Curriculum Vitae Christoph Bamberg

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Profile

I recently began my Phd in cognitive science. I am currently producing a preregistered meta-analysis, participate in a many-analysts EEG project and run an online experiment. I am intensely studying Bayesian statistics and am excited about open science practices. I enjoy analysing data as much as coming up with creative research questions.

I want to research how metabolic and visceral bodily states are cognitively represented, influence cognition and mental well-being. I practice intermittent fasting and yoga myself to gain a subjective understanding of this topic.

Education

PHD | BRAIN DYNAMICS LAB, THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND, NZ | 06.2021 - PRESENT

- First supervisor: Prof. David Moreau, second supervisor: Dr. Christopher Erb
- Conducting a systematic review and meta-analysis
- Participating in a many-analysts project for EEG analysis
- Visiting the Eat-Lab in Maastricht, conducting an online study

M.SC. COGNITIVE SCIENCE | RUHR UNIVERSITY BOCHUM, GER | 10.2017 - 10.2019

- Final grade: 1.2 (first class honours degree)
- Courses included cognitive science, psychology, neuropsychology, psychiatry, research methods (EEG, fMRI), philosophy of mind, philosophy of science

SUMMER SCHOOL ANALYSING NEURAL TIME SERIES DATA | RADBOUD UNIVERSITY, NL | 08.2019

- ▶ Instructor: Prof. Mike X. Cohen
- Studied mathematical foundations of time frequency analysis, Fourier transformation, simulating data
- Focused on programming exercises in Matlab

B.A. PHILOSOPHY & ECONOMICS | UNIVERSITY OF BAYREUTH, GER | 10.2013 - 04.2017

- Final grade: 2.0 (upper second class honours degree)
- ► Bachelor thesis on explanations of behaviour in the Wason Selection Task. Supervisor: Prof. Olivier Roy
- ► Courses included logic, theory of science, statistics, decision theory, economics
- ▶ Spent one semester in Estonia, studying at the Tallinn University of Technology

Publications

IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Bamberg C, Flasbeck V, Juckel G, Brüne M. Central serotonergic activity is affected by fasting and selective uptake of nutrition. Clinical EEG and Neuroscience, 2021. doi: 10.1177/15500594211000925
- Bamberg C*, Flasbeck V*, Diop S, Brüne M. Ecology of cooperation: the influence of fasting and satiety on interpersonal trust. Soc Neurosci., 2021. doi:10.1080/17470919.2021.1876758
- ► Flasbeck V, Bamberg C, Brüne M. Short-term fasting and ingestion of caloric drinks affect heartbeat-evoked potentials and autonomic nervous system activity in males. Front. Neurosci., 2021, doi: 10.3389/fnins.2021.622428

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PREREGISTRATIONS

- Bamberg C, Moreau D. (2021). A Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Temporary Calorie Restriction on Cognitive Performance. https://osf.io/95ykw/
- ▶ Bamberg C, Hagelweide K, Üngör M, Weigelt S. (2020). Flexibility and extinction in teenagers. https://osf.io/ep5ua

Presentations

- Poster. A Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Temporary Calorie Restriction on Cognitive Performance. Mind Brain Body Symposium 2022. Online. 03.2022
- ► Talk. Developmental trajectories of flexible feedback processing and probabilistic reversal learning from late childhood to adulthood. TeaP 2021. Online. 03. 2021
- Poster. Fasting and nutrition affect the Loudness Dependence of Acoustic Evoked Potentials. Live MEEG 2020. Online. 10. 2020
- Poster. Developmental changes in extinction learning from infancy to adulthood. IGSN-BIOME-CRC1280 conference on extinction learning, Bochum, 02. 2020
- ► Talk. Trust is disrupted by physical needs and is payed when it seems worth it. 16th annual conference of the Italian Association for Cognitive Science AISC, Rome, 12. 2019

Prizes

Special Poster Prize. Mind Brain Body Symposium 2022. https://www.cbs.mpg.de/en/mbb-symposium/details

Research

GUEST RESEARCHER | EAT-LAB, MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NL | 02.2022 - PRESENT

- PI Anne Roefs, Eat-Lab, Department of Clinical Psychological Sciences, Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience
- Conducting an online study on the effects of hunger and subjective expectations on concentration

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY DORTMUND, GER | 11.2019 - 05.2021

- ▶ PI Prof. Sarah Weigelt, subproject of the Collaborative Research Centre CRC1280
- Conducted an fMRI study on extinction learning in adolescence
- Designed a novel reversal learning paradigm for a preregistered online study on cognitive flexibility across different ages
- Collected, analysed and presented the results of the online study
- Supervised and guided two student assistants, an intern, a bachelor and master thesis

MASTER THESIS PROJECT | LWL PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC, BOCHUM | 08.2018 - 10.2019

- Supervisor Prof. Martin Brüne, Dr. Vera Flasbeck
- Conducted a study on the effects of fasting and eating on cortical serotonergic activity (measured indirectly through acoustic evoked EEG-potentials) and social behaviour
- Using a repeated measures, cross-over, double blind design
- Analysed behavioural, electrophysiological and electrocardiographic data, wrote manuscripts for publication
- ▶ Helped standardising the analysis pipeline in the clinic.

STUDENT ASSISTANT | BERGMANNSHEIL CLINIC, BOCHUM | 03.2018 -01.2019

- Pls Prof. Albert Newen, Prof. Martin Tegenthoff, Prof. Martin Brüne
- Assisted in a study on the effects of hypnotic suggestions on tactile acuity and associated neural representations
- Performed and analysed EEG measurements of resting state and somatosensory evoked potentials

Teaching

GUEST LECTURER | UNIVERSITY OF BAYREUTH | 04.2019

- Guest lecturer for an undergraduate level block seminar with 18 students
- Seminar introduced students to research in cognitive science, philosophy of mind and neuroscience
- Graded students' presentations and essays

TUTOR | RUHR UNIVERSITY BOCHUM | 09.2018 - 03.2019

- Tutor for logic and theory of science accompanying a graduate level lecture
- Drafted exercises, supervised the students in class and graded their final exam

TEACHER AT SUMMERSCHOOL | LEUPHANA SUMMER ACADEMY | 08.2017 - 09.2017

- Summer school for students from less privileged backgrounds, preparing them for their graduation
- Tutored students in mathematics and presentation skills, helped them find an apprenticeship

Science Communication

LEARNING BAYESIAN STATISTICS PODCAST | 04.2022 - PRESENT

- Promoting the podcast on social media, cutting interesting snippets
- Writing and publishing newsletter for listeners

Skills

EXPERIMENTATION

- EEG recordings with different systems, EOG, ECG
- Acoustic evoked potentials, somatosensory evoked potentials
- Functional (fMRI) and structural neuroimaging (MRI) (Philips scanner) with simultaneous heartbeat and respiration recordings
- Physiological measurements, i.e. two-point discrimination threshold, blood glucose
- Developing behavioural paradigms with Psychopy (Python)
- Systematic literature search and review

DATA ANALYSIS

- Statistical analysis with R and Python
- ▶ EEG data preprocessing and analysis with MNE Python
- Behavioural data analysis with Python
- fMRI data preprocessing with SPM (Matlab)
- Meta-analysis

Voluntary work

START WITH A FRIEND | DORTMUND | 09.2020 - 01.2021

► Established friendships in 1:1 tandem partnership with a person with immigration background

STUDY BUDDY MENTORSHIP | RUHR UNIVERSITY BOCHUM | 04.2018 - 04.2020

► Helped international students arriving in Bochum to integrate and manage bureaucratic affairs

DEVELOPMENT AID VOLUNTEERING | LIUKU, YUNNAN, CHINA | 09.2012 - 10.2013

- Taught English at a rural middle school
- ▶ Cared for children in need and people replaced by civil war
- Organized and held hygiene training courses and used cloth collections
- ► Established a godparenthood programme that enabled children to visit primary school