Small Group Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology: "Resolving Societal Conflicts and Building Peace: Socio-Psychological Dynamics"

Final Program

Monday – September 7th
17:00 – Arrival IDC Herzliya
17:30 – Reception and Poster Session
19:00 – Dinner IDC Herzliya
21:00 – Transportation to Neve-Ilan Hotel
22:00 – Arrival to Hotel

Tuesday – September 8th
7:30 – Breakfast
8:30 – 10:15 -- Panel 1: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Daniel Bar-Tal).
  • Social-psychological predictors of public support for political violence- Nicole Tausch, Katharina Schmid, Russell Spears, Oliver Christ, Purnima Singh, Miles Hewstone, Ed Cairns, and Joanne Hughes
  • On the edge of an existential abyss: Terror management and ethnopolitical conflict - Gilad Hirschberger.
  • Terrorism and othereness. Empirical evidence for the role of personal involvement in the shift of lay thinking from rationality to irrationality - Andreea Ernst-Vintila
10:15 – Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:30 -- Panel 2: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Evanthia Lyons).
  • Costs and benefits of developing a global language of historical symbols - James H. Liu, Dario Paez, Katja Hanke, Chris G. Sibley, and Alberto Rosa

1 In bold – speakers who confirmed participation in the meeting
Perceptions of the narrative of the “other” among Arab and Jewish adolescents in Israel: Between peace talks and violent events – Results of a longitudinal research - Shifra Sagy

The narrative theory of intergroup conflict – Implications for peace-building - Phillip L. Hammack

12:30 – Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00-- Panel 3: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Dario Spini).

Shifting morals in the context of intergroup violence- Emanuele Castano and Bernhard Leidner

Planned interventions and piecemeal peacemaking - Karen Trew, Christopher Cohrs, and Evanthis Lyons.

Societal-psychological dynamics of peace-making process – A conceptual framework – Daniel Bar-Tal, Tamir Magal, Shir Tal, Nimrod Rosler

16:00 – Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00-- Panel 4: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Christopher Cohrs).

Both sides of the street: Prevention v. resolution of intergroup conflict - Stephen Worche and Dawna Coutant.

Resolving societal conflicts – individual versus group mechanisms - Janusz Reykowski.

18:00 – Coffee Break

18:15 – General Discussion – Chairs: Daniel Bar-Tal & Eran Halperin

19:00 – Dinner

20:00 – Meeting with representatives of both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict—Dr Walid Salem (Director of the Society of Democracy and Community Development) and Dr Gershon Baskin (Co-director of Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information- IPCRI)—Moderator Daniel Bar-Tal

Wednesday – September 9th

7:30 – Breakfast
8:30 – 10:15– Panel 5: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Evanthia Lyons).
  • Emotions and emotion regulation in intergroup conflict – The distinct role of anger and hatred – Eran Halperin
  • Intergroup hatred: A psychology of mobilization and demobilization - Stephen Reicher and Guy Elcheroth.
  • "A time for war and a time for peace; a time to kill and a time to heal": The study of three related social psychological themes in the context of the Jewish-Palestinian conflict - Yechiel Klar, Noa Schori Hadas Baram and Dennis Kahn
10:15 – Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00– Panel 6: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Eran Halperin).
  • Some socio-psychological precursors of inter-group reconciliation among young people in Belfast (Northern Ireland) and Vukovar (Croatia) - Ankica Kosic.
  • Reconciliation-aimed encounters in acute asymmetrical intergroup conflict – five conceptual models of change: goals, mechanisms and dilemmas – Ifat Maoz.
12:00-12:30 – General Discussion – Chairs: Daniel Bar-Tal & Eran Halperin
12:30 – Lunch Break
13:30 – Guided tour to Jerusalem and Dinner at East Jerusalem.
22:00 – Back at the hotel

Thursday – September 10th
7:30 – Breakfast
8:30 – 10:15– Panel 7: Presentations and Discussion (Chair - Christopher Cohrs).
  • Can international justice contribute to strengthening sustainable cultures of peace? The case of former Yugoslavia - Guy Elcheroth and Dario Spini
  • Intergroup reconciliation or social reconstruction: a scale for measuring social recovery after war - Dinka Corkalo Biruski and Dean Ajdukovic
  • The irony of harmony: Testing the effectiveness of intergroup contact for promoting peace - Tamar Saguy, Nicole Tausch, John F. Dovidio, and Felicia Pratto
10:15 – Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:30– Panel 8: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Evanthia Lyons).
  • Socio-psychological antecedents of acknowledgment of ingroup responsibility – Sabina Cehajic.
• Linking justice to peace making -- Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov
• Forgiving extreme acts of violence: The role of empathy, threat & context – Masi Noor, Samer Halabi, Sohela Nazneen and Sharon Coen

12:30 – Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 – Panel 9: Presentations and Discussion (Chair – Daniel Bar-Tal).
• “Worthy” and “unworthy” victims. Reconciliation process and media coverage of the conflict - Giovanna Leone, Tiziana Mastrovito, Francesca D’Errico
• The major challenges facing peace education: What does the research tell us? – Gabi Salomon.

15:30 - Coffee Break

16:00-18:00
• General Discussion Chairs: Daniel Bar-Tal & Eran Halperin

19:00 – Dinner

20:00 – Farewell Party