MSc in Applied Social and Political Psychology (ASPP)

About ASPP
Using psychological theory and research, this degree programme will equip you to engage critically and analytically with contemporary social and political issues. It will help you to develop novel ways of thinking about yourself, those around you and society at large. The applied nature of this programme will offer you the opportunity to study how psychology helps interpret some of the most pressing social and political issues facing human society in the 21st Century and how it can contribute to tackling some of them.

Expertise and topics
Internationally recognised academics will cover a wide range of topics based on their expertise. Example topics are: Ethno-political conflict, victimology, justice, policing, protest & riots, nationalism, community psychology, mental health and its social cures, prejudice, media, cyber & virtual reality, etc.

Applied focus
A unique feature of this degree programme is that it involves you in the design and implementation of an Action Research Project that is aimed at bringing a tangible, positive change on or off campus in collaboration with your fellow students and under the supervision of your Module Leader. Additionally, teaching will be supported with inputs from nonacademic professional experts, activists and NGOs from applied settings to validate and challenge psychological theories and research.

Dissertation
You also will have the opportunity to undertake a dissertation project on a topic of your choice under the direct supervision of a member of staff. You will be able to use quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-method approaches.

Assessment
You will be assessed by coursework, oral presentation, and dissertation.

Entry requirements
The programme is aimed at students with a degree in Psychology and related disciplines (e.g., Criminology, International Relations, Politics, Sociology, History, & other Social Sciences degrees). Applicants without a degree will be considered on a case by case basis, where they can provide evidence of relevant professional experience.

For further information
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