

“Group Based Power: Solidarity vs. Collective Action”

EASP medium sized meeting, June 28th – July 1st, 2018, Oppurg (Germany)

The aim of the EASP medium sized meeting is to bring together researchers who are interested in different approaches to prevent and overcome intergroup conflicts. Research has shown that intergroup contact can promote the resolution of intergroup conflicts by reducing prejudice and social discrimination, and improving relations between formerly hostile groups. However, structural disadvantages and benevolent discrimination may remain uncontested. Consequently, intergroup harmony may be a velvet glove on the iron fist of inequalities and subtle oppression. Alternatively, collective action can establish equal and just relations within and between societies, and create genuine solidarity. However, collective action that promotes social change can also backfire by threatening the majority and, thus, foster intergroup conflicts.

Seemingly, prejudice reduction and the establishment of harmonious relations between groups, and collective action and attempts for social change have their specific problems. As an alternative or integrative attempt of both positions, one may focus on group-based power or “power through people” (Turner, 2005). This means to recruit an increasing number of people who are joining under the umbrella of a common identity to change societies for the better. Here, the strengths of “good” or “rational arguments” would shape common identity and form opinion based groups.

We are happy to announce our keynote speakers: Mark Levine, Jim Sidanius, and Stephen Wright.

The format of this medium-size meeting is single-session, with a strong focus on intensive discussion of unresolved underlying issues reflected in the schedule. We invite junior researchers and senior researchers to submit a 1500 characters summary of their proposed presentation by February 28th, 2018, via the following [link](#). A participation fee of around 100€ for PhD Students, and 200€ for Post-Doc participants, including accommodation and full board will be charged. David Urschler (david.urschler@uni-jena.de) and Thomas Kessler (thomas.kessler@uni-jena.de) are happy to answer any inquiries related to the workshop.