

Rhiannon Turner and her colleagues Miles Hewstone (University of Oxford) and Alberto Voci (University of Padua, Italy) have won the Society of Personality and Social Psychology's *Robert B. Cialdini Award*

The prize is awarded for the publication that best explicates social psychological phenomena through the use of field research methods and settings and that thereby demonstrates the relevance of the discipline to communities outside of academic social psychology.

The award was received for the article “Reducing explicit and implicit prejudice via direct and extended contact: The mediating role of self-disclosure and intergroup anxiety”, which was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* in 2007,

The research involved a series of cross-sectional field studies which investigated the consequences of intergroup contact between Whites and South Asians in the UK. Cross-group friendship (having friends in the other community) was associated with more positive attitudes towards the other community, a relationship that was mediated by reduced intergroup anxiety and higher levels of outgroup self-disclosure (confiding information of a personal nature to outgroup members). Self-disclosure was associated with more positive intergroup attitudes via increased empathy, perceived importance of contact, and intergroup trust. One limitation of face-to-face contact is that it is impossible to implement in regions characterized by high levels of tension and segregation. However, it emerged that extended contact (simply knowing ingroup members who have outgroup friends) was associated with more positive intergroup attitudes, also mediated by intergroup anxiety and self-disclosure. Intergroup contact also had a direct, unmediated positive relationship with implicit intergroup attitudes.