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Dear reader,

Please enjoy the January VC newsletter. In this newsletter you will find the announcement of the 4th STEP summer school. This is a great opportunity for PhD students to collaborate with international senior scholars, practitioners and stake holders on “real-life” sustainability issues in which people’s behaviour forms a major challenge. To further stimulate collaborations in our field we would like to put colleagues in the spotlight in this newsletter who do not work in one of the more well-known or large research groups in our field. Isabella Uhl from the University of Salzburg introduces herself in this newsletter.

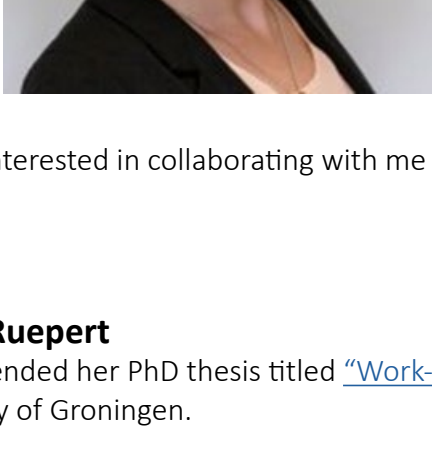
All the best,  
Ellen

### NEWS

#### Meet Isabella Uhl

Hello, my name is Isabella Uhl and I work at the department of social psychology at the University of Salzburg. My research focuses on the potential negative side-effects of climate change communication. Environmental campaigns often try to promote pro-environmental behavior by presenting threatening information. However, threatening information may also have unintended consequences. People often cope with threat in symbolic ways that do not target the problem at hand. We found that climate change information often triggers symbolic defense strategies such as defensive ingroup and derogative outgroup behaviors and as a consequence hinders the adoption of a pro-environmental lifestyle. This is especially the case for those individuals suppressing the climate change-related fear.

My main motivation is to bridge environmental psychological research with practice by helping practitioners to optimize their work fighting for a better future based on scientific results. For that reason, I also work at the environmental management of the university. In this position I design interventions to raise the awareness about environmental problems among students and employees which ideally result into actions. I also collaborate with companies, NGOs and the government and support them to resolve problems from a scientific psychological perspective.



I would be happy to hear from colleagues who are interested in collaborating with me on any of these topics!

#### PhD Defence Angela Ruepert

On November 24th Angela Ruepert successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “[Working on the environment](#)” in the Aula of the University of Groningen.

### UPCOMING

#### Registration

**Registration: 1st International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science**  
The launch of Energy for Society: 1st international conference on Energy Research & Social Science has been announced. The event, which takes place 2-5 April 2017 in Melia Sitges (near Barcelona), Spain, will cover a range of topics revolving around the intersection of energy technologies, fuels, and resources; and social processes and influences - including communities of energy users, people affected by energy production, social institutions, customs, traditions, behaviours, and policies. For more information visit the website <http://www.ersconference.com/>

**Registration: 20th Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress**  
The 20th AMS World Marketing Congress “Marketing Transformation- Marketing Practice in an Ever Changing World” will be hosted by the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand on June 27-July 1, 2017. Of special interesting may be track 7: Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Sustainability (co-chairs Michael Luchs and Marcus Phipps) For more information click [here](#)

**Registration: International Conference on Environmental Psychology**  
You are invited to participate in the International Conference of Environmental Psychology (ICEP): “Theories of change and social innovation in transitions towards sustainability” held on August 30-September 1 2017 in A Coruña (Spain). This international symposium is being organized by the IAAP (International Association of Applied Psychology), Division of Environmental Psychology, to promote the science and practice of applied psychology and to facilitate scientific exchange and communication on Environmental Psychology topics. For more information visit the website <http://www.icep2017.org/> Deadline for early bird registration: April 30, 2017

#### Calls

**Call for applications: Summer School on Theories in Environmental Psychology (STEP 2017)**  
University College Dublin (UCD) is honoured to organise the fourth STEP summer school from 3- 7th July 2017. The summer school will provide PhD students the opportunity to collaborate with international senior scholars, practitioners and stake holders in a unique setting on “real-life” sustainability issues in which people’s behaviour forms a major challenge. In workshops, led by experts in the field, PhD students will work on theory, methodology and research designs in environmental psychology to address real-life sustainability issues. For information click [here](#) or email [step2017@ucd.ie](mailto:step2017@ucd.ie) Deadline: March 3, 2017

**Call for abstracts: Joint European Conference**  
The Joint European Conference held by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the European Network of Heads of Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA) in co-operation with the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) / German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) will be held at Bonn (Germany) from 27 till 29 June 2017. This joint European conference in Bonn will bring together experts from science, policy and practice to highlight and discuss the importance of biodiversity’s contribution to human health in the face of climate change. Call for abstracts is now open For more information click [here](#) Deadline: February 6, 2017

**Call for abstracts: EASP “Winds of Change” conference**  
You are invited to apply and submit an abstract for the EASP “winds of Change” conference. This medium-sized conference (max. 50 participants) on intergroup conflict is organized by Prof. dr. Martijn van Zomeren (University of Groningen, the Netherlands) and Prof. dr. Eran Halperin (InterDisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel) on June 3-4 2017 in Appingedam, the Netherlands. This conference seeks to put intergroup conflict and psychological change onto the scientific agenda by bringing together world-class international senior researchers, junior researchers, postdocs and PhD students interested in psychological change processes. For more information click [here](#) Deadline: February 10, 2017

**Call for abstracts: XIV Conference on Environmental Psychology (PSICAMB)**  
You are invited to participate in the XIV Conference on Environmental Psychology hosted by the Environmental Psychology Association-PSICAMB. The conference will take place on June 21-24 2017 in Évora, Portugal. For more information click [here](#) Deadline: February 19, 2017

**Call for papers: Conference at the Congressi Stefano Franscini (CSF)**  
The CSF 2017- Human dimensions of Environmental Risks will be organized by ETH Zurich from May 21 till 26. The conference will offer a platform for the exchange of ideas for experts developing, testing and applying theories of environmental behaviour, the perception and management of environmental risks, and the effects of institutional regulations to mitigate environmental problems in diverse social sciences. Invited participants are from a variety of countries and have different disciplinary backgrounds. For more information click [here](#) Deadline: January 31, 2017

**Call for papers: Energy-Open**  
You are invited to submit papers for the international workshop Energy-Open organized at the University of Twente (the Netherlands) on May 18-19. The workshop aims to bring together researchers working on new concepts and solutions supporting the energy transition. For more information click [here](#) Deadline: March 1, 2017

**Internship for MSc students at UNFCCC**  
The UNFCCC is seeking masters students for its internship program. The interns typically last 2 months (but can be extended). There are openings for interns able to work in English, French, or Spanish. If you have any eligible students, this could be an interesting opportunity. For more information click [here](#)

**Summer Internship Program for BSc/MSc students**  
The Center for Social and Cultural Psychology (CSCP) at the University of Leuven in Belgium is accepting applications from undergraduates interested in social psychological research for our summer internship program. The CSCP summer internship is open to students who are interested in gaining familiarity with and executing social psychological research. They have two sessions available (Session 1: May 29- July 7; Session 2: July 31- September 8, 2017). For more information you can e-mail [karine.dens@kuleuven.be](mailto:karine.dens@kuleuven.be) Deadline: March 17, 2017

**Lecturer in Human Geography**  
A lectureship (Grade 7/Grade 8) at School of Geographical and Earth Sciences (GES), University of Glasgow. If you are interested you can find the vacancy [here](#) with reference number 015675 Closing date: February 12, 2017

#### Events

2017		
2- 5 April	1 <sup>st</sup> International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science	Melia Sitges, Spain
24- 25 April	Symposium on Environmental Justice in the Anthropocene	Colorado State University, Fort Collins, USA
17- 19 May	3 <sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Landscape and Human Health	Vienna, Austria
18- 19 May	Energy-Open	Enschede, Netherlands
21- 26 May	International Conference at the Congressi Stefano Franscini (CSF)	Ascona, Switzerland
3- 4 June	EASP “Winds of Change” conference	Appingedam, Netherlands
19- 21 June	Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) Europe Annual Meeting	Lisbon, Portugal
21- 24 June	XIV Conference on Environmental Psychology- PSICAMB	Évora, Portugal
27- 29 June	BfN/ENCA European Conference on Biodiversity and Health in the face of Climate Change	Bonn, Germany
27 June- 1 July	20 <sup>th</sup> Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress	Christchurch, New Zealand
3- 7 July	4 <sup>th</sup> Summer School on Theories in Environmental Psychology (STEP 2017)	Dublin, Ireland
30 August- 1 September	International Conference of Environmental Psychology 2017	A Coruña, Spain
13- 17 September	International Association for Research in Economic Psychology 2017 Conference (IAREP)	Rishon LeZion, Israel
19- 21 September	International Cycling Conference 2017 (ICC)	Mannheim, Germany

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