CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

18TH WORKSHOP OF THE EUROGANG PROGRAM OF RESEARCH

JUNE 26 - 29, 2018

ROTTERDAM/ALMEN, THE NETHERLANDS

This year’s Eurogang Workshop (EG-XVIII) will be organized in the Netherlands by Jan Dirk de Jong (University of Applied Sciences Leiden) and Frank Weerman (Erasmus University Rotterdam). The Eurogang workshops provide a means by which researchers and practitioners can interact, discuss, and consider strategies for understanding gangs and troublesome youth groups worldwide. We invite presentations on various topics related to the study of gangs and troublesome youth groups, and strongly encourage submissions from young scholars. A special theme for this year’s workshop is:

**Gangs and Troublesome Youth Groups in the Modern Age of Internet and Social Media.**

Gangs and troublesome youth groups seem to be more fluid in the modern age, related to increased communication via smartphones and representation on social media. In some cases social interaction online can have (serious) consequences offline. There is still limited research that focuses on these new group dynamics within gangs and troublesome youth groups. Also, police, municipal governments and other organizations that are involved in gang prevention and intervention have expressed a need for more research and practice based knowledge about this issue. We particularly invite contributions devoted to this theme from researchers as well as practitioners, and we also want to reserve some time in the program to discuss implications of these developments for the Eurogang Definition and Instruments.

**Program:** We will have a pre-Workshop program in Rotterdam (on Tuesday the 26th) containing a substantive part in the morning at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and field trips after lunch, to create an opportunity to bring together researchers, policy makers, practitioners and students who are interested in our central theme. The main program of the Eurogang Workshop will be held in Almen (Wednesday 27th- Friday 29th of June). There we plan to have a series of panels that will be organized based on our substantive theme and themes that emerge from the submissions. We will also schedule time for more free-flowing discussions about ways to enhance and expand the current Eurogang Instruments.

Two types of requests will be considered: 1) **requests to present research results** and 2) **requests to attend as a non-presenting meeting participant**.
Presenters: Please submit an abstract of no more than 200 words, a title, and names and relevant contact information for all authors/co-authors (if co-authors wish to attend the workshop, they should submit their own request).

Non-presenting participants: Requests to attend as a non-presenter should include a statement of your professional research and/or policy interest, with specific emphasis on how attendance at this workshop will enhance your professional development (please, 200 word maximum).

Submission: Space is limited and early submissions will be given priority. Submit abstracts or participation requests to: Frank Weerman at fweerman@nscr.nl. Review of submissions will begin on March 1st, 2018. Please indicate whether you plan to attend the pre-workshop in Rotterdam in addition to the main-event in Almen.

Workshop Costs: We are currently pursuing more funding to assist with workshop costs. In the end, we hope to be able to cover all lodging and meal expenses and some other the program costs. Depending on our success in this endeavor, we may have to limit participation a bit further or will not be able to cover all lodging and meal expenses (as we have done in prior years). By the 15th of March we will know where we stand on this.

The Venue: The pre-Workshop on Tuesday the 26th program is in Rotterdam. Participants can spend the night before at the Novotel (nearby the Erasmus University). Transportation will be arranged to move to our next venue at the end of the day. The main program of the Workshop will be at hotel Ehzerwold in Almen located in the province of Gelderland (in the East of the Netherlands). More specific transportation information will be provided at a later date.

The pre-Workshop will begin with a Tuesday morning, June 26th and will conclude that afternoon.

The Workshop will begin with a welcome reception in Almen on Tuesday evening, June 26th and will conclude at noon on Friday June 29th.

It is important to note that final invitations to participate in this year’s Eurogang Workshop will not be sent until the end of March when we have a better idea of the funding and the level of interest.

We are looking forward to your abstracts and requests!

Kind regards,

Jan Dirk de Jong
Frank Weerman