“Be Afraid!” This imperative summarizes many newspaper headlines. Fear is often examined in relation to specific issues, but rarely as a topic in its own right. Rooted in our evolutionary history, enacted by our brain chemistry and used throughout society and culture; fear transcends traditional academic disciplines and can only be understood in totality from a multidisciplinary perspective.

The Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) is organizing an international conference on FEAR: Brain, Behaviour, Society that will gather leading international researchers from a variety of fields to present newest knowledge on fear. The conference is organized in 5 multidisciplinary sessions, each with contributions from several fields:


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INVITED SPEAKERS

- Ruth Wodak, Dept. of Linguistics and English Language, Lancaster University, UK & University of Vienna, Austria
- Andreas Olsson, Dept. of Clinical Neuroscience and Psychology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- Emily Gray, School of Law, University of Sheffield, UK
- Ines Blix, Norwegian centre for violence and traumatic stress studies, Oslo, Norway
- Johanna Mappes, Dept. of Biological and Environmental Science, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- Cornelius Gross, EMBL, Monterotondo, Italy
- Liana Zanette, Dept. of Biology, Western University, Canada
- Robert Elliott, Dept. of Psychological Sciences & Health, University of Strathclyde, USA
- Thomas P. Flower, South African National Biodiversity Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Belinda Thewes, Dept. of Medical Psychology, Radboud University Medical Centre, Nijmegen, Netherlands
- Daniel Blumstein, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UCLA, USA
- Marco Capogna, Dept. of Biomedicine, Aarhus University, Denmark
- Carsten Bagge Laustsen, Dept. of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark
- Mikkel Arendt, Dept. of Clinical Medicine & Dept. of General Psychiatry, Aarhus University, Denmark
- Mathias Clasen, School of Communication and Culture, Aarhus University, Denmark
- Armin W. Geertz, AIAS and Dept. of the Study of Religion, Aarhus University, Denmark