CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS 22nd Jena Workshop on Intergroup Processes, June 30th – July 2nd, 2022

Title: National identity: its nature, causes, and consequences
Location: Castle Eyba, Eyba/Saalfeld, Germany

Nationalism is a Janus-faced issue. On the one hand, nationalism creates prejudice, hatred, and violent conflicts among nations, but on the other hand, it also boosts national solidarity and cooperation. This might explain why nationalism, national identification and belonging continue to attract intense research attention from various disciplines including political science, sociology and history. In psychology, however, there is relatively less research on the nature, causes, and consequences of national identification. What is special and unique about national identification? What does national identification share with many if not all other group identities? What are the social psychological underpinnings of identifying with one's nation and what factors strengthen and weaken our national identities? How does our subjective feeling of attachment and identification with our nations influence group cohesion and conflict management? In this workshop, we will discuss theoretical approaches and ongoing empirical work on what makes national group identities (e.g., language, culture, essentialized categorization, glorification, narcissism, national ideological polarization, etc.) unique. We will also examine the determinants of national identification (e.g., economic competition, values threats etc.) and its consequences (e.g., societal solidarity, national cohesion) within and between groups (e.g., prejudice, preference for national to international policies). Finally, we will also focus on attempts to compare different identities to better understand the unique features that link national identity and nationalism.

We are happy to announce that Prof. Dr. Gina Gustavsson (University of Uppsala, Sweden) and Prof. Dr. Nick Hopkins (University of Dundee, UK) are our keynote speakers.

The aim of the 22nd Jena Workshop is to bring together researchers who are interested in the determinants and consequences of national identity. This in-person workshop aims to stimulate further theorizing and empirical research on nationalism, patriotism, societal solidarity and cohesion, determinants and consequences of national identity and attachment such as intergroup prejudice, ethnocentrism, and intergroup conflict.

Following the tradition of the Jena Workshops on Intergroup Processes, the format of this medium-size meeting is single-session with a strong focus on intensive discussions of unresolved questions on national identity and related issues. We wish to emphasize that "work-in-progress" is greatly valued and preferred to summaries of already published data. Early career and senior researchers are encouraged to submit presentation proposals as the central purpose of this conference is to bring together junior and senior researchers. Note that the participant limit for the meeting is about 25. Two participants per paper are welcome (e.g., a PhD student and their supervisor). The meeting will take place from June 30th – July 2nd, 2022 at Schloss Eyba (Germany), a picturesque historical castle at Saalfeld close to Jena and Weimar.

Researchers interested in participation are invited to submit a max. 300 abstract for their proposed presentation by April 15th, 2022, to Clemens Lindner. 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. Clemens Lindner (Clemens.Lindner@uni-jena.de) and Thomas Kessler (Thomas.Kessler@uni-jena.de) are happy to answer any inquiries related to the workshop. Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, we will adhere to the recommended precautions to ensure the safety of all participants. To participate in the meeting, all participants will be required to show a proof of vaccination or recovery from a COVID-19 infection and a proof of a negative rapid antigen test or a

PCR test (2G+ rule).