

Conference 2012

In 2012 the Kurt Lewin Institute Conference was organized on May 10 and 11 in conference centre Woudschoten in Zeist.

Conference chair

This conference was chaired by prof.dr. Gerben van Kleef from the University of Amsterdam.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers of this conference were prof.dr. Alex Haslam (University of Exeter), prof.dr. Reinout Wiers (University of Amsterdam) and prof.dr. Bernard Nijstad (University of Groningen).

Conference themes

The conference was organized around four 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" & "Leadership"
Chair: Lindred Greer (University of Amsterdam) & Joris Lammers (Tilburg University)
2. "The Self and Company" & "The Self and the Crowd"
Chair: Astrid Homan (University of Amsterdam) & Floor Rink (University of Groningen)
3. "Intergroup Conflict" & "Interventions and Collective Action"
Chair: Fieke Harinck (Leiden University) & Kai Jonas (University of Amsterdam)
4. "Motivation and Goal Pursuit" & "Self-Regulation and Health"
Chair: Nils Jostmann (University of Amsterdam) & Esther Papies (Utrecht University)

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).

Poster session

This year's conference featured an exciting new event: a poster session. This session was created to accommodate the desire of members who are not part of a thematic session to contribute actively to the conference program. Just like the conference themes the poster session covered the full breadth of social and organizational psychology, incorporating all levels of analysis.

Valorisation table

During the entire conference, the valorisation table called attention to an increasingly important part of our work: making knowledge available to a broader audience, and using this knowledge to address societal issues. On the table information brochures about valorisation could be found as well as examples of products of valorisation by members of the KLI (e.g., reports, popular books, documentaries, interventions etc.).

Best Paper Award

The KLI Best Paper Award 2012 was awarded to Francesca Righetti, who presented her paper at the conference.