

Is There a Social Psychology of Historic Grievances and Intergroup Conflict in the Age of 'Radicalisation'?

Ernst-Vintila, Andreea ¹

Klar, Yechiel ²

¹ Paris-Ouest- Nanterre-la-Défense University, France

² Tel Aviv University, Israel

TO CITE

Ernst-Vintila, A., & Klar, Y. (2023). Is There a Social Psychology of Historic Grievances and Intergroup Conflict in the Age of "Radicalisation"? *Proceedings of the Paris Institute for Advanced Study*, 19. https://paris.pias.science/article/MOSCO_2016_12_is-there-a-social-psychology-of-historic-grievances

PUBLICATION DATE

17/11/2016

ABSTRACT

Tribute to Serge Moscovici. Paris IAS, 17-18 November 2016 - Session 4

How does social psychology contribute to the understanding of intergroup conflict in the age of 'radicalisation'? How does it address current intergroup interactions in the context of historical grievances? A social psychological examination of such questions addresses at least three aspects: Why should history matter to the social psychology of intergroup relations? Is there a historically contextualized social psychology of intergroup conflict and its termination? How does social psychology address dynamic intergroup relations? Finally, we ask: What are the implications for our explanatory frameworks of the interplay between social representations of history, collective memories, social identities, and present-day intergroup relations?



[Is There a Social Psychology of Historic Grievances and Intergroup Conflict in the Age of Radicalisation](#)
 Abrams, D., & Hogg, M. A. (2006). Social identifications: A social psychology of intergroup relations and group processes. Routledge.

Atran, S. (2004). Individual Factors in Suicide Terrorism -"Fictive Kin" in Suicide Terrorism. *Science*, 304(5667), 48-51.

Atran, S. (2010). Talking to the enemy: Faith, brotherhood, and the (un) making of terrorists. Harper Collins.

Bar-Tal, D. (2007). Sociopsychological foundations of intractable conflicts. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 50(11), 1430-1453.

Benslama, F. (2016). Un furieux désir de sacrifice. Le surmusulman. Paris: Seuil.

Billig, M. (2002). Henri Tajfel's 'Cognitive aspects of prejudice' and the psychology of bigotry. *British journal of social psychology*, 41(2), 171-188.

Blackwood, L., Hopkins, N., & Reicher, S. (2013). I know who I am, but who do they think I am? Muslim perspectives on encounters with airport authorities. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 36(6), 1090-1108.

Ernst-Vintila, A., & Klar, Y. (2023). Is There a Social Psychology of Historic Grievances and Intergroup Conflict in the Age of "Radicalisation"? *Proceedings of the Paris Institute for Advanced Study*, 19. https://paris.pias.science/article/MOSCO_2016_12_is-there-a-social-psychology-of-historic-grievances
 2016/17 - hommage-serge-moscovici - Article No.16. Freely available at https://paris.pias.science/article/MOSCO_2016_12_is-there-a-social-psychology-of-historic-grievances - 2826-2832/© 2023 Ernst-Vintila A. and Klar Y.

This is an open access article published under the [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International Public License \(CC BY-NC 4.0\)](#)

Bouchat, P., Licata, L., Rosoux, V., Allesch, C., Ammerer, H., Bilewicz, M. Bovina, B., Bruckmüller, S., Cabecinhas, R., Chryssochoou, X., Cohrs, C., Csertő, I. Delouvee, S., Durante, F., Ernst-Vintila, A., Flassbeck, C., Hilton, D., Kesteloot, C. Kislioglu, R., Krenn, A., Macovei, I., Mari, S., Petrović, N., Polya, T., Sà, A., Sakki, I., Turjacanin, V., van Ypersele, L., Volpato, C., & Klein, O. (forthcoming, 2016). A century of victimhood: Antecedents and current impacts of victimization associated to World War I across Europe. *European Journal of Social Psychology*

Branscombe, N. R., Warner, R. H., Klar, Y., & Fernández, S. (2015). Historical group victimization entails moral obligations for descendants. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 59, 118-129.

Brewster Smith, M. (1976). Social Psychology, Science, and History: So What? *Pers Soc Psychol Bull* 1, 1976 2, 438-444.

Bronner, G. (2009). *La Pensée extrême: comment des hommes ordinaires deviennent des fanatiques*. Paris : Denoël.

Chryssochoou, X. (2016, in press). Les représentations sociales et l'identité : un mariage obligatoire longtemps attendu.

Constantine, M. G., Gainor, K. A., Ahluwalia, M. K., and Berkel, L. A. (2003). Independent and interdependent self-construals, individualism, collectivism, and harmony control. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 29, 87-101.

Cook, B. I., Anchukaitis, K. J., Touchan, R., Meko, D. M., & Cook, E. R. (2016). Spatiotemporal drought variability in the Mediterranean over the last 900 years. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*.

Doise, W. (1982). *L'explication en psychologie sociale/Levels of explanation in social psychology*. Paris: Editions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme.

Doise, W., & Valentim, J. P. (2015). Levels of analysis in social psychology. In J. D. Wright (Ed.). *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd Edition, Vol 13, Oxford: Elsevier, 899-903.

Doosje, B., Loseman, A., & Bos, K. (2013). Determinants of radicalisation of Islamic youth in the Netherlands: Personal uncertainty, perceived injustice, and perceived group threat. *Journal of Social Issues*, 69(3), 586-604.

Durkheim, E. (1895). *Les Règles de la méthode sociologique*. Paris: Alcan.

Durkheim, E. (1912). *Les formes élémentaires de la vie religieuse: le système totémique en Australie*. Paris: Alcan.

Elcheroth, G., Doise, W., & Reicher, S. (2011). On the knowledge of politics and the politics of knowledge: How a social representations approach helps us rethink the subject of political psychology. *Political Psychology*, 32(5), 729-758.

Ernst-Vintila, A., Delouvée, S., & Roland-Lévy, C. (2010). Under threat. Lay thinking about terrorism and the three-dimensional model of personal involvement: a social psychological analysis. *Journal of Risk Research*, 14(3), 297-324.

Ernst-Vintila, A., Pachtchenko-de Préville, E., & Rouquette, M.-L., (2011). Une étude de cas à propos de la responsabilité civique en système démocratique vs totalitaire. *Psihologia socială*, (27), 7-22.

Ernst-Vintila, A., Smbatyan, M., Havarneanu, G., & Juarez-Romero, J. (2014). “Le fil de soie de la légalité”: une illustration du lien entre l'organisation normative du pouvoir et une catégorie fondamentale de la sociabilité. Représentations sociales de l'injustice en système totalitaire et post-totalitaire. *Les Cahiers Internationaux de Psychologie Sociale*, (3), 517-547.

Fischhoff, B. (1975). Hindsight is not equal to foresight: The effect of outcome knowledge on judgment under uncertainty. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human perception and performance*, 1(3), 288.

Honneth, A. (1992). Integrity and disrespect: Principles of a conception of morality based on the theory of recognition. *Political Theory*, 20(2), 187-201.

Esposito, J. L. (1999). *The Oxford History of Islam*. Oxford University Press.

Fisher, S. N., & Ochsenswald, W. (1997). *The Middle East: A History* (Vol. 2). McGraw-Hill Humanities, Social Sciences & World Languages.

Ernst-Vintila, A., & Klar, Y. (2023). Is There a Social Psychology of Historic Grievances and Intergroup Conflict in the Age of “Radicalisation”? *Proceedings of the Paris Institute for Advanced Study*, 19. https://paris.pias.science/article/MOSCO_2016_12_is-there-a-social-psychology-of-historic-grievances
2016/17 - hommage-serge-moscovici - Article No.16. Freely available at https://paris.pias.science/article/MOSCO_2016_12_is-there-a-social-psychology-of-historic-grievances - 2826-2832/© 2023 Ernst-Vintila A. and Klar Y.

This is an open access article published under the [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International Public License \(CC BY-NC 4.0\)](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/)

Fredrickson, G. M. (1982). *White supremacy: A comparative study of American and South African history*. Oxford University Press.

Garrigues, J. (2015). "Charlie Hebdo", une Marche historique : le réveil d'un peuple trop longtemps assoupi. *L'Obs. Le Plus*, 13th of January 2015, available at: <http://leplus.nouvelobs.com/contribution/1305574-charlie-hebdo-une-marche-historique-le-reveil-d-un-peuple-trop-longtemps-assoupi.html#reaction>

Gergen, K. J. (1973). Social psychology as history. *Journal of personality and social psychology*, 26(2), 309.

Gillis, J. R. (1994). *Commemorations: The politics of national identity*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Glick, P. (2002). Sacrificial Lambs dressed in wolves clothing. Envious prejudice, ideologies, and the scapegoating of Jews. In Newman, L. S., & Erber, R. (Eds.). (2002). *Understanding genocide: The social psychology of the Holocaust*. Oxford University Press, 113-142.

Guimelli, C. (1998). *Chasse Et Nature En Languedoc Étude de la Dynamique d'Une Représentation Sociale Chez des Chasseurs Languedociens*. Paris : l'Harmattan.

Hendrick, C. (1976). Social psychology as history and as traditional science: An appraisal. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 2(4), 392-403.

Hogg, M. A., & Hains, S. C. (1996). Intergroup relations and group solidarity: Effects of group identification and social beliefs on depersonalized attraction. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 70(2), 295.

Hopkins, N., & Reicher, S. (2016). The psychology of health and well-being in mass gatherings: A review and a research agenda. *Journal of epidemiology and global health*, 6(2), 49-57.

Khan, S. S., Hopkins, N., Reicher, S., Tewari, S., Srinivasan, N., & Stevenson, C. (2015). How collective participation impacts social identity: A longitudinal study from India. *Political Psychology*, 309–325.

- Kennedy, D. (2006). Demography, the population of Syria and the census of Q. Aemilius Secundus. *Levant*, 38(1), 109-124.
- Klar, Y., Schori-Eyal, N., & Klar, Y. (2013). The “Never Again” state of Israel: The emergence of the Holocaust as a core feature of Israeli identity and its four incongruent voices. *Journal of Social Issues*, 69(1), 125-143.
- Klein, O. (2013). The lay historian: How ordinary people think about history. CECS-Publicações/eBooks, 25-45.
- Kervyn de Meerendré, N., Leyens, J. P., & Dechamps, M. (2015). *De l'identité nationaliste*. Paris : Lemieux.
- Khosrokhavar, F. (2014). *Radicalisation*. Paris: Les Editions de la MSH.
- Klar, Y., & Baram, H. (2014). In DeFENCE of the In-Group Historical Narrative in an Intractable Intergroup Conflict: An Individual-Difference Perspective. *Political Psychology*.
- Kruglanski, A. W., & Fishman, S. (2009). Psychological factors in terrorism and counterterrorism: Individual, group, and organizational levels of analysis. *Social Issues and Policy Review*, 3(1), 1-44.
- Li, Q., & Brewer, M. B. (2004). What does it mean to be an American? Patriotism, nationalism, and American identity after 9/11. *Political Psychology*, 25(5), 727-739.
- Lo Monaco, G., Piermattéo, A., Guimelli, C., & Ernst-Vintila, A. (2011). Using the black sheep effect to reveal normative stakes: The example of alcohol drinking contexts. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 41(1), 1-5.
- Lo Monaco, G., Rateau, P., & Guimelli, C. (2007). Nexus, représentations sociales et masquage des divergences intra et intergroupes. *Bulletin de psychologie*, (6), 581-592.
- Lesch, D. W. (2011). The Arab spring—and winter in Syria. *Global Change, Peace & Security*, 23(3), 421-426.
- Levene, M. (2005). *Genocide in the Age of the Nation State*. London: IB Tauris.

Licata, L., Klein, O., & Gély, R. (2007). Mémoire des conflits, conflits de mémoires: une approche psychosociale et philosophique du rôle de la mémoire collective dans les processus de réconciliation intergroupe. *Social Science Information*, 46(4), 563-589.

Licata, L., Klein, O., Saade, W., Azzi, A. E., & Branscombe, N. R. (2012). Perceived out-group (Dis) continuity and attribution of responsibility for the Lebanese Civil War mediate effects of national and religious subgroup identification on intergroup attitudes. *Group processes & intergroup relations*, 15(2), 179-192.

Louis, W. R. (2009). Terrorism, identity, and conflict management. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 3(4), 433-446.

Louis, W. R., & Taylor, D. M. (2002). Understanding the September 11 terrorist attack on America: The role of intergroup theories of normative influence. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 2(1), 87-100.

Moghaddam, F. M. (2005). The staircase to terrorism: a psychological exploration. *American Psychologist*, 60(2), 161.

Moscovici, S. (1976). *Social influence and social change* (Vol. 10). London: Academic Press.

Moscovici, S. (1981). *L'Age des foules*. Paris : Fayard.

Moscovici, S. (1997). *Chronique des années égarées*. Paris, Stock.

Moscovici, S. & Perez, J. A. (1997). Representations of society and prejudices. *Papers on social representations*, 6(1), 27-36.

Moscovici, S., & Pérez, J. A. (2007). A study of minorities as victims. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 37(4), 725-746.

Ozouf, M. (1991). *Festivals in the French Revolution*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Páez, D., Rimé, B., Basabe, N., Włodarczyk, A., & Zumeta, L. (2015). Psychosocial effects of perceived emotional synchrony in collective gatherings. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 108(5), May 2015, 711-729

Pérez, J. A. (2015). I pregiudizi etnici. In: A. Palmonari, F. Emiliani (Dir.) *Psicologia delle rappresentazioni sociali: Teoria e applicazioni*. Milano : Il Mulino, 179-219.

Pérez, J. A., Moscovici, S. & Chulvi, B. (2007). The taboo against group contact. Hypothesis of Gypsy ontologization. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 46 (2), 249-272.

Pratt, D. (2015). Reactive Co-Radicalisation: Religious Extremism as Mutual Discontent. *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, 28(1).

Reicher, S. D. (1984). The St. Pauls' Riot: An explanation of the limits of crowd action in terms of a social identity model. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 14, 1–22.

Reicher, S. D. (2011). Mass action and mundane reality: An argument for putting crowd analysis at the centre of the social sciences. *Contemporary Social Science*, 6, 433–450.

Reicher, S. D., Spears, R., & Postmes, T. (1995). A social identity model of deindividuation phenomena. *European review of social psychology*, 6(1), 161-198.

Reicher, S. D. & Hopkins, N. (2001). *Self and nation: Categorization, contestation and mobilisation*. London: Sage.

Reicher, S., Hopkins, N., Levine, M., & Rath, R. (2005). Entrepreneurs of hate and entrepreneurs of solidarity: Social identity as a basis for mass communication. *International Review of the Red Cross*, 87(860), 621-637.

Reicher, S. D., Spears, R., & Postmes, T. (1995). A social identity model of deindividuation phenomena. *European review of social psychology*, 6(1), 161-198.

Reicher, S., Doise, W., & Elcheroth, G. (2011). Imagine there is a war and no one turns up! A response to the commentaries. *Political Psychology*, 32(5), 781-783.

Reicher, S. D., & Haslam, S. A. (2016). Fueling Extremes. *Scientific American Mind*, 27(3), 34-39.

Rouquette, M.-L. (1994). *Sur la connaissance des masses: essai de psychologie politique* (Vol. 8). PUG.

- Rouquette, M.-L. (2003). La matière historique. In S. Moscovici et F. Buschini (Eds.), *Méthodes des sciences sociales*, 427-443. Paris : Presses Universitaires de France
- Rouquette, M.-L. (2009). *La pensée sociale*. Ramonville-Saint Agne: Erès.
- Rouquette, M.-L. & Rateau, P. (1998). *Introduction à l'étude des représentations sociales*. Presses universitaires de Grenoble.
- Schlenker, B. R. (1974). Social psychology and science. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 29(1), 1-15
- Snowden, F. M. (1983). *Before colour prejudice: an ancient view of blacks* Harvard University Press. Cambridge [1991 reprint].
- Spears, R., & Klein, O. (2011). On epistemological shifts and good old French wine (in new bottles): Commentary on Elcheroth, Doise, and Reicher. *Political psychology*, 32(5), 769-780.
- Staerklé, C., Clémence, A., & Spini, D. (2011). Social representations: A normative and dynamic intergroup approach. *Political Psychology*, 32(5), 759-768.
- Staub, E. (2011). *Overcoming evil: Genocide, violent conflict, and terrorism*. Oxford University Press, USA.
- Tavani, J. L., Collange, J., Rateau, P., Rouquette, M. L., & Sanitioso, B. R. (2015). Tell me what you remember and I will know who you are: The link between collective memory and social categorization. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*.
- Triandis, H.C. (2000). Culture and conflict. *International Journal of Psychology*, 35,2, pp. 145-52.
- Vala, J. (2013). Racisms: Social representations, racial prejudice and normative pressures. *Papers on Social Representations*, 22, 6-1.
- Van de Vyver, J., Houston, D. M., Abrams, D., & Vasiljevic, M. (2016). Boosting Belligerence How the July 7, 2005, London Bombings Affected Liberals' Moral Foundations and Prejudice. *Psychological science*, 27(2), 169-177.

Wagner, W., Kello, K., & Rämmer, A. (forthcoming). Making social objects: Social Representation Theory. In A. Rosa & J. Valsiner (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Sociocultural Psychology* (2nd edition). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.