

Call for abstracts for the EASP Medium-sized Group Meeting:

*“Understanding the Winds of Change:
Psychological Processes that Change Individuals in Intergroup Conflict”*

Date: June 3-4, 2017 (Sat/Sun); arrival June 2, departure June 5

Location: Landgoed Ekenstein, Appingedam (near Groningen), The Netherlands.

Organizers: Prof. dr. Martijn van Zomeren (University of Groningen, the Netherlands) & Prof. dr. Eran Halperin (InterDisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel)

The social psychology of *intergroup conflict and social change* is an international, exciting and buzzing field. Many lines of novel and integrative theorizing and research in this field have led to the development of applications and interventions toward reducing and resolving intergroup conflict and thus to achieving social change.

However, little is still known about *how individuals change amidst intergroup conflict*. Understanding these processes of psychological change over time is absolutely pivotal because it enables a better prediction and explanation of when intergroup conflict will change for better or worse. The four psychological processes that we deem to be particularly important in this respect are moralization and attitude change (e.g., changing one’s moral stance or intergroup attitudes), empowerment (e.g., changing one’s implicit theories or efficacy beliefs), identity (trans)formation (e.g., forming a more political identity), and emotion regulation (e.g., changing how one copes with the conflict).

This medium-sized conference (max. 50 participants) seeks to put this focus on psychological change onto the scientific agenda by bringing together world-class international senior researchers, junior researchers, postdocs and PhD students interested in psychological change processes. Our goals are to (1) offer a state-of-the-art program of *presentations* and *posters* about what we currently know about psychological change in intergroup conflict, (2) enable a fruitful and stimulating exchange of new ideas and constructive feedback, and (3) facilitate a new research agenda for understanding psychological change in intergroup conflict.

We particularly encourage PhD students and postdocs to apply. Similarly, we encourage scholars from disadvantaged regions of Europe to apply.

Applicants should submit a 250-word abstract to windsofchange2017@gmail.com before 5pm GMT on **Friday, February 10th, 2017**. Please include your name, affiliation, contact information, EASP membership status, and whether you prefer a presentation or poster.