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Research Interests

The Causes and Consequences of Conspiracy Beliefs;

Mis/disinformation;

Extremism, Terrorism, and Societal Polarization;

Violence, Aggression, and Crime.

Current Projects

How Conspiracy Beliefs Change over Time During the Presidential Election in the US;

COVID-19 Vaccination Coercion, Conspiracy Beliefs and Polarization;

Overconfidence and Conspiracy Beliefs;

Climate Change Conspiracy Beliefs, Self-Efficacy and Pro-environment Behavior

Educational Backgrounds

2019 – Now PhD Candidate in Social Psychology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;

2019 – Now PhD Candidate at NSCR;

2023 Visiting Scholar at Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab;

2016 – 2019 Master of Criminal Psychology at China University of Political Science and Law;

2017 Exchange Program of Criminal Law at Soochow University;

2009 – 2013 Bachelor of Engineering Management at Tianjin University of Commerce;

Publications

Wang, H., van Prooijen, J. W., & van Lange, P. A. (2024). How perceived coercion polarizes unvaccinated people: The mediating role of conspiracy beliefs. *Journal of Health Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13591053241238126>

Chen, Y., Douglas, K. S., Zhang, Z., Xiao, C., Wang, H., Wang, Y., & Ma, A. (2023). Evaluating the HCR-20V3 violence risk assessment measure with mentally disordered offenders and civil psychiatric patients in China. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2614>

Wang, H., & van Prooijen, J-W. (2022). Stolen elections: How conspiracy beliefs during the 2020 American presidential elections changed over time. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.3996>

van Prooijen, J-W., Spadaro, G., & Wang, H. (2022). Suspicion of institutions: How distrust and conspiracy theories deteriorate social relationships. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 43, 65-69. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2021.06.013>

Other Research Output

Poster in EASP Conference 2023: Being Overconfident is More Susceptible to Conspiracy Theories

Poster in ICSIH-5 Conference 2022: Another COVID-19 Variant? The Role of Perceived Vaccination Coercion and Conspiracy Beliefs in Societal Polarization.

Poster in KLI conference 2022: Another COVID-19 Variant? The Role of Perceived Vaccination Coercion and Conspiracy Beliefs in Societal Polarization.

Poster in SPSP 2022. Pre-conference of Political Psychology. Title: The Dynamic Relationships Between Feeling of Uncontrollability, Political Extremism and Conspiracy Belief During the 2020 US Presidential Election.

Poster in SPSP 2022. Title: Stolen Elections: How Conspiracy Beliefs During the 2020 American Presidential Elections Changed over Time.

Speaker in EASP 2021. EASP small group meeting: Social Implications of Conspiracy Theories. Title: Stolen Elections: How Conspiracy Beliefs During the 2020 American Presidential Elections Changed over Time.

Other Activities

PhD Representative in Social Psychology Section, in Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam