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## **34<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Peace Psychology Forum**

Heraklion (Crete), Greece May 16-17, 2024, as part of the IAKE Congress

on the topic

### **Conflict, flight, and migration**

#### **Keynotes**

**Prof. Dr. Louis Henri Seukwa (HAW Hamburg)**

**Prof. Dr. Andreas Zick (Universität Bielefeld)**

**Vassia Danaskou, MSc (Médecins Sans Frontières)**

With Russia's attack on Ukraine in February 2022, war is once again raging in Europe. This event not only marked a turning point in terms of peace within Europe, but also forced a large number of Ukrainian citizens to flee their home country. At the same time, precarious conditions in refugee camps and on the sea routes to Europe have persisted for years at Europe's borders – especially on the island of Lesbos. Regarding the various current refugee and migration movements, the global political and economic circumstances are often ignored. The causes of migration and flight tend to be observed at an individual level or attributed to upheavals in the societies of origin. Such short-sighted explanations often go with stigmatization and narratives that are spread by the media in potential host countries, for example. Reflecting on the actual causes of conflicts and (refugee) migration as well as the scope of such circumstances offers the potential to examine the appropriateness of individual attitudes and positioning on the one hand, and to question widespread stigmas and narratives on the other hand.

The following questions serve as points of reference for reflecting on the conditions under which conflict and migration dynamics arise and the associated problems and obstacles faced by those affected in the countries of origin as well as in the host countries, which can be addressed using theoretical and empirical approaches at both a micro and macro level:

- What is the conceptual relationship between the terms "conflict", "flight" and "migration" in specialist academic and public-media discourses? How has their meaning developed or changed over the course of history?

- Which factors (on an individual, social and systemic level) need to be taken into account regarding adequate handling and/or assistance during/after conflicts?
- Which counseling-therapeutic or pedagogical-didactic concepts can contribute to support in the context of migration or flight experiences?
- What causes (refugee) migration and what obstacles do those affected face in the host country?
- Which (ideological) concepts of society/community promote the emergence and maintenance of restrictive border regimes?
- Which methodological approaches of peace psychology can prove fruitful in the area of "flight and migration" and in dealing with conflicts?
- Which interdisciplinary links between psychology, educational science, sociology and cultural studies promise to provide new insights for peace research in this context?

### *Types of contributions and submission deadline*

Presentation (25 minutes incl. discussion) Submissions with title, authors and abstract (max. 200 words)

Symposium (3-4 thematically related presentations, 90 minutes in total) Submission with title, organizers and a summary describing the symposium (max. 200 words) as well as titles, authors and summaries (max. 200 words) of the individual contributions.

Posters Submissions with title, authors and abstract (max. 200 words)

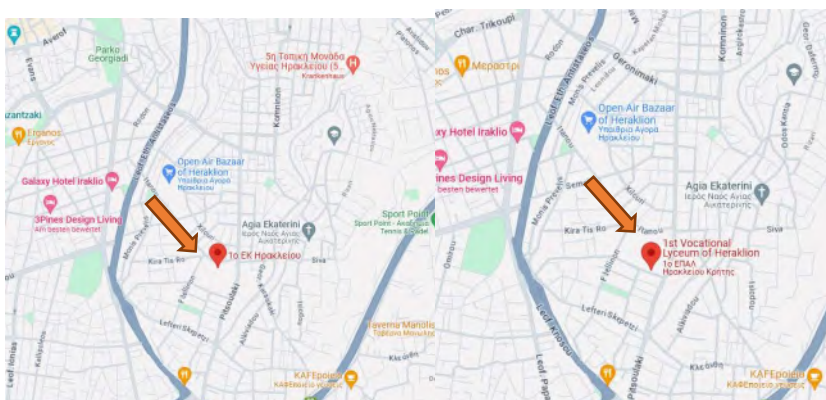
Papers can be submitted in German and English. Please send them until **February 20, 2024** by e-mail to [friedenspsychologie@plus.ac.at](mailto:friedenspsychologie@plus.ac.at)

### *Publication of the conference papers*

In order to make the presentations accessible in the long term, the contributions will be published in an issue of the Journal of Political Psychology.

### *Information on the conference venue*

The conference will take place at the [1st School Laboratory Centre of Heraklion](#) (Fig. 1) and [1st Vocational High School](#) (Fig. 2) on the island of Crete, Greece.



**We are looking forward to welcoming you to Crete in 2024!**

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[Homepage](#) of the Peace Psychology Forum – [Social Media](#) of the Peace Psychology Forum

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