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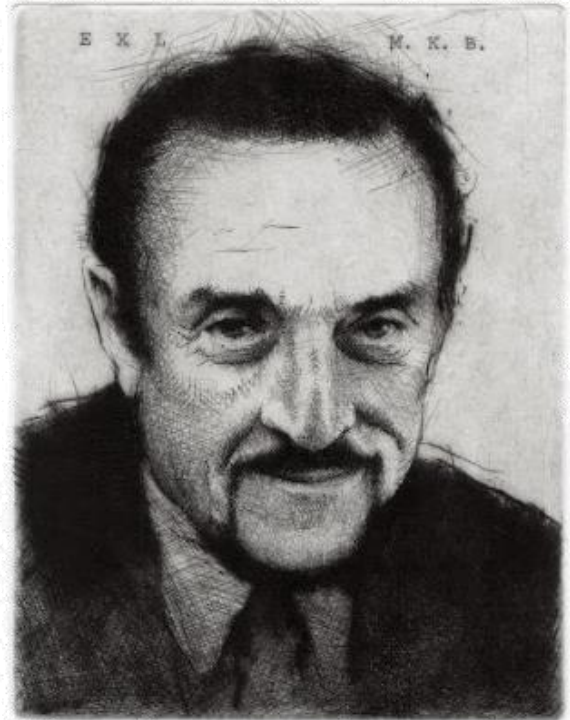
ZIMBARDO FOREVER

BY: MARTINA KLICPEROVÁ, CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, IUPSY EC MEMBER 2016-2024

Psychology experienced a tragic loss on October 14 this year. Professor Philip G. Zimbardo passed away in his family circle in San Francisco at the age of 91. A mere week earlier, on October the 7th, his wife and the hero of his Stanford experiment, Christina Maslach, sent to us, frequent correspondents, a note that Phil's "indefatigable energy" was waning. He was too tired to check and respond to messages regularly (but he still loved hearing from us worldwide). We were all hoping it was just seasonal and with the new spring, Phil would also re-energize. Sadly, when Phil finally slowed down, it was for real; he was not just taking time off. How much we shall miss him and his correspondence. It was symptomatic for Phil that he used to respond immediately. Boom – boom. Never postponing a response he could answer immediately. A man of action.

Hardly anyone is left for whom psychology is not tightly related to Phil Zimbardo. Thanks to the large classes at Stanford and the most attractive themes he taught (Psychology of Mind Control and of course, Introduction to Psychology, among others), he must have taught thousands of students around the globe who were fortunate to have him as a professor first-hand. Millions of others watched the popular TV series *Understanding Psychology* (a series of 26 lessons which was also translated and aired abroad), an educational reality show *Candid Camera*, or studied from textbooks he authored or co-authored, read his books and some of over 500 expert articles, chapters, and reports. Perhaps most famous was his award-winning and best-selling book "[The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil](#)" (2007).

The interesting and timely themes he studied and his engaging personality helped to create social networks and projects such as "A Head Start-Black Pride" summer program in Harlem, Stanford Shyness Clinic, international Time-Perspective network, and Heroic Imagination Project (HIP). HIP especially represents Phil's legacy of applying psychology for pro-social change. It is an educational program that shows how to resist negative social phenomena (bystanding, bullying, negative conformity) and promote everyday heroism. The HIP network expands from the USA to Hungary, Poland, Italy, and Indonesia.



Drypoint image of Prof Philip G. Zimbardo by Tomáš Hřivnáč

As the President of APA, he acted on his motto "to give psychology away." He did that by becoming a teacher for several generations of students and being a brave, concerned citizen. He was an activist in the 1960s, participated in Canvassing for Peace, and served as an expert witness for the trial, which focused on the Abu Ghraib abuse of power. He also joined other mental health experts who felt they could not yield to the Goldwater rule and had to speak up about the character of the presidential candidate, Donald Trump (*The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump*, and *The More Dangerous Case of Donald Trump*, editor B. Lee, 2019, 2024). Heroism was one of Phil's great topics, and I would like to think that he was inspired by a personal meeting with the Czech president Václav Havel, with whom they had a shared interest in prisons and prison behaviour (Havel spent years in a Communist prison for bravely speaking up for freedom and democracy). I feel fortunate to have contributed to this meeting since I nominated Phil for the Vize 97 Havel prize; he became the laureate and was invited to Prague.

Phil met with V. Havel repeatedly after receiving various prizes from the Czech institutions. Heroism and the related HIP then became Phil's pet project and legacy; he felt it was very appropriate that after identifying the sources of evil, he would fully engage in fostering goodness and heroism in daily life across societies.

For all of us interested in cross-cultural psychology, Phil was a prototypical case, merging the most positive stereotypical traits of Americans and Italians beautifully, personifying the best of both natures. He had Sicilian roots but was born a sickly child into a poor family in the Bronx, which miraculously survived severe illness and hospital stays in the pre-antibiotic era. He was clearly the prototype of the American "self-made man". From early childhood, he chose the path of education. He worked his way up from a seriously ill, underprivileged child (Sicilians in New York used to have a reputation of mobsters and everyone preferred to avoid them) into a first class scholar and pioneer in his field, a media star and a humanitarian. He abounded in creative rationality, the work ethic of American Protestants, clear purposefulness and conscientiousness. As a prototypical Sicilian, he was also a sensitive father and husband, a warmly hospitable host and a splendid and enthusiastic cook; he would even caringly pack you a snack to take with you when you were leaving. He was an art lover and could pride himself with a great, sophisticated artistic taste in every way, from music to visual arts. His magnificent house by Lombard Street was like a live-in first-class museum, from a stunning Renaissance-style dining room on the ground floor to the Hopi kachinas under the roof. Phil was a smart, witty, and entertaining companion. He had strong empathy with the less fortunate; he supported charities, gave money to beggars, and encouraged students to interview homeless people to learn from them and give them social support. Last but not least, for which he might have been also grateful to his Sicilian roots, he was also gifted with a performing extraversion; what he knew, he could give away excellently, entertainingly, and with passion.



Phil was incredibly approachable and open to colleagues and to the last freshman or a reader of his books who wanted advice, an autograph, a photo with him or just a hug. Conference organizers often had to make extra arrangements as the crowds did not want to disperse after his talk. This was exactly how I met Phil in person for the first time. Back in 1991, at a psychological conference, I was fortunate to witness his engaging talk on the 20th anniversary of the Stanford Prison Experiment (SPE). I dared to contribute to the discussion with a parallel between SPE and the totalitarian Communist state the Czechs liberated themselves from just two years earlier. Phil thought it was a cogent remark and handed me a business card with an invitation. I did my best to stop by at Stanford and he encouraged me to apply to teach at Stanford the following summer; the application was approved and I was fortunate to teach summer courses on political psychology in the following years, both in regular and Continuing Education classes. It was an unforgettable experience to be suddenly at our guru's side and see him teach and participate in workshops for colleagues on being a successful instructor. We became good friends. One day, when I was helping him with a garage cleanup, he found SPE memorabilia, and he did not hesitate to give me an old smock worn by one of the "prisoners". He signed it. I then donated it to the Charles University. It was framed and publicly displayed. Later, when I was getting married, Phil offered to host the reception in their splendid house and his wife Christina kindly became my bridesmaid.

Phil and his wife Christina have also always been team players in psychology. They kindly took on the roles of congress stars, State-of-the-Art speakers, and Keynote presenters when we were organising the IUPsyS International Congress of Psychology or World Psychology Forum conference.

Phil's departure closes a significant chapter of psychological science. He was the last to go from the greatest generation of psychologists who, inspired by WWII's recent horrors, experimented with human behaviour in critical situations. Phil's classmate was Stanley Milgram, his colleague at Stanford was Albert Bandura, and this powerful generation also included Solomon Asch or Muzafer Sherif. They took psychology out of the lab and connected it to hot societal topics, issues of good and evil, democracy, and authoritarianism. Their work seems even more topical today than it was at their time. Phil Zimbardo will be very much missed by his IUPsyS colleagues, forever cherished by psychologists as well as the lay people who strive to understand human psyche and foster peaceful coexistence.

(Left) Phil Zimbardo and Vaclav Havel (and the author, Martina Klicperová, in the background) at the occasion of Havel's birthday and presentation of the Vize 97 award to Phil that day.

Photo: [Dan Materna, MFDnes](#)



News from National Members, Regional Members & Affiliates

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION



The European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA) issues a monthly newsletter to keep members posted of upcoming initiatives. Please see details of the current newsletter [here](#).

THE 19TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY

The 19th European Congress of Psychology (ECP 2025) will take place from July 1–4, 2025, in the scenic coastal city of Paphos, Cyprus. Organized by the Cyprus Psychologists' Association under the auspices of the [European Federation of Psychologists' Associations](#) (EFPA).

The theme, “*Transforming Psychological Science: the 2030 Agenda*” emphasizes the role of psychology in advancing global well-being and addressing the challenges outlined in the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

ECP 2025 offers a rich program of keynote speeches, interactive workshops, and thematic sessions, covering diverse fields such as clinical psychology, neuroscience, and applied psychology. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network, explore cutting-edge research, and participate in cultural activities showcasing the history and charm of Cyprus.

The abstract submission deadline is December 31, 2024. Registrations are also open! Please view the [Welcome](#) and [Promotional Videos](#); full details may be viewed [online](#).



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19th European Congress of Psychology



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF PSYCHOLOGISTS



ICP 2025
April 3-5, 2025
EUC, Rotterdam,
Netherlands

www.icpweb.org/icp-annual-conference/icp2025/



Please join ICP in Rotterdam for the [2025 ICP Conference](#) (Theme: Social Inclusion and Migration).

April 3-5, 2025 – Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Registration is open!!

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PSYCHOLOGY UNION

BY: ANDREW E. ZAMANI, PRESIDENT, PAN AFRICAN PSYCHOLOGY UNION

The drums were rolled out on October 08, 2024, at the Emperors Palace Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa (SA) for the Opening Ceremony and Gala Dinner of the Congress of the [Psychological Society of South Africa \(PsySSA\)](#) and the Pan-African Psychology Union (PAPU), during which they jointly celebrated their thirtieth and tenth anniversaries respectively.

President of the Pan-African Psychology Union, Saths Cooper moderated the event at which PAPU, PsySSA, the Steve Biko Foundation and the Foundation Frantz Fanon presented the 4th Steve Biko/Franz Fanon Award for Psychological Liberation to the legal team who argued the case at the International Court of Justice against the Israeli genocidal onslaught in Gaza. Franz Fanon's daughter, Dr Mireille Fanon-Mendes France, was one of the Special Guests of Honour at the occasion that was also witnessed by cabinet members of the South African Government and Judiciary, the PAPU leadership, delegates from across Africa and beyond, and teeming members of PsySSA. Deserving PsySSA members were given awards for their contributions to her growth and sustainability.

Nearly all the National Members of PAPU attended its fourth Assembly on October 09, 2024, where delegates were led through PAPU's historical trajectories, highlighting such achievements as effective membership mobilisation, leadership capacity building, the establishment of the African Psychology Register, African Psychology and Leadership Academy, the African Psychologist Journal, and the strategic collaboration with regional psychology organisations of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) to achieve its vision and mission. A brief memorial was observed in memory of late Secretary, Prof Seth Oppong, with eulogies that attested to his outstanding scholarship, commitment to Pan-Africanism, and advocacy for renewed consciousness for African Psychology.

Elections were held and the following emerged as members of the PAPU Board: President-Elect: Collins Badu Agyemang, Ghana; Secretary: Monde Kote, Botswana; Treasurer: Ann D. Watts, South Africa; Olukayode Afolabi, Nigeria; Juvenal Belgamire, DRC; Jacqueline Bobga, Cameroon; Henok Hailu, Ethiopia; Pamela Marwisa, Zimbabwe.



Andrew Ezadueyan Zamani (Nigeria) took over from Saths Cooper (South Africa) who remains a Member of the Board, as Past-President. In attendance at the Assembly was the IUPsyS Secretary-General, Ava D. Thompson, who joined other well-wishers from Africa and beyond. During the Assembly, Prof. Zamani paid glowing tributes to the leadership of Prof. Cooper, noting that he had established a strong foundation for PAPU's growth and sustainability. He committed to furthering the growth and sustainability agenda. While commending Ann D. Watts and the past leadership for supporting Prof. Cooper to achieve the much that was accomplished, the incoming PAPU President pledged to strengthen its membership and continental agenda. He advised that the fifth Assembly will take place in West Africa in 2027.



Andrew Zamani, PAPU President; Ava D. Thompson, IUPsyS Secretary-General; Saths Cooper, PAPU Past President; Ronnelle Carollisen, PsySSA President; Mercy Tshilidzi Mulaudzi, PsySSA Past President.

(Below) Newly Elected Members of the PAPU Board





News from International Bodies

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**World Health
Organization**

THE WHO BULLETIN

The WHO Bulletin is one of the world's leading public health journals. It is a peer-reviewed monthly journal with a special focus on developing countries, giving it unrivalled global scope and authority. The Bulletin is one of the top public and environmental health journals and full detail may be accessed [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL (ISC)



**International
Science Council**

The global voice for science

ISC NEWSLETTER

The International Science Council is a non-governmental organisation with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organisations including Academies and Research Councils. It is the only international non-governmental organisation bringing together the natural and social sciences and the largest global science organisation of its type (<https://council.science/>). The latest newsletters of the International Science Council brings you the latest on their activities and may be viewed [here](#).

THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN AND BENEFIT FROM SCIENCE

“The ISC’s interpretation of ‘the right to participate in and benefit from science’ provides a clear framework for understanding the right to science, emphasizing its application in research, policy, and global access to scientific knowledge. It clarifies the obligations, opportunities, and responsibilities in ensuring universal access to science, fostering global dialogue to shape a more inclusive and sustainable future” ([ISC, 2024](#)). Full details may be viewed online.



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