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Born: February 27, 1993—Eichstätt, Germany

Nationality: German

Current Position

Gateway Fellow, Lund University, Sweden

Exploring how patient-generated language can be used for assessment, interpretation, and prognosis in psychotherapy.

Research Associate (on leave), German Center for Mental Health (DZPG), Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Leading the psychotherapy research group at the Bochum–Marburg site of the DZPG.

Areas of Specialisation

Diagnostics of mental disorders, Long-term effectiveness of psychotherapy, Psychotherapy research in naturalistic settings.

Former Academic Positions

2017-2018 Student Assistant to Prof. Dr. M. Tegenthoff at the Neuroimaging Research Group, Department of Neurology, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany

2018 Student Assistant to Prof. Dr. J. Margraf at the Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany

2020-2023 Research assistant, Chairs of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (Prof. Dr. Silvia Schneider) and Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy (Prof. Dr. Jürgen Margraf), Ruhr University Bochum

Education

- 2015 BSc in Psychology, MLU Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
Thesis title: *"Physical activity and mood experience in daily life"*
- 2018 MSc in Clinical Psychology, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany
Thesis title: *"Neural correlates of in-situ exposure in panic disorder with agoraphobia"*
- 2020 – 2024 PhD in Clinical Psychology, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany
Grade: summa cum laude
Thesis title: *"Implicit and explicit categorization processes in clinical psychology: Evidence-based diagnostics, optimal cut-points, and therapists' prototypes"*

Clinical Qualification

- 2019-2024 Postgraduate training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany
- 2024 State examination and license to practice as psychotherapist in Germany (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy)

Grants, Honours & Awards

- 2022 Travel grant for participants in the FBZ Scientist-Practitioner Program (€1,500)
- 2024 Seed funding from the Institute for Health and Development at Ruhr University Bochum for the project *"Therapeutic change processes in clinical practice: Idiographic dynamics of loneliness and well-being"* (Co-PI, €2,000)
- 2024 DZPG ECS Independence Grant for the project *"Speech analysis of psychotherapeutic treatment in a transdiagnostic setting"* (Co-PI, €1,500)
- 2025 DZPG VISIONS Grant for the multi-center project *"Speech analysis of psychotherapeutic treatment in a transdiagnostic setting"* (PI for the Bochum-Marburg site, €135,056; total funding: €294,194)
- 2025 FBZ Open Science Award (500€)
- 2025 Gateway Fellowship (9-month funding) from RUB Research School for a research stay abroad with the project *"Mental Health Evaluation through Text Analysis"* (€43,903)

Publications & Talks

PEER REVIEWED

- 2023 Kröber, S., **Bonnin, G.**, Schneider, S., Merz, R., Hirschfeld, G., Hötzl, K., Lewer, M., & von Brachel, R. (2023). Therapists' prototypes of common mental disorders – an empirical identification. *Psychiatry Research Communications*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psycom.2023.100144>.
- 2024 **Bonnin, G.**, Hirschfeld, G., von Brachel, R., & Margraf, J. (2024). How happy is happy enough? A cross-cultural comparison of optimal cut points for the Positive Mental Health Scale. *European Journal of Psychological Assessment*. <https://doi.org/10.1027/1015-5759/a000850>.
- 2024 **Bonnin, G.**, Kröber, S., Schneider, S., Margraf, J., Pflug, V., Gerlach, A. L., Slotta, T., Christiansen, H., Albrecht, B., Chavanon, M.-L., Hirschfeld, G., In-Albon, T., Thielsch, M.-T., & von Brachel, R. (2024). A blended learning course on the diagnostics of mental disorders: multicenter noninferiority cluster randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2196/54176>.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 Bonnin, G., Kröber, S., & von Brachel, R. (2024). Klinische Interviews zur Klassifikation psychischer Störungen. In Teismann, T., Thoma, P., Wannemüller, A., Taubner, S., & von Sydow, K. (Eds.), *Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie: Ein verfahrensübergreifendes Lehr- und Lernbuch*. Göttingen: Hogrefe.
- 2025 Bonnin, G., Buys, P., & von Brachel, R. (in press). Diagnostische Interviews bei psychischen Störungen. In Casale, G., Hennemann, T., Hövel, D., & Markowitz, R. (Eds.), *Handbuch Förder-schwerpunkt emotional-soziale Entwicklung*. Weinheim: Beltz.

EXPERTISES

- 2023 von Brachel, R., & Bonnin, G. (2023). Digital psychodiagnostic interview for the mental health surveillance (MHS). *Robert-Koch-Institut*.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2016 Schönfeld, R., Bonnin, G., Täumer, E., & Leplow, B. (2016). *Therapieevaluation von Aktivitätsaufbau im Alltag mit Schrittzählern und Smartphone-basierten Stimmungsprotokollen* [talk]. 15. Congress of the German Society for Behavioural Medicine and Behaviour Modification (DGVM), Mainz, Germany.
- 2022 Bonnin, G., Kröber, S., Schneider, S., & von Brachel, R. (2022). *Learning Diagnostic Skills Online – Evaluation of a blended learning course in a multicenter randomized controlled trial* [talk]. 52. Congress of the European Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy (EABCT), Barcelona, Spain.
- 2024 Buys, P. von Brachel, R., Pflug, V., Bonnin, G., Flasinski, T., Schneider, S. (2024). *Evaluation des Kinder-eDIPS - Gütekriterien und Akzeptanz einer digitalen Version des Kinder-DIPS O.A.* [talk]. 3. German Psychotherapy Congress (DPK), Berlin, Germany.
- 2024 von Brachel, R., Bonnin, G., Kröber, S., & Schneider, S. (2024). *DiSkO - Diagnostik Skills Online: randomisiert-kontrollierte non-inferiority Evaluation eines blended-learning Kurses an drei Universitäten* [talk]. 53. Congress of the German Psychological Society (DGPs), Vienna, Austria.
- 2025 Bonnin, G., Margraf, J., & Schneider, S. (2025). *The psychotherapy research infrastructure: A model for practice-orientated research and evidence-based interventions* [talk]. 4. Deutscher Psychotherapie Kongress (DPK), Berlin, Germany.
- 2025 Schneider, S., Lipinski, S., & Bonnin, G. (2025). *The research infrastructures of the German Centre for Mental Health (DZPG): The foundation for evidence-based and practice-orientated psychotherapy research* [Symposium]. 4. Deutscher Psychotherapie Kongress (DPK), Berlin, Germany.