



**\*\*\*ABSTRACT SUBMISSION\*\*\***

**\*\*\* DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 27, 2019 PLUS UPDATES\*\*\***

### **2019 SASP-SPSSI Group Meeting**

**Advances in Intergroup Contact Research: Showcasing, Consolidating, Deconstructing and Innovating the Science of Social Integration**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April-Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019**

**Newcastle, NSW Australia**

Dear colleagues,

We are extending the deadline for **abstract submissions** for Poster presentations, Blitz presentations, Standard length presentations, and Long presentations (only one abstract per presenting author) to **ZSunday January 27, 2019**. Instructions for abstract submissions, including Abstract Submission Form, and meeting updates can be found [here](#).

NB. researchers who submitted an abstract by the original deadline will still be notified about acceptance before Christmas as planned. Researchers who submit an abstract by the extended deadline will be notified about acceptance by mid February.

Now we are also able to share [here](#) details of the **main SASP conference** to be held in Sydney a few days before this specialised group meeting on intergroup contact. Abstract submissions for the SASP conference are also open and due by Sunday January 27, 2019; see instructions [here](#).

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This is an **exciting time for research on intergroup contact**. With a strong delegation of international and Australasian delegates of varied seniority and background, this specialized gathering will showcase and advance the best research on the antecedents, dynamics, and consequences of intergroup contact across a multiplicity of research laboratories, research paradigms and methods, intergroup settings, and societies.

Through its intimate **single session** format, the 2019 SPSSI-SASP gathering will include the delivery of conference papers (blitz / longer length / posters) by **junior and senior researchers** and roundtable discussions (small / plenary). This SASP-SPSSI group meeting on intergroup contact aspires to offer an exciting platform to consolidate our understanding and interpretation of key findings, to discuss emerging research trends and methodologies and forge the research and the researchers of the future.

We aim to publish an **edited book** or **special journal issue** on the conference themes and we anticipate a breadth of **emerging research themes** to be represented at this international gathering on topics like the following:

- contact seeking and readiness
- intergroup intimacy and the dynamics of close intergroup relations
- minority and majority asymmetries
- negative contact and valence asymmetries
- generalization effects, from individual to group, across groups and situations
- indirect forms of contact, like extended contact, e-contact, media contact, imagined contact etc.
- processes of contact across the lifespan and contact-based interventions in institutional settings
- emotions and motivations in contact
- collective action and supportive contact
- contact, diversity settings, and the interplay of individual and regional/contextual contact effects
- new research technologies, including SNA, ESM, hormonal and psychophysiology
- new analytical approaches, like temporal analyses, multilevel analyses, etc.

This exciting gathering will run **in Newcastle, NSW** (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April/Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019), as a post-conference meeting to the annual conference of the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (Sydney, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019) with keynote by Prof Kerry Kawakami.

Newcastle is a beautiful and welcoming coastal town, an easy 2hr drive/train ride North of Sydney. With its stunning beaches, fine collection of heritage buildings, and entry to the Hunter valley's beautiful vineyards, it is a loved spot for surfers, couples, and families. It has accomodation options for all budgets and it will not disappoint the international and national delegates who decide to join us and possibly attend both meetings.

Participation **fees** will be kept to a minimum and partially offset by sponsors' funding. We aim to offer part-travel support for students and junior academics on a needs basis. A separate call for observers will be made closer to the time. Please let your research collaborators and research students know!

**The extended deadline for abstract submission is now January 27, 2019.**

**To submit an abstract, please read Submission Instructions and complete an Abstract Submission Form [here](#) and email it back to: [2019SPSSISASPintergroupcontact@gmail.com](mailto:2019SPSSISASPintergroupcontact@gmail.com) with subject line 'SPSSI/SASP Abstract by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Link to group meeting webpage for more information and regular updates:

SASP:

<https://sasp.org.au/2018/09/sasp-spssi-group-meeting-on-intergroup-contact-to-be-held-in-newcastle-australia-29-april-1-may-2019/>

SPSSI:

<https://www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=1889&nodeID=1>

Email the organizers for enquires at: [Stefania.Paolini@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Stefania.Paolini@newcastle.edu.au) using the subject line '2019 SPSSI/SASP meeting enquiry'

**All the best and hope to see many of you in Newcastle, Australia soon!**

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