

4th Summer School on Environmental Psychology (30th May – 03rd June 2023) at the Baltic Sea at the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm

Environmental psychology investigates human behaviour that affects environment and nature, but also how nature and the environment affect human behaviour and experience. For example, it deals with the perception of environmental concerns, the psychological consequences of pollution, and both structural as well as psychological conditions of pro-environmental action. Pro-environmental behaviour is empirically studied both within explicit environmental psychological research approaches as well as within other sub-disciplines of psychological science, such as social and personality psychology. In the context of social and environmental policy-making, research findings from environmental psychology become increasingly relevant and acknowledged.

The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, in close collaboration with researchers from the University of Kaiserslautern-Landau, organizes the "4th Summer School on Environmental Psychology" to offer space for presenting and discussing current and future environmental psychological research. The Summer School focuses on results, theory and methods of empirical psychological research on topics regarding environmental and nature protection, policy making, as well as on their practical relevance (e.g., in designing interventions or communication strategies for nature and environmental protection). On our homepage, interested readers can find information on our previous Summer Schools (<https://vilmworkshop.jimdofree.com/>)

From 30th May to 3rd June 2023, PhD students and other early-career researchers (e.g., advanced MSc students) working in the field of environmental psychology research as well as international experts of basic and applied research are invited to Vilm Island. Over these days, recent findings in environmental psychology will be discussed and participants will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their own research by invited experts and the participants. The Summer School takes place at the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the small picturesque Baltic Isle of Vilm (<https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy.html>).

12 graduate students and young scientists will be given the opportunity to present and discuss their own empirical research. **Speakers will be selected based on quality and thematic fit of the submitted abstracts (maximum 200 words; please provide information about theory, research question, methods, results and implications).**

Research proposals should be based on already collected and analysed empirical data but should leave room for discussion on further studies. **For these 12 speakers, accommodation and full board will be covered.** Conference language is English.

We invite interested people to submit their abstract until 28th February , 2023. Feedback will be given by 15th March 2023 at the latest.

Please send the abstract to:

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In addition, **three internationally renowned researchers** (including one "Young Keynote") will participate as keynote speakers and teachers. They will join the discussions and offer workshops on their own fields of research (Workshop titles and themes will be announced as soon as possible).

We are pleased to welcome:

HELEN LANDMANN (FernUniversität Hagen/Universität Bremen, Germany)

KIM-PONG TAM (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong)

LORRAINE WHITMARSH (University of Bath, UK)

Altogether, there is room for about 40 participants including 12 places that are reserved for the young scientists who present their work. All other places will be allocated to both young scholars who did not get the chance to present their work as well as interested persons (e.g., PhD supervisors or senior researchers). All participants should have a background knowledge covering fields of empirical social research and/or environmental psychology. Registration is open from 15th March until 15th April or earlier if places are filled.

The cost of the entire conference stay includes four nights accommodation (private and shared rooms are available) and full board (organic quality and / or regional quality including breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee-break and afternoon snack).

- 333€ for accommodation in a double room and

- 393€ in a single room.

Please note, however, that prices may change slightly due to crises.

A certificate of credit points can be issued.

Detailed information about the Summer School and how to register will be available on our constantly updated website:

<https://vilmworkshop.jimdofree.com/>

We are looking forward to welcoming you on Vilm.

Jonathan Kuhlmann, Asja Bernd, Andreas Mues & Gerhard Reese (aka the organizers)