 2011**.

### *Call for Papers N. 2*

for the issue **Rivista di Studi Familiari, XVII, 2, 2012**

#### *a Monograph on: Gender-based Violence and Family and Family Violence:*

#### *The State of the Art in Research and Intervention*

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Gender studies are gaining an ever greater interest in different disciplines: from the psychological disciplines to the sociological ones, from the humanities and the historical disciplines to the philosophical ones. Within this vast territory there is the issue of gender violence and even more specifically, adjacent to other fields of study, the intra-family violence against women. The research and intervention in this field have achieved goals more and more significant, which require periodic redefinition of the state of the art, so that those engaged in this field can access all the information needed to improve their work.

#### **Procedure:**

1. Authors are encouraged to produce an abstract of the article to be submitted in Italian or English (one of the two languages) via email to Ines Testoni (ines.testoni@unipd.it) (5 pages, double spaced, APA style, all

included) by November 30, 2011. If the paper presents the results of a research, the abstract should be organized as follows:

- a) Theoretical references
- b) Objectives and research hypotheses
- c) Methodology (research's description, participants, analysis)
- d) Results
- e) Conclusions and discussion

If the paper presents either a critical review with respect to specific models of intervention and their applications or meta-analyses of several studies carried out, the abstract should be organized as follows:

Theories of reference,  
Description of the model presented in reference to other models or of the meta-analysis's object,  
Review on applications and data arising from comparisons,  
Critical discussion about the results,  
Conclusions.

1. The two curators, along with other specially invited experts in the field, will make an assessment of abstracts, deciding which ones can be admitted for the next step. The answers to the authors on the abstracts will come **by December 31, 2011**.
2. The authors whose abstracts are accepted will be invited to send their paper **by March 31, 2012**.

#### *Characteristics of the first draft*

The article must have a maximum length of 6500 words, including references – essential and current scientific sources - and the space for tables and figures (only the essential ones), placed after the references (it should be considered that one page of the final draft includes about 480 words). It should not include footnotes, any notes (as little as possible) should be placed at the end of the article. The authors' names and particulars of the institution / organization affiliation should be indicated on page 1 (reporting also address and telephone / fax / e-mail of each author). On page 2 a summary should be prepared no more than 120 words long, written in Italian and English (the English version must include the translation of the title). It is also asked to indicate, in Italian and English, up to five key words identifying the contents.

The paper (written in size 11 Times New Roman and justified only on the left) should be sent in Word file via e-mail, attaching the self-declaration – either in word, registered at the Ethics Committee of the Institute or Association membership – of the observance of ethical standards. If it is not possible to refer to a Committee of Ethics, the author can send a self-declaration using the form available at: <http://dpss.psy.unipd.it/ita/centri/cirf.htm>

The article should be sent to: Ines Testoni: [ines.testoni@unipd.it](mailto:ines.testoni@unipd.it)

**NOTE:**

The journal adopts the rules of the American Psychological Association (APA). A file on the APA style can be found in:

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It is necessary to respect the following norms:

- a) Absolute correspondence between quotations in the text and final bibliography
- b) No footnotes
- c) Quotations in the text: (Surname, year) i.e.: (Rossi, 2010; Blomm & Kreev, 2008)
- d) Final References (only those cited in the text):

**ARTICLE OF JOURNAL:**

White, L., & Red, B. (2005). The end of the realism. *Journal of Psychology*, 2(3), 34-5.

**CHAPTER:**

Dark, U., & Light, A. (2007). The day after. In L. Moby, M. Dick (Eds.), *The black sea* (pp.23-4). New York: World Publishing.

**VOLUME:**

Blomm, K., & Kreev, L. (2008). *The black sky*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

## **2. Paper's review**

The contribution is subject to editorial decision, after the screening in an anonymous form of two independent referees. The authors are therefore requested to limit the information in the text that make it possible to identify them. The submission of the papers does not imply the publication, which takes place only on favorable opinion of the Editorial Committee. Not all the papers can be accepted for this monograph.

## **3. Final draft of the paper**

Upon acceptance of the contribution – the correspondence is always via email – the authors should prepare the final version in Word files as

indicated in:

<http://dpss.psy.unipd.it/ita/centri/cirf.htm>

The paper will be submitted to the Editorial Office together with a transfer of ownership to the Publishing House (instructions and statements are available in: <http://dpss.psy.unipd.it/ita/centri/cirf.htm>).