
NEWSLETTER 1

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Welcome to our inaugural newsletter! We are thrilled to kick off the year by keeping you in the loop about the latest developments, achievements, and initiatives from the *Behaviour in Crisis Lab*. We are excited to share valuable updates, showcase upcoming events, and present insightful articles tailored just for you.

In this edition, we spotlight our research and first achievements, offering a glimpse into the promising future that lies ahead. We look forward to keeping you engaged and inspired through these regular updates.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT



is funded by the Strategic Program Excellence Initiative at the Jagiellonian University. It is devoted to the interdisciplinary exploration of the mechanisms that shape the behaviour of individuals and societies during global crises.

Why this Lab now?



Social crises, emergencies, and disasters are inherent aspects of human existence, often leading to profound changes in the lives of individuals and societies. They challenge established power structures, norms of conduct, and even the existence of specific individuals or groups, resulting in significant suffering. These events also expose weaknesses in social and political systems, leading to social tensions and conflicts. However, they can also present opportunities for positive transformation. By gaining a better understanding of the nature of crises, their trajectories, and the behavior of individuals and groups in such challenging situations, we can enhance our preparedness for future crises and emerge stronger from current ones.

Research Vision:

We embrace an innovative interdisciplinary approach to delve into the intricacies of behaviors in crisis situations. Our methodology harmoniously blends a comprehensive analysis through a transnational three-wave panel survey, meticulous laboratory experiments, cutting-edge computational modeling, and insightful cultural analysis. Furthermore, we are actively engaged in testing a semi-intervention with the potential to fortify social resilience. This multifaceted approach positions us at the forefront of understanding and addressing challenges in crisis behavior. Join us as we navigate the complexities and pave the way for meaningful insights and impactful solutions.



The research conducted in the Lab centers on several key themes:



- Refugee Crisis: Examining helping behaviors towards war refugees, solidarity with war refugees, and the situation of refugees.
- Youth in Crises: Investigating the impact of crises on youth, including their health, political participation, and vulnerability to radicalization.
- Social Welfare Institutions: Analyzing the role and effectiveness of social welfare institutions in times of crisis.
- Social and Political Crises: Exploring the disintegration of democratic institutions, political beliefs, political polarization, and the influence of digitalization in crisis contexts, radicalization and extremism.
- Climate crisis: Address climate change, mental health and well-being, climate activism, mitigation of climate change and pro-environmental behaviors etc.
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HOW DO WE WORK:

The Lab functions as a collaborative platform for ongoing projects, promoting peer support, and facilitating the initiation of new initiatives. Our focus is on integrating the efforts of individual groups and researchers, fostering synergistic effects that are challenging or unattainable without coordinated collaboration. Building upon the existing findings, expertise, and partnerships of the [CSCS](#), [INCET](#), [CEAPP](#), [CBR](#), [DigiPatch](#) and [IP-PAD](#) consortium, we expand our scope to address new research questions and employ innovative methods. Furthermore, the Lab benefits from collaborations with esteemed scientists worldwide, providing valuable mentoring and support to enrich our research endeavors. Our activities are guided by the guidelines of recognized scientific organizations, such as: [Jagiellonian University](#), [The National Science Centre](#), [European Association of Social Psychology](#), [The International Association for the Study of Forced Migration](#).



MEET THE TEAM

The LAB is organized across the following roles:

- Leader (Malgorzata Kossowska)
- Thematic group leaders (Bernadetta Izydorczyk, Hubert Kaszyński, Mariusz Sztuka, Anna Potoczek, Weronika Kałwak, Malgorzata Michel, Michał Kuniecki)
- Team of 52 researchers representing different disciplines (social, cognitive, clinical psychology, sociology, social work, education, pedagogy, political sciences, cultural sciences, and law); different stages of scientific careers; from Poland and abroad, all working on different aspects of crisis and behaviour in crisis
- Advisory Board (Tomasz Żuradzki, Jaroslaw Górniak, Jolanta Perek-Białas, Ying-yi Hong, Krys Kaniasty, Arie W. Kruglanski)
- Scientific Advisor (Manos Tsakiris)

Some of the team members on pictures! 😊

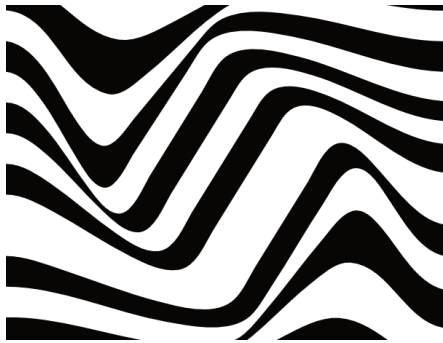


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OUR RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



- ERASMUS + KA2 ELCRA (Environmental Literacy in Higher Education Context for preventing radicalization in climate activism) coordinated by the University of Siena. The BiC-L group is led by Erica Molinario and includes Joanna Grzymała – Moszczyńska, Gabriele Di Cicco, Katarzyna Jasko, and Laura Prislei
- Hubert Kaszyński is leading the international consortium HEALTHY SOAR that submitted proposal titled: “Healthy Social Welfare Organization-Alliance for Resilience” to [HORIZON-CL3-2023-DRS-01-01] – [Improving social and societal preparedness for disaster response and health emergencies]. The other Lab members, who join the project: Katarzyna Ornacka, Agata Cebera, Karina Melnyk, Jakub Firlus, Malgorzata Kossowska, Anna Potoczek, Theofilos Gkinopoulos
- Theofilos Gkinopoulos participates as international collaborator in the new launched project funded by the National Science Center, “Conspiracy mentality as a form of adaptation to historical trauma”, led by Michal Bilewicz (University of Warsaw, Poland).
- Bernadetta Izydorzyc is leading the international consortium CRISISLIFE that submitted the proposal to NORFACE and CHANSE Call: Well-being - Enhancing well-being for the future Project title: CRISISLIFE Life in Polycrisis - Mental Health and Well-Being of Young People from the Perspective of Psychology, Medicine, Ethics, Social and Environmental Studies. Many other Lab members participate
- Mariusz Sztuka participates in the international consortium SPARKS PRO. The consortium submitted the project “Processing large arson data resulting from criminal investigations” for HORIZON Call: HORIZON-CL3-2023-FCT-01 Type of Action: HORIZON-IA



- Kaszynski, H., & Ornacka, K. Presentation at the 13th European Conference for Social Work Research "Envisioning Future: Social Work Research and Discourse in the Age of Industry 4.0" , Vilnius, Lithuania, 17th -19th April 2024.
- Molinario, E., Kruglanski, A. W., & Szumowska, E. Preconference on 'The psychology of extremism' . 7th February 2024. Virtually (online via the platform of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology). More information here: <https://spsp.org/events/annual-convention/preconferences/psychology-of-extremism>
- Municipal Social Welfare Centre in Krakow, in cooperation with Jagiellonian University, Behavior in Crisis Lab, HEALTHY SOAR PROJECT GROUP, ROPS. Conference " Humanitarian Disaster Preparedness Policy. Social Welfare Perspective" . Krakow, 26th January 2024, 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.
- Behaviour in Crisis Lab and Qualitative Research Lab organize a seminar addressing the issues of climate change on 31st January. There will be invited guests from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and from University of Tuebingen in Germany (International Centre of Ethics in Science and Humanities). Please, contact Dr Weronika Kalwak at weronika.kalwak@uj.edu.pl, in case you wish to participate.
- The 5th National Conference on Clinical Psychology (V Krajowa Konferencja Psychologii Klinicznej ; V KKPK), organized by the Institute of Psychology, Jagiellonian University, took place in Krakow, 23-25 November 2023. This year's conference topic, "Clinical Psychology in Times of Unrest," was related to academic and practical (psychological, clinical, and psychotherapeutic) aspects of a polycrisis, with pandemics, armed conflicts, refugee and migration crises, and the climate crisis included. The conference was held under the patronage of the Behavior in Crisis Lab.
- Hamer, K., Gkinopoulos, T., & Marcinkowska, K. Framing of political messages: Discursive constructions of the national and global social identities in the speeches of two opposing countries' leaders involved in the war in Ukraine. Oral presentation accepted for the conference "Emotional Dynamics of (In)security and Politics" , organized by the Department of International Relations and the Comparative European Politics Unit of Saarland University, 11th -13th June 2024.

NEW INITIATIVES

- A methodological workshop on Thematic Analysis will be held in April. The workshop on the introductory level (8 hours) will be given by Prof. Gareth Terry from Massey University in New Zealand, one of the method's authors. Online meetings are planned for: 4. IV: 8-9.30 am + 40 minutes tutorial; 9. IV: 8-10 am; 11. IV: 8-10 am; 16.IV: 8-9.45 am (participation in all the meetings is recommended). Colleagues and PhD students using qualitative methods in their research or interested to do it in the future are invited to participate in the workshop. To participate in the workshop, please contact Weronika Kałwak (weronika.kalwak@uj.edu.pl).
- Read the summaries of scientific articles from our team! The articles are available in four language versions (Polish, English, Ukrainian, and Russian). <https://becrilab.id.uj.edu.pl/streszczenia>
- Read the report from the study by Małgorzata Michel, Sylwia Opozda-Suder and Agata Łopatkiewicz) titled "S.O.S. Support for street worker organizations". <https://becrilab.id.uj.edu.pl/ekspertyzy>



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