



ESSO GROUP – SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH

PROGRAMME ON INTERGROUP RELATIONS IN FINLAND

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INEQ, Helsinki Inequality Initiative

OUR APPROACH

- Focus on social interaction within and between ethnic, cultural and religious groups
- Immigrant integration studied as a multidimensional, reciprocal process
- Well-equipped toolbox ranging from surveys and experimental studies to discursive research
- Openness to multidisciplinary research on intergroup relations (e.g., other social sciences, psychology, study of religions, law)

OUR EXPERTISE

- Determinants of inter-ethnic, inter-cultural and inter-religious relations
- Antecedents and consequences of social identities, intergroup contact and attitudes, perceived inequalities, collective action, well-being, and trust
- Negotiations on national belonging and multiculturalism in lay discourse
- Nationalist political rhetoric, hate-speech, and political polarization
- Interventions aimed at supporting multicultural education in schools

OUR CONTEXTS

- Focus on Finland: the national majority, immigrants, refugees, and other ethnic and cultural (e.g., linguistic) minorities living in the country
- Interaction in off- and online contexts
- Collaboration and comparative research conducted with colleagues from e.g., Australia, Estonia, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, the USA

OUR GOALS

- To contribute with empirical studies to theory development in intergroup relations
- To take part in societal discussion on ways to achieve intergroup harmony
- To provide policy-makers with research-based tools for promoting immigrant integration and social cohesion in culturally diverse societies

