

Short report of the 24th Annual Conference of the German Peace Psychology Association

The 24th Annual Conference of the German Peace Psychology Association took place on June 17-18, 2011 in Marburg (Germany). The topic of the conference was "Social injustice and conflict". Understanding and changing the underlying mechanisms of social injustice and their relationship to social conflicts are core issues in Peace Psychology. Terrorism, warfare, normative and non-normative collective action, as well as other forms of intergroup conflict urge researchers to consider social injustice as a highly important factor. The aim of the conference was to bring together scholars from all fields relevant to Peace Psychology to discuss their current research on the antecedents, perceptions, and outcomes of social injustice for the various forms of contemporary conflicts.

Keynote Speaker was Prof. Dr. Fathali Moghaddam (Director of the Conflict Resolution Program at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA). In an impressive presentation, he talked on the topic „Rethinking terrorism, security, and dictatorship: a psychological perspective in global context“. A second highlight was the presentation of Dr. Friederike Feuchte, who was granted the Gert Sommer Award of Peace Psychology 2011 for her dissertation with the title "Can We Make a Difference Tomorrow? - A Systematic Evaluation of a Peace Education Programme Implemented with Liberian Refugees". Moreover, there were 22 submitted presentations in seven panels around the topic of the conference and additional peace psychological aspects. The titles of the panels were:

- Israel, the Holocaust and German print-media
- Peace and Conflict from an Individual Perspective
- Attitudes and Behaviour towards Religious Outgroups
- Conflict, Contact and Policy Making
- Identity and Ideology
- Multiculturalism and Diversity

The conference closed with the General Meeting of the German Peace Psychology Association, where the old executive board with Prof. Dr. Klaus Boehnke as chairman was reelected.