

Conference 2014

In 2014 the Kurt Lewin Institute Conference was organized on May 22-23, 2014, in conference centre Woudschoten in Zeist.

Conference chair

This conference was chaired by dr. Belle Derks from Leiden University.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers of this conference were prof.dr. Thalia Wheatley (Dartmouth College), prof.dr. Erwin Bulte (Wageningen University and Tilburg University) and prof.dr. Linda Steg (University of Groningen).

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. "For the good of others: Prosociality and cooperation"
Chair: Erik de Kwaadsteniet (Leiden University) & Francesca Righetti (VU University)
2. "Emotion in the spotlight!"
Chair: Marret Noordewier (Leiden University) & Suzanne Oosterwijk (University of Amsterdam)
3. "From theory to practice: Studying and changing behavior in the real world"
Chair: Kai Epstude & Katherine Stroebe (University of Groningen)
4. "Thinking, feeling, and acting in a threatening environment"
Chair: Matthijs Baas (University of Amsterdam) & Erik Bijleveld (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

In a poster session 35 KLI members who were not part of a thematic session presented their research. 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 near the registration desk 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. There were information

brochures about valorisation and examples of products of valorisation by members of the KLI (e.g., reports, popular books, documentaries, interventions etc.). Leonie van Drooge from the Rathenau Institute was present on day 2 to answer questions and give advice about valorization.

Best Paper Award

The KLI Best Paper Award 2014 was awarded to Marieke Roskes, who presented her paper at the conference.