

Conference 2008

In 2008 the Kurt Lewin Institute Conference was organized on April 24 and 25 in conference centre Woudschoten in Zeist.

Conference chair

This conference was chaired by dr. Catrin Finkenauer from the VU University Amsterdam.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers of this conference were prof.dr. Kathleen Vohs (Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, USA), dr. Jack van Honk (Utrecht University) and prof.dr. Rutger Engels (Behavioural Science Institute, Radboud University Nijmegen).

Conference themes

The conference was organized around 4 topics that had been central in social and organizational psychology in the previous couple of years. Each theme was organized and chaired by two theme chairs.

1. "Power and Status in Social Interaction"
Chair: dr. Ilja van Beest (Leiden University) and dr. Barbara van Knippenberg (VU University Amsterdam)
2. "Trust and Respect"
Chair: prof.dr. Paul van Lange (VU University Amsterdam) and dr. Bertjan Doosje (University of Amsterdam)
3. "Body and Mind: Interfacing Affect, Cognition, Perception, Action, and Bodily States"
Chair: dr. Ruud Custers (Utrecht University) and prof.dr. Gün Semin (Utrecht University)
4. "The Vice and Virtue of Diversity"
Chair: prof.dr. Naomi Ellemers (Leiden University) and dr. Bernard Nijstad (University of Amsterdam)

In each conference theme, speakers from all tracks of the KLI presented their research. The goal of this overarching approach was to stimulate fruitful discussions and exchanges that bridge the different tracks and shed new light on the topics by combining and integrating perspectives from different levels of analysis (i.e., intrapersonal, interpersonal, group and organization, and intergroup).

Best Paper Award

The KLI Best Paper Award 2008 was awarded to Marijn Poortvliet, who presented his paper at the conference.