

***Intergroup contact and
Secondary Transfer Effects:
Findings from the literature
and this project's study***

LESSON 6

**Perceptions of Inclusion, well-being and Identification
with
the European Union in Ukrainian university students**



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From direct intergroup contact to broader change

Positive intergroup contact (e.g., between students of different nationalities) can reduce prejudice and increase mutual understanding.


□ Research shows that these benefits can extend beyond the groups directly involved in the interaction.

This process is known as the **Secondary Transfer Effect (STE)** = positive contact with one outgroup (primary outgroup) can improve attitudes toward other outgroups (secondary



Findings from the literature on STE

- People who have positive contact with one minority group (e.g., immigrants) often show more positive attitudes toward other groups, such as LGBTQ+ individuals or other ethnic minorities (Tausch et al., 2010; Vezzali et al., 2021).
- The STE has been observed across contexts including schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods, and across different age groups.
- It occurs for both majority and minority group members, including international students (Vezzali et al., 2021).



How do intergroup contact effects generalize to other groups?

Positive contact can broaden how we see other groups.

A positive experience with someone from a different background can make us more open and positive toward other groups as well.

This process is called attitude generalization: the positive evaluation we build in the relationship with one outgroup member can spread to how we think about other groups too.

It is as if one positive experience opens a door: it challenges our assumptions and makes us more

UkraStud Project

In the UkraStud project, we examined the Secondary Transfer Effect among Ukrainian international students interacting with host populations (Croatians, Italians, Romanians, and Turks).

We expected that positive contact would have a stronger effect than negative contact, and that positive attitudes toward the host country would generalize to attitudes toward other European countries.



Thank you

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