KLI Conference 2018

In 2018 the Kurt Lewin Institute Conference was organized on April 24-25, 2018, in conference center Woudschoten in Zeist.



Conference chair

This conference was chaired by dr. Lotte van Dillen from Leiden University.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers of this conference were Prof. dr. Bianca Beersma (VU University, Amsterdam), Prof. dr. Karin Roelofs (Radboud University), and Dr. Gregory M. Walton (Stanford 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) Diversity and Identity: Nina Hansen and Jojanneke van der Toorn.
- 2) Hierarchy and Cooperation: Hillie Aaldering and Niels van Doesum.
- 3) *Interpersonal communication, the power of connecting people*: Reine van der Wal and Gert-Jan Lelieveld.
- 4) Autonomy and Motivation: Michiel van Elk and Hans Marien.

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 29 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.

Impact session

During the conference, there was an impact session with presentations of Naomi Ellemers and Madelijn Strick, calling attention to an increasingly important part of our work: Making knowledge available to a broader audience, and using this knowledge to address societal issues.

Best Paper Award

The KLI Best Paper Award was awarded to Mariko Visserman, who presented her paper "It's the Motive That Counts: Perceived Sacrifice Motives and Gratitude in Romantic Relationships" at the conference.

