



Intergroup Relations in an Era of Immigration

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Immigration is a fact of life in the 21st century, leading to increasing diversity in the EU and elsewhere around the world. Unfortunately, differences in national origin, religion and other important aspects of individuals' identity including gender often serve as the basis for prejudice, stereotyping, discrimination and even violence. This lecture briefly introduces two theories that have received strong empirical support which explain why such negative intergroup relations may develop, social identity theory and realistic conflict theory. It then examines the implications of such approaches for minimizing intergroup problems and creating more harmonious intergroup relations.