

EASP Medium Group Meeting: Challenging the Narrative of Intractable Conflict*

Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th June 2017, Belfast, Northern Ireland

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Apply by 17th March 2017

Intractable conflict is defined by Bar-Tal (2007) to play a central role in the lives of individuals and the organisation of society. The concept provides a framework for our understanding of the way in which violence does not necessarily stop after a period of conflict has come to an official end. Societies are increasingly faced with issues that foster a climate of crisis and conflict. In this context, social and political psychologists have both a role and a responsibility to better understand and to develop effective programmes to constructively address these issues in their societies. The conference is timely in that it will enable these pressing questions to be addressed by leading and emerging social and political psychological researchers.

This conference will be hosted by the Centre for Identity and Intergroup Relations (CIIR), Queen's University Belfast, in collaboration with the School of Psychology, George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, and the Northern Ireland British Psychological Society (NIBPS). We are a group of interdisciplinary researchers who live and work in a post-conflict society where the need for greater understanding is part of our lived reality. We hope that together with colleagues from around the world this conference will offer a space for academics to discuss how current theorising and research in the psychology of legitimacy, stigma, and socio-political participation can increase our understanding of these challenges.

We would also like to encourage academics and practitioners to engage in a dialogue about how the existing research knowledge on these issues can (or cannot) be used in practical work in and with communities. Individual presentations, symposia and roundtable discussions will discuss the specific topics of conflict, collective identity, legitimacy and participation as well as on the broader question of the applicability of social and political psychological research to practice.

PhD students are highly encouraged to apply to present their work as well as take advantage of optional workshops associated with the conference. We also welcome applications from across the globe, especially from EASP members.

There are three ways to participate in the conference: participant, panellist (present a paper in a joint session), or poster (reserved for postgraduate students and early career academics within 5 years of graduation). Abstracts should be no more than 200 words. For paper and/or poster presentations, please discuss the content of the work and how it aligns with the conference theme. For participant-only applicants, please describe how your interests support the conference theme and what your goals for attending are.

To apply for this conference, priority will be given to applications submitted by **17th March 2017**. Click on the link to apply: <http://tinyurl.com/jefal62>

Conference fees cost £50/€58 per person (£20/€23 for EASP members). Registration will cover conference fees and most meals. Accommodation options will be available at three price tiers.