

SIP – a historical perspective: 1994-2009

This conference is a celebration of SIP's first 15 years as well as presentation of future visions.

On a bright summer day in May 1994, SIP was established, though only through the efforts of “founding mothers”. We appeal to our male colleagues now to join and contribute to SIP's further development. SIP has been reflecting the changes in the world around us. The discussions among members and the “workgroups” have changed in the past decades from themes such as halal-meat in the day-care centres, headscarves at workplaces to terrorism, radicalisation, repatriation etc. However, the complex interplay between the person and the culture rather than the mutual constitution of person and culture, processes of exclusion and inclusion have been the common themes throughout SIP's history, and our focus has also been on the aspects related to psychosocial intervention.

SIP has also published a couple of books: “Vejen til mangfoldighed” and “Tolkning i psykologisk arbejde”. Previous chairpersons and members, especially Tatyana Jessen, Enlise Khanna, Berta Vishnivitz, Birthe Nielsen and Gyda Seibæk have played an important part in this dissemination of knowledge.

Now we look ahead and appeal to our colleagues and others involved in this field to contribute to its further development and dissemination of knowledge.

Late Steiner Kvale delineated intercultural psychology as a sub-discipline involving a broad dialogue between the different worldviews and appealed for moving beyond the Judaeo-Christian individualised human beings and open discourses of understanding from various parts of the world bringing in indigenous psychologies.

Our visions also include cross border dialogues enriching, what it means to be a human being in this globalised world.

We seek your esteemed collaboration across the borders of discipline and work sectors in order to promote this field and further existence of SIP. Thank you.

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