

Conference 2016

In 2016 the Kurt Lewin Institute Conference was organized on April 21-22, 2016, in conference centre Woudschoten in Zeist.



Conference chair

This conference was chaired by dr. Katherine Stroebe from the University of Groningen.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers of this conference were dr. Eran Halperin (IDC, Herzliya, Israel), prof.dr. Marc Lewis (Radboud University of Nijmegen), and prof.dr. Naomi Ellemers (Utrecht University).

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. “Bridging evolutionary and motivational approaches to culture and cognition”
Chair: Bastiaan Rutjens (University of Amsterdam) & Daniel Balliet (VU University Amsterdam)
2. “From negative to positive psychology”
Chair: Roy Sijbom (University of Amsterdam) & Esther van Leeuwen (Leiden University)
3. “Get inspired: A reflection on theories and methods”
Chair: Ron Dotsch (Utrecht University) & Susanne Scheibe (University of Groningen)
4. “Current trends in society”
Chair: Said Shafa (Leiden University) & Namkje Koudenburg (University of Groningen)

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 36 KLI member 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 conference, there was a valorisation session that 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. Members were asked to submit valorisation posters (as well as the theory oriented posters, see above). There were 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 was awarded to Anne Marthe van der Bles, who presented her paper at the conference.

