

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Eighth SELF Biennial International Conference

*SELF – Driving Positive Psychology and Well-being*

20–24 August 2015 · Kiel, Germany

[www.self2015.uni-kiel.de](http://www.self2015.uni-kiel.de)

Submission closes: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Registration closes: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

The local organizers and the executive board of the Global **SELF** Research Centre (IPPE, Australian Catholic University) are happy to announce the Eighth **SELF** Biennial International Conference. Hosted by the Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education and the Department of Psychology at Kiel University in 2015, the **SELF** conferences serve as a platform for presenting and discussing the latest self and identity research. This unique forum aims to bring together leading international self researchers, emerging researchers, promising postgraduate students, and practitioners and to provide them with opportunities to network, collaborate, and celebrate their field.

We request papers pertaining to a broad array of self-related and identity constructs and processes (e.g., self-concept, self-efficacy, self-esteem, identity, motivation, self-attributions, self-regulated learning, academic interest, and meta-cognition), including theories underlying these constructs, their measurement, their relation to other constructs, their enhancement, and their application in research and practice in diverse settings (e.g., education). A particular focus of the eighth **SELF** conference is on the importance of the self for an individual's well-being, as well as in the field of positive psychology more generally.

The conference will feature keynote lectures, symposia, individual paper sessions, and poster sessions. We are excited to welcome the following keynote speakers to Kiel:



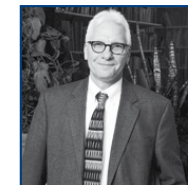
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## The Global SELF Research Centre

**SELF** The international Global **SELF** Research Centre under the direction of Herbert W. Marsh is headquartered at the IPPE, Australian Catholic University. It is a virtual network which currently has 700 members and satellite research centers at leading universities around the world. Its members include many of the world's leading self and identity researchers. The biennial **SELF** conferences provide a unique forum to present and discuss cutting-edge research on self theory, measurement, research, and practice.



**IPPE** Institute for Positive Psychology and Education  
Australian Catholic University

The Institute for Positive Psychology and Education (**IPPE**) seeks to lead scientific research that empowers individuals and groups to thrive. Our mission is to: conduct world-class multi-disciplinary research in positive psychology and education that makes a real difference in addressing critical educational and psychosocial issues of our time; undertake cutting-edge research to positively influence the lives of individuals, families, communities, and organizations, translating theory and research into effective policy and practice; and drive excellence in positive psychology through rigorous research that fosters the common good. **IPPE**'s integrated team of 55 is directed by Professor Rhonda Craven and world-class researchers, including Professors Herb Marsh, Richard Ryan, Bob Vallerand, Ralf Schwarzer, Felicia Huppert, Todd Kashdan, Lazar Stankov, Joseph Ciarrochi, Alexander Yeung, Alexandre Morin and Janet Mooney. **IPPE**'s research themes include: Indigenous Culture, Education, and Well-Being; Mindfulness, Compassion, and Action; Physical Activity, Sport, and Health Psychology; Positive Education; Positive Organizational and Social Context; Positive Psychological and Social Development; Positive Self and Well-Being; Substantive-Methodological Synergy.

## Hosting Organizations



The Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education (**IPN**) was founded in 1966 as a research center for science education; it is a member of the Leibniz Association. Our mission is the development and promotion of science and mathematics education through research.

The **IPN** staff consists of experts in science and mathematics education, education researchers, and psychologists. They collaboratively address fundamental research questions concerning the teaching and learning of science and mathematics.

The **IPN** comprises five departments: Educational Research (including Educational Assessment and Measurement), Biology Education, Chemistry Education, Mathematics Education, and Physics Education. The projects of the Department for Educational Research focus on empirical research on teaching and learning in the natural sciences and mathematics. Our researchers investigate the preconditions, processes, and outcomes of mathematics and science education. The **IPN** is affiliated with Kiel University; the department heads at the **IPN** hold professorships at Kiel University.



Kiel University  
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

Together with the **IPN**, the research unit of Educational Psychology at the Department of Psychology at **Kiel University** will host the conference. This research unit deals with research projects on self-concept, teacher professionalism, and second language learning.

Kiel University is the largest academic institution of the German federal state Schleswig-Holstein. About 2,000 scientists conduct research in one



of our eight faculties and teach more than 24,000 students. Kiel University offers 185 degree programs in approximately 80 different areas ranging from Agricultural Science to Zoology. The clearly structured scientific profile attracts students from all over Germany and the world.



Kiel is a university of interconnecting and interactive academic cultures. We consistently apply interdisciplinary approaches to address major, cross-cutting social topics such as climate change, health, and human development. This has resulted in a dramatic increase in third-party funding while also leading to numerous publications in relevant areas of research.

The university tries to establish a family-friendly work policy in order to attract qualified employees. In 2015, Kiel University will be celebrating its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Conference Venue



The **SELF** 2015 conference will be held on the campus of Kiel University; all rooms will be within walking distance of each other. Kiel is the capital of the northernmost German federal state of Schleswig-Holstein and, with a population of approximately 250,000 inhabitants, is also its largest city.

Many places can be easily reached on foot and Kiel has a good public transport system.

Kiel is situated on the south-western shore of the Baltic Sea and is approximately 90 km north of Hamburg. It is well-known for a variety of international sailing events including the annual Kiel Week which is the biggest sailing event in the world. A lot of com-



mercial and cruise traffic passes through the Kiel Canal, the world's busiest artificial waterway connecting the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. In addition to Kiel University, Kiel is home to a University of Applied Sciences and thus has a large student population.



## Contributions

The open submission period begins on November 2, 2014; the deadline for submitting proposals is February 15, 2015. All submitters need to log in to an online submission system during the open submission period to make a submission or to review and make changes to a submission. All submitters will be notified via e-mail in early April, 2015, about whether their submissions have been accepted for presentation at the conference. Following acceptance of their contribution, all presenting authors need to register for the **SELF** conference by June 30, 2015. The registration fee is EUR 200 for registered doctoral students and EUR 300 for all others. The fee for an accompanying person is EUR 80.

The official language of the conference is English. Accordingly, proposals must be written and accepted submissions must be presented in English.



Submissions will be reviewed without author identification (i.e., blind review). To promote broad participation in the **SELF** conference, an individual may not appear as first author on more than two submissions. Conference proceedings (invited contributions) will be published by an international publisher.

**SELF** biennial international conferences accept submissions of empirical research as well as submissions of theoretical papers. It is important that all submissions of empirical research provide information about the theoretical background, research aim, method, and results.

## **Symposia**

Symposia will provide a coherent set of four papers on a particular topic. A discussant will add to the understanding of the papers. All papers submitted for a symposium (each no more than 200 words in length) need to be submitted as a set, together with a session summary of no more than 200 words outlining the purpose and importance of the symposium, the name of the symposium, the name of the discussant, and the order of the presentations.

## **Individual Submission**

Papers submitted as an individual presentation should be no more than 200 words in length. The organizing committee will group accepted individual submissions into paper or poster sessions.

## **SELF PhD Award**

Since 2009, the **SELF** PhD Award has been presented at the biennial international conference. This award recognizes outstanding contributions made by doctoral students whose thesis focus lies within the different research traditions that drive self and identity research. For the 2015 conference, all applicants must have been awarded their doctoral degrees between September 2013 and April 2015; applicants must also be registered for the conference. Nominations will close on May 31, 2015. Please refer to the conference website for further details on the procedure for making nominations.

We would appreciate your assistance in widely distributing this open call for submissions to your networks and we look forward to seeing you at the conference. Please visit the conference website <http://www.self2015.uni-kiel.de> for further information.

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