

3RD SUMMER SCHOOL ON ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

25TH – 29TH MAY 2020, ISLE OF VILM (BALTIC SEA)

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY FOR NATURE CONSERVATION ISLE OF VILM

Environmental psychology investigates human behaviour that affects environment and nature, but also how nature and the environment affect human behaviour and experience. For example, it deals with the perception of environmental concerns, the psychological consequences of pollution, and conditions of pro-environmental action. In recent decades, environmental psychology evolved as a field of applied psychological research. Pro-environmental behaviour is empirically studied both within explicit environmental psychological research approaches as well as within other sub-disciplines of psychological science, such as social and personality psychology. In the context of social and environmental policy-making, research findings from environmental psychology become increasingly relevant and acknowledged.

The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, in close collaboration with researchers from the University of Koblenz-Landau, organizes the 3rd Summer School on environmental psychology to offer space **for presenting and discussing current and future environmental psychological research**. The Summer School focuses on results, theory and methods of empirical psychological research on topics regarding environmental and nature protection, as well as on their practical relevance (e.g., in designing interventions or communication strategies for nature and environmental protection).

From 25th to 29th May 2020, PhD students and other early-career researchers (e.g., advanced MSc students) working in the field of environmental psychology research as well as international experts of basic and applied research are invited to Vilm Island. For five days, recent findings in environmental psychology will be discussed and participants will get the opportunity to receive **feedback on their own research** by invited experts and the participants. The Summer School takes place at the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the small picturesque Baltic Isle of Vilm (<https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy.html>).

10 graduate students and young scientists will be given the opportunity to present and discuss their own empirical research. **Speakers will be selected based on quality and thematic fit of the submitted abstracts (maximum 200 words; please provide information about theory, research question, methods, results and implications).**

Research proposals should be based on already collected and analysed empirical data but should leave room for discussion on further studies. **For these 10 speakers, accommodation and full board will be covered.** Conference language is English.

We invite interested people to submit their **abstract until February 28, 2020.**

Feedback will be given by the 15th of March 2020 at the latest.

Please send the abstract to: vilmsummerschool@posteo.de



In addition, **three internationally renowned researchers** will participate as keynote speakers and teachers. They will join the discussions and offer workshops on their own fields of research. (Workshop titles and themes will be announced as soon as possible.)

We are pleased to welcome:

AGNES VAN DEN BERG (University of Groningen)

SEBASTIAN BAMBERG (University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld)

WENCKE GWOZDZ (University of Giessen)

Altogether, there is room for about **40 participants** including 10 places that are reserved for the young scientists who present their work. All other places will be allocated to both young scholars who did not get the chance to present their work as well as interested persons (e.g., PhD supervisors or senior researchers). All participants should have a background knowledge covering fields of empirical social research and/or environmental psychology. **Registration is open from 15th of March until 15th of April** or earlier if places are filled.

The cost of the entire conference stay includes four nights accommodation (private and shared rooms are available) and full board (organic quality and / or regional quality including breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee-break and afternoon snack)

- are 297 euros for accommodation in a double room and
- 357 euros in a single room.

A certificate of credit points can be issued.

Detailed information about the Summer School as also the registration is available on our **website** : <https://vilmworkshop.jimdo.com/>

We are looking forward to you,

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Reese & Anne Röpcke

