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The current issue of the Athens Journal of Social Sciences (AJSS) is the first issue of the sixth volume (2019). The reader will notice some changes compared with the previous issues, which I hope is an improvement. An effort has been made to include papers which fall within in one of the broad disciplines of social sciences.

This issue includes papers on psychology. In total, five papers are included. The first two focus on the issue of *Intimate Partner Violence* and the following three on *Mental Health*. The AJSS is truly an international journal; this is also reflected in this issue. The five papers use China, Egypt, Ghana, Finland and USA as their data generating process.

Gregory T. Papanikos, President  
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### Academic Members Responsible for the Conference

- **Dr. Thanos Patelis**, Head, Psychology Unit of ATINER & Research Scholar, Fordham University, USA.

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The Sociology Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) organizes its **13th Annual International Conference on Sociology, 6-9 May 2019, Athens, Greece** sponsored by the [Athens Journal of Social Sciences](#). The aim of the conference is to bring together academics and researchers from all areas of Sociology, Social Work and other related fields. Theoretical and empirical research papers will be considered. You may participate as stream leader, presenter of one paper, chair a session or observer. Please submit a proposal using the form available (<https://www.atiner.gr/2019/FORM-SOC.doc>).

#### Important Dates

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