

EAPP EXPERT MEETING ON PERSONALITY AND CULTURE

A Full Proposal

1. **Organizers:** *Jérôme Rossier*, University of Lausanne, Switzerland and *Anu Realo*, University of Tartu, Estonia and in collaboration with *Jüri Allik* (University of Tartu) and *Koorosh Massoudi* (University of Lausanne)
2. **Date:** September 29 to October 1, 2010 or October 6 to 8, 2010 (3 full days)
3. **Venue:** University of Lausanne, Switzerland

4. Aim of the Expert Meeting

In recent years, there have been signs of a renewed interest in the relationship between personality and culture. Systematic, quantitative, and large-scale studies on both personality and culture have opened a new way to link the two constructs. Strong claims have recently been made about the universality of personality traits: the structure of personality traits, particularly the five-factor model of personality, has emerged quite consistently across cultures. Relying on self- and peer-reports to assess individual differences in personality has become a widely used approach to investigating cross-cultural differences. Yet, there are still both theoretical and methodological challenges that need to be addressed and improvements that should be considered for future analyses on comparing personality traits across cultures. The most challenging is the problem of validity of the country mean scores in different personality estimates and their relation to socio-economic and cultural country-level indicators.

The proposed expert meeting would bring together 20-25 researchers in the field of personality psychology who are interested in cultural differences along with experts from other disciplines such as anthropology, cross-cultural psychology, and quantitative social sciences. The aim of the meeting would be to discuss the state-of-art and the future research directions in the area of personality and culture studies in the context of different models of culture and various multi-level research strategies.

5. A List of Potential Participants¹

1. Jérôme Rossier, *PhD* (professor, University of Lausanne, Switzerland)
2. Koorosh Massoudi, *PhD* (lecturer, University of Lausanne, Switzerland)
3. Anu Realo, *PhD* (senior research fellow, University of Tartu, Estonia)
4. Jüri Allik, *PhD* (professor, University of Tartu, Estonia)

5. Mathias Allemand, *PhD* (senior lecturer, University of Zürich, Switzerland)
6. Jean-Philippe Antonietti, *PhD* (senior lecturer, University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

¹ This is a list of people we would like to invite to participate in the expert meeting. We hope that at least 20-25 of them agree and are able to attend the meeting.

7. Veronica Benet-Martinez, *PhD* (associate professor, University of California at Riverside, USA)
8. Denis Bratko, *PhD* (professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia)
9. Tim Church, *PhD* (professor, Washington State University, United States)
10. Eldad Davidov, *PhD* (associate professor, Institute of Sociology, University of Zurich, Switzerland)
11. Gideon de Bruin, *PhD* (professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa)
12. Gideon de Bruin's doctoral student (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)
13. Marleen De Bolle (doctoral student, University of Ghent, Belgium)
14. Filip De Fruyt, *PhD* (professor, University of Ghent, Belgium)
15. Robin Goodwin, *PhD* (professor, School of Social Sciences, Brunel University, UK)
16. Brian F. French, *PhD* (professor, Washington State University, United States)
17. Johnny Fontaine, *PhD* (professor, University of Ghent, Belgium)
18. Martina Hřebíčková, *PhD* (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)
19. Peter Kuppens, *PhD* (postdoc research fellow, University of Melbourne, Australia and University of Leuven, Belgium)
20. Corinna Löckenhoff, *PhD* (assistant professor, Cornell University, USA)
21. Jan-Erik Lönnqvist, *PhD* (postdoc, University of Helsinki, Finland)
22. Frosso Motti, *PhD* (professor, University of Athens, Greece)
23. Rene Möttus, *PhD* (postdoc research fellow, University of Tartu, Estonia)
24. Ara Norenzayan, *PhD* (associate professor, University of British Columbia, Canada)
25. Shigehiro Oishi, *PhD* (associate professor, Department of Psychology, University of Virginia)
26. Jan Pieter van Oudenhoven, *PhD* (professor emeritus, University of Groningen, the Netherlands)
27. Sampo Paunonen, *PhD* (professor, the University of Western Ontario, Canada)
28. Ype Poortinga, *PhD* (professor emeritus, Tilburg University, the Netherlands)
29. Charlie L. Reeve (Interdisciplinary Health Psychology Program, University of North Carolina Charlotte, United States)
30. Peter J. Rentfrow, *PhD* (lecturer, Faculty of Politics, University of Cambridge)
31. Heiner Rindermann, *PhD* (professor, University of Graz, Austria)
32. Gerard Saucier, *PhD* (professor, University of Oregon, United States)
33. Mark Schaller, *PhD* (professor, University of British Columbia, Canada)
34. Klaus Scherer, *PhD* (professor, University of Geneva, Switzerland)
35. Uli Schimmack, *PhD* (professor, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Canada)
36. Gregory Zecca (doctoral student, University of Lausanne, Switzerland)
37. Antonio Terracciano, *PhD* (senior research fellow, NIH, NIA, USA)
38. Fons van de Vijver, *PhD* (professor, Tilburg University, The Netherlands)
39. Markku Verkasalo, *PhD* (lecturer, University of Helsinki, Finland)
40. Martin Voracek, *PhD* (professor, University of Vienna, School of Psychology)

6. A Budget Proposal

1) Meals:

Lunch (3 days for 25 people) – 1,500 Euros (3 x 25 x 30 CHF = 2,250 CHF)

Dinner (2 days for 25 people) – 2,670 Euros (2 x 25 x 80 CHF = 4,000 CHF)

Coffee breaks (3 days for 25 people) – 270 Euros (400 CHF)

2) *Hotel accommodation* – will be covered by the participants

3) *Travel expenses* – will be covered by the participants

4) *Organizational expenses* – none

5) *Rentals (rooms, equipment)* – will be covered by the University of Lausanne

6) *Overhead costs* (3% of the total sum of 5,000 Euros) – 150 Euros (225 CHF)

7) *Other costs* – 560 Euros

Total sum: **5,000 Euros**

7. Information on Other Confirmed Grants or Submitted Applications For Grants

None

8. CVs of the Organizers (please see the attached files)

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