

“The evolution, emergence, development, and maintenance of stereotypes”

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Medium sized meeting, June 27th – June 30st, 2019, Eyba/Saalfeld (Germany)

This meeting aims to bring together researchers interested in the (social) phenomenon of stereotypes. People treat groups and their members according to their stereotypes, use stereotypes to justify their behavior, and acquire stereotypes to become accepted by others. Stereotypes may facilitate social interactions, but also instigate social distance and conflict. A comprehensive understanding of the stereotypes that people have about their own and other groups means to identify their biases, potentials, and risks.

The formation of stereotypes may be contingent on the information distribution in our environment. However, certain sets of information are used to categorize some groups but not others. There is also support indicating that stereotypes contrast categories, or differentiate one's ingroup from particular outgroups. Are stereotypes thus accurate, or do they distort our perception of the social world? How are social groups seen and how do they want to be seen? Would considering this help to solve social conflicts? In the meeting, we would like to discuss current approaches to stereotypes, including principles that guide the evolution of stereotypes, formation and maintenance of stereotypes through general perceptual mechanisms, the (strategic) use of stereotypes about ingroups and outgroups, and their consequences for intra- and intergroup relations.

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 as well as senior researchers to submit a 200 characters summary of their proposed presentation by February 28th, 2019, to Stefanie Hechler (stefanie.hechler@uni-jena.de). A participation fee will be charged. In the preceding years this fee was around 100€ for PhD Students, and 200€ for Post-Doc participants, including accommodation and full board. Stefanie Hechler (stefanie.hechler@uni-jena.de), Deliah Bolesta (deliah.sarah.bolesta@uni-jena.de) and Thomas Kessler (thomas.kessler@uni-jena.de) are happy to answer any inquiries related to the workshop.