



The Lifecycle of Intergroup Conflict

Max Weber Programme Multidisciplinary Workshop

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Subnational intergroup conflict has become ever more salient in Europe and the world over the last decades: from ethnic, religious, gender, class, ideological, generational differences to territorial disputes and anti-immigrant sentiment—there are various groups along the lines of which distributional conflict has formed. In this workshop, we aim at taking a broader, multidisciplinary perspective on the entire lifecycle of in-out-group relations: How does a group become an out-group? How does conflict between groups develop, manifest itself and abate in different contexts? What increases and reduces prejudice toward other groups? In two mornings, nine presentations and a moderated closing discussion, we shed light on these and more questions, hear about Tunisia, Italy, Turkey, the U.S., Germany, and Switzerland, discuss consequences of out-group status for labor market integration, political attitudes and behavior, and learn about ethnic, racial and immigrant/native conflict.

Location: Zoom.us (links to join zoom meeting will be disseminated)

Format: 15 min presentations followed by 5 min discussion and 10 min Q&A

Output: Workshop report highlighting key findings and contributions of the interdisciplinary exchange: What can we learn from stepping out of our silos and taking a broader perspective on intergroup conflict? What are the next steps forward?

Programme

Thursday, April 16

Time	Content
09.30 – 09.40	<i>Welcome & Introduction</i> Presenter: Annabelle Wittels (EUI)
09.40 – 10.10	<i>Are Latinos becoming White? The role of whiteness and white identity in shaping Latino political and policy preferences in the 21st Century (with A. Filindra)</i> Presenter: Melanie Kolbe (IHEID) Discussant: Michele Castiglioni (Bocconi University)
10.10 – 10.40	<i>Democratization as an escalator of conflict among the urban working classes? Evidence from the 1850s-U.S. South</i> Presenter: Viola Müller (EUI) Discussant: Joe Kendall (EUI)
10.40 – 10.50	<i>Short Break</i>
10.50 – 11.10	<i>Virtual Coffee Break</i> Zoom Breakout Rooms
11.10 – 11.20	<i>Short Break</i>
11.20 – 11.50	<i>If “you don’t enter the media business to get rich”, can politicians take over news media and sway voters’ immigration preferences?</i> Presenter: Judith Spirig (EUI) Discussant: Katharina Lawall (LSE)
11.50 – 12.20	<i>Contact or receptiveness? Assessing the difference in effect between receptiveness to refugee hosting and its effects on support for parties with an anti-immigration agenda (with F. Colombo)</i> Presenter: Annabelle Wittels (EUI) Discussant: Kasia Nalewajko (EUI)
12.20 – 12.50	<i>Experimental evidence on the spatial variation in ethnic discrimination occurrence (with D. Auer, J. Lacroix & D. Ruedin)</i> Presenter: Eva Zschirnt (EUI) Discussants: Stefan Schütz & Alessandra Stampi-Bombelli (ETHZ)

Friday, April 17

Time	Content
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Framing the “enemy”: counter-terrorism and radicalization in post-authoritarian Tunisia</i> Presenter: Ester Sigillò (EUI) Discussant: Inés Bolaños (EUI)
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Violence and voting behavior: evidence from the case of Turkey-PKK conflict</i> Presenter: Tolga Sinmazdemir (SOAS) Discussant: Sergi Martínez (EUI)
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Recognition of collective victimhood and outgroup prejudice (with V. Fouka & A. Schläpfer)</i> Presenter: Elias Dinas (EUI) Discussant: Jonne Kamphorst (EUI)
11.00 – 11.10	<i>Short Break</i>
11.10 – 11.30	<i>Virtual Coffee Break</i> Zoom Breakout Rooms
11.30 – 11.40	<i>Short Break</i>
11.40 – 12.20	<i>Increasing migrant inclusion: Family history, empathy, and immigration in the United States (with S. Williamson, A. Lo, M. Platas, L. Prather & S. Werfel)</i> Presenter: Claire Adida (UCSD) Discussant: Mar Cañizares (EUI)
12.20 – 12.50	<i>Closing Discussion</i> Moderator: Judith Spirig (EUI)