

EASP Meeting “Boundaries, Norms, and Conflicts: Understanding Intergroup Relations and Rising Intolerance Across Europe and Beyond”

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Deadline for applications: March 31, 2018

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Website of the meeting: <http://www.kvsbk.sav.sk/podujatia/>

Objectives of the meeting:

Increasing intergroup violence, the emergence of new targets of prejudice all over Europe highlight the importance of the normative context of intergroup relations. Social norms shape intergroup attitudes and the expression of hostility far beyond differences that individual psychological processes can account for. Individuals choose extreme actions based on the changing concepts of normativity in public discourse. The current rise of right-wing populism is connected to the spread of exclusionary definitions of the ingroup, and the terrorism-threat narrative builds on the claim that Europe and European values are under threat. Social psychology needs to address the particular problems of boundaries that affect the treatment of for example Roma people and Muslims across Europe, and the particular problems faced by Eastern Europe, the Balkan countries, Turkey, and Greece.

In this meeting, we aim to bring together researchers who are interested in the connection between societal norms and both positive and negative intergroup behavior. We would like to demonstrate that intergroup behavior is dependent on the normative appropriateness of positive or negative intergroup relations between particular groups, and the definition of group boundaries. Therefore, we would like to invite researchers who focus on issues of intergroup relations in a wide range of social contexts, as well as researchers who study the connection between social norms and intergroup relations more generally.

Instructions for applicants:

For faculty members registration fee is expected to be 150 euros, and for PhD students 60 euros. This will cover the cost of accommodation, food, and other conference-related expenses. Requests for partial or full fee waivers will be considered.

To apply for this meeting, please send the title and abstract (max. 200 words) of your presentation to boundaries.Bratlava2018@gmail.com, and also indicate your affiliation and contact details, preferred presentation type (regular talk, blitz talk, or poster), ISPP/EASP membership (yes/no), and status (PhD student/faculty). The deadline for applications is March 31, 2018.