
NEWSLETTER 2

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Welcome to our second newsletter! Since the first newsletter on January 2024 there have been lots of developments, achievements, and initiatives from the Behaviour in Crisis Lab. We are again excited to share valuable updates, showcase upcoming events, and present insightful articles tailored just for you.

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New Post-Doc Researchers:

Dr. Zafer Özkan has joined the Institute of Psychology at Jagiellonian University as a postdoc at the Crisis in Behavior lab. He completed his MSc and PhD in Social Psychology at the University of Kent, UK. He has worked as an assistant professor at Ordu University in Türkiye, focusing his research on intergroup contact, predictors of solidarity among host group members, as well as mental health and remigration intentions among refugees. Zafer plans to conduct studies on intergroup contact between Poles and Ukrainians, as well as Ukrainians' contact with Poles, and explore the potential social psychological outcomes of these interactions.

Visiting MSc and PhD students:

Giovanni Telesca is a third-year PhD student in Learning and Innovation in Social Contexts and Organizations at the University of Siena (Italy). He earned a master's degree in the Psychology of Groups, Communities, and Organizations at the University "G. d'Anunzio" of Chieti-Pescara (Italy). He worked as a Blue Book trainee at the European Commission. He is a member of the Group Processes and Morality Lab of the University of Chieti-Pescara and a member of the editorial team of In-Mind Italia, an online journal committed to disseminating psychology. He is also the creator and host of "The Social Mind," a podcast (in Italian) that aims to disseminate social psychology to the general public. His research interests are mainly related to group processes and intergroup relations, social identity, social influence, morality, prosocial and pro-environmental behavior, and activism.

Laura Prislei is a PhD student at Sapienza University of Rome, working on radicalization among youth.

Francisca Simão is a visiting student from the University of Lisbon, with a master's in clinical and health psychology. My interests focus on the intersection between social and environmental issues on mental health and well-being, particularly in adolescence and young adulthood. I'm dedicated to exploring how factors like climate change link with decision-making and individual well-being.

Attilio Di Crescenzo is a final year MSc student on economics and behavioral sciences at the University of Chieti - Pescara. His MSc thesis focuses on the area of organizational psychology and is titled "Inclusive culture, organizational identification, and well-being". He is a member of the Group Processes and Morality Lab led by Prof. Stefano Pagliaro, at the University of Chieti-Pescara and an Erasmus MSc visiting student at the Behaviour in Crisis Lab of the Institute of Psychology at Jagiellonian University.



PUBLICATIONS

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- **Kossowska, M., Szumowska, E, Szwed, P., & Czernatowicz-Kukuczka, A.** (2024). Unraveling Uncertainty: Exploring Cognitive Closure, Information Processing, and the Multifaceted Nature of Certainty Motivation in the Tapestry of Beliefs and Ideologies. *Psychology Hub* [in press]





- Ewa Szumowska is leading the international consortium that submitted the proposal titled “Protest politics and cultures of opposition in democracy” in the call: HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-01 HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-01. The other Lab members, who join the project: **Erica Molinario, Piotr Dragon.**
- Erica Molinario is leading the international consortium that submitted the proposal titled “ACT-ProDEMO- "Increase ACTIVE civic and political engagement to PROMote DEMOcracy: A multi-factor approach integrating Psychological, Social, and Structural factors" in the call: [HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-04] — [The interrelation between social, cultural and political identities, as well as the sense of belonging, and democracies]. The other Lab members, who join the project: **Ewa Szumowska, Katarzyna Jaśko.**
- Theofilos Gkinopoulos is leading the international consortium that submitted the proposal titled “PEACE: Promoting Virtual Exchanges and Academic Civic Engagement to Prevent Vulnerability to Misinformation and Foster Political Participation of Youth” in the call: ERASMUS-EDU-2024-VIRT-EXCH [Virtual Exchanges in Higher Education and Youth]. The other Lab members, who join the project: **Malgorzata Kossowska, Malgorzata Michel, Zafer Ozkan.**
- **Theofilos Gkinopoulos** submitted the proposal titled: “Comparative analysis of the role of structural factors in climate conspiracy beliefs” in the call: Miniatura 8, National Science Center.



- On January 26, 2024, the conference "Policy of preparedness for humanitarian crises: the perspective of social assistance" was held, organized by the Municipal Social Welfare Center in Krakow, co-organized by the Behavior in Crisis Lab, the Institute of Sociology of the Jagiellonian University and the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University. Speeches were given by BiC Lab members - **prof. Hubert Kaszyński** and **prof. Katarzyna Ornacka** (talk "Interdisciplinary research on security policy. The perspective of Krakow and the international research group Healthy SOAR"). The discussion panel "The security architecture of social assistance after COVID-19 and mass migration from Ukraine" was attended by, among others, prof. Małgorzata Kossowska, who spoke about the need for communication between academia and the social environment and about the factors that determined the assistance provided to refugees from Ukraine
- On February 22, 2024, **Małgorzata Kossowska** gave a talk at the Institute of Psychology, Polish Academia of Sciences titled "Belief change and ideology: No evidence for ideological asymmetry".
- On March 26, 2024 **Theofilos Gkinopoulos** gave a presentation at the virtual panel discussion, organized by the American Democracy Project of Pennsylvania Western University about global identification and connection-building across societal divides, titled "Beliefs in conspiracy theories and societal divides: Current evidence and directions forward".
- On March 27, 2024 Prof. **Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska** gave a presentation at the Refugee Crisis thematic group, titled: "The acculturation of Ukrainian women refugees in Poland, focusing on their strengths and vulnerabilities".
- On May 8, 2024 **Bernadetta Izydorczyk** will present in a panel titled "Society and Mental Health" at the XVI European Economic Conference 2024 at the International Congress Center in Katowice. Bernadetta Izydorczyk will talk about weakening mental conditions of young Poles during the polycrisis (COVID-19, war in Ukraine, economic and climate crisis).
- On April 11, 2024, BiC-L members met colleagues from **Rada Klimatyczna UJ** and participated in the presentation of the results of the climate strategy consultation at UJ.
- On August 4, 2024 **Eric Molinaro** will give a talk titled "*Political psychology in action: Individual motivations and normative social influence in psychological extremism* [La psicologia politica in azione: Motivazioni individuali e influenza sociale normative nell'estremismo psicologico], at Università di Pisa"
- **Monika Gołąb** will present an abstract titled "The role of psychological needs in the formation of social media microidentities: COVID-dissidents' example" at the Small Group Meeting on Social Identity at the University of Kent (with: **Gabriele Di Cicco, Małgorzata Kossowska, Piotr Dragon, Theofilos Gkinopoulos, Davide Melita**).

NEW INITIATIVES

On June 28, 2024 the Behavior in Crisis Lab is going to organize the first annual opening event titled "Bridging Resilience: Empowering Youth, Refugees, and Social Workers in Times of Crisis" . In this event, there will be two keynote talks, two panel symposia with academics and external stakeholders, as well as round table discussions on research topics that BiC Lab members engage in. More information about this event will be posted on the BiC-Lab website: <https://becrilab.id.uj.edu.pl/>.



THANK YOU! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

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