Over the past years Bernd Simon, Xenia Chryssochoou, Assaad Azzi and Bert Klandermans have been working on issues of identity and political participation in culturally diverse societies. We have tried to find answers to fundamental questions regarding identity formation and political participation in an evermore globalizing world where streams of migrants make populations of Western societies increasingly diverse. Supported by a grant from the European Science Foundation we have organized workshops on ‘Collective identity and political participation’ (in Kiel), the ‘Construction and expression of collective identities’ (in Delphi), and ‘Integration, change and innovation in culturally diverse societies’ (in Brussels).

We felt that a workshop on politicization and radicalization in our increasingly diverse societies was a necessary addition to our workshops on Identity and Socio-Political Participation. The issue of radicalization in our ever more diverse societies has become more and more urgent. The relationship between the various groups of citizens in European countries has become more and more tense. Migrants, especially migrants of African and/or Islamic descent are treated and/or feel treated in a more hostile manner Extreme right group and parties openly express and disseminate xenophobic ideas. Within the immigrant communities especially among the second generation a growing uneasiness with the situation became fertile soil for radical ideas and political actions to develop. The polarization resulting from this development worries policy makers and social scientists alike.

We conceptualize radicalization as a collective process that evolves within the context of social movements. People do not radicalize on their own, but as part of a group in which a collective identity is developed. Some members of the group take an activist route to promote or prevent change. Their interactions with their opponents intensify, while their ideas and beliefs sharpen. Indeed, we conceive of radicalization as a dual process of identity transformation on the one side and cognitive and affective change on the other. Beach (1977: 3) defines radicalization of a social movement as “a change in one or more of the components of a social movement’s ideology and/or a change in the strategies and tactics employed or advocated by the movement such that the total of the change or changes brings the movement into a condition of lesser congruence with the values and means which are presented as legitimate by the dominant sector of the society in which the movement is acting.” This workshop is meant to further explore and elaborate on the dynamics of politicization and radicalization.
Program

**Friday July 25th**

**Opening**
- 9.30-10.00: Reception with tea and coffee
- 10.00-10.30: Opening workshop: Jacquelien van Stekelenburg

**Session 1 Identity Construction & Formation**
- 10.30-11.00: Catarina Kinvall
- 11.00-11.30: Roel Meijer
- 11.30-12.00: Discussion: Jacquelien van Stekelenburg
- 12.00-13.15: Lunch

**Session 2 (Social) psychological processes of radicalization**
- 13.15-13.45: Kathleen Blee
- 13.45-14.15: Radicalization Project VU
- 14.15-14.45: Discussion: Marjoka van Doorn
- 14.45-15.00: Recess

**Session 3 Internet & Radicalization**
- 15.00-15.30: Dirk Oegema
- 15.30-16.00: Martijn de Koning
- 16.00-16.30: Discussion: Bernd Simon
- 16.30-17.00: Closure of the day: Bert Klandermans

**Saturday July 26th**

**Session 4 Social (psychological) processes of radicalization**
- 9.00- 9.30: Fathali Moghaddam
- 9.30-10.00: Stamos Papastamou & Gerasimos Prodromitis
- 10.00-10.30: Discussion: Xenia Chrysschoou
- 10.30-10.45: Recess

**Session 5 The role of prison in (de)radicalization**
- 10.45-11.15: Jeffrey Ian Ross
- 11.15-11.45: Andrew Silke
- 11.45-12.15: Discussion: Assaad Azzi
- 12.15-13.30: Lunch
Session 6 Joining Radical Groups
13.30-14.00: Neil Ferguson
14.00-14.30: Colin Mellis
14.30-15.00: Discussion: Daniela Ruhs
15.00-15.15: Recess

Session 7 Radical Milieus
15.15-15.45: Donatella della Porta, Manuela Caiani
15.45-16.15:
16.15-16.45: Discussion: Conny Roggeband
16.45-17.00: Closure workshop: Bert Klandermans