Dr. rer. nat. Neele Engelmann neele.engelmann@ruhr-uni-bochum.de

neeleengelmann.com ORCiD: 0000-0002-0000-9940

Current Position

Postdoctoral researcher

Bochum, Germany

Ruhr-University Bochum

Center for Law, Behaviour, and Cognition

Since 04/2022

- DFG/CAPES-funded project: "Experimental legal philosophy: The concept of law revisited". Principal investigator: Stefan Magen
- Research stay at University of Granada (Spain), Department of Philosophy (September 2022)

EDUCATION

Dr. rer. nat. Psychology

Göttingen, Germany

Georg-August-University Göttingen. Grade: magna cum laude ("with great honors")

2017 - 2022

Georg-Elias-Müller Institute for Psychology

Cognitive and Decision Sciences

- Thesis: "The role of causal representations in moral judgment". Advisor: Michael R. Waldmann.
- Defense date: August 29, 2022

M.Sc. Psychology

Göttingen, Germany

Georg-August-University Göttingen. Grade: 1.3 ("very good")

2014-2017

- Thesis: "An empirical investigation of the effects of prescriptive and statistical normality on judgments of actual causation and accountability". Grade: 1.0 ("very good"). Advisor: Michael R. Waldmann
- Additional courses in philosophy and German philology
- Research stay at University College London, UK (Summer 2016), Department of Experimental Psychology, Causal Cognition Lab (David Lagnado)

B.Sc. Psychology

Göttingen, Germany

Georg-August-University Göttingen. Grade: 1.3 ("very good", degree awarded with distinction)

2010-2014

- Thesis: "Foraging with threatened options". Grade: 1.0 ("very good"). Advisor: Hansjörg Neth
- Additional courses in philosophy and French/Gallo-Roman studies
- Study stay at Université Paris Est Créteil Val de Marne, France (Summer 2014), Studies of French philology, literature, philosophy and history

PUBLICATIONS

Stephan, S., Engelmann, N., & Waldmann, M. R. (2023). The perceived dilution of causal strength. Cognitive Psychology, 140, 101540.

Engelmann, N., & Waldmann, M. R. (2022a). How causal structure, causal strength, and foreseeability affect moral judgments. Cognition, 226, Article 105167.

Engelmann, N., & Waldmann, M. R. (2022b). How to weigh lives. A computational model of moral judgment in multiple-outcome structures. Cognition, 218, Article 104910.

Wiegmann*, A., & Engelmann*, N. (2022). Is lying morally different from misleading? An empirical investigation. In L. Horn (Ed.), From lying to perjury: Linguistic and legal perspectives on lies and other falsehoods (pp. 89–111).

- Engelmann, N., & Waldmann, M. R. (2021). A causal proximity effect in moral judgment. In T. Fitch, C. Lamm, H. Leder, & K. Teßmar-Raible (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd meeting of the cognitive science society* (pp. 2330–2336).
- Viebahn*, E., Wiegmann*, A., **Engelmann**, N., & Willemsen, P. (2021). Can a question be a lie? An empirical investigation. *Ergo*, 8, Article 7.
- Hagmayer, Y., & Engelmann, N. (2020). Asking questions to provide a causal explanation Do people search for the information required by cognitive psychological theories? In E. A. Bar-Asher Siegal & N. Boneh (Eds.), Perspectives on causation: Selected papers from the Jerusalem 2017 workshop (pp. 121–147). Springer International Publishing.
- Wiegmann*, A., & Engelmann*, N. (2020). Entwicklungen und probleme der moralpsychologie zu beginn des 21. jahrhunderts [Developments and problems in moral psychology in the 21st century]. In N. Paulo & J. C. Bublitz (Eds.), Empirische ethik Grundlagentexte aus psychologie und philosophie (pp. 139–175). Suhrkamp Verlag.
- Engelmann, N., & Waldmann, M. R. (2019). Moral reasoning with multiple effects: Justification and moral responsibility for side effects. In W. D. Gray & C. D. Schunn (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 41th meeting of the cognitive science society* (pp. 1703–1709).
- Hagmayer, Y., & **Engelmann**, N. (2014). Causal beliefs about depression in different cultural groups What do cognitive psychological theories of causal learning and reasoning predict? *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5, Article 1303.
- Neth, H., Engelmann, N., & Mayrhofer, R. (2014). Foraging for alternatives: Ecological rationality in keeping options viable. In P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), Proceedings of the 36rd meeting of the cognitive science society (pp. 1078–1083).
- * = shared first authorship

Manuscripts in Preparation

Engelmann, N. (2023). Murderer at the door! To lie or to mislead?

Engelmann, N., & Kirfel, L. (2022). Who caused it? Different effects of statistical and prescriptive abnormality on causal selection in chains.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• Erasmus+ Scholarship for research stay at University College London, UK, ca. 1500€

- 2016
- Erasmus Scholarship for stay at Université Paris Est Créteil Val de Marne, Paris, France, ca. 1500€

2014

- "Niedersachsenstipendium" (Scholarship awarded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research for outstanding grades and political engagement, 500€) 2014
- "Deutschlandstipendium" (Scholarship awarded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research for outstanding grades and political engagement, 12 x 300€) 2012–2013

Invited Talks

- "The role of causal representations in moral judgment", Stanford University, Causality in Cognition Lab , October 17, 2022.
- "How to weigh lives. A computational model of moral judgment in multiple-outcome structures", Workshop "Moral dilemmas involving self-driving cars", Bundeswehr University, Munich, October 7, 2022.
- "The role of causal representations in moral judgment", University of Granada, Department of Philosophy , September 28, 2022.

- "A causal proximity effect in moral judgment", Chicago/Michigan Psychology and Law Studies Lab , September 29, 2021.
- "A causal proximity effect in moral judgment", Georgetown Law & Language Lab, September 13, 2021.
- Invited discussant, Workshop "The Moral Psychology of War." Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law, and Armed Conflict (ELAC) & Nuffield College Oxford, May 13 14, 2021.
- Invited author, book workshop "Empirische Ethik". Center for Interdisciplinary Research at Bielefeld University, Germany, August 29 30, 2019.
- "Norms and causation Current empirical findings" (with Lara Kirfel), Workshop "The Experimental Philosophy of Morality and Causation Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology, and Law." Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, June 13, 2017.

Conference Talks

- Engelmann, N. & Wiegmann, A., "Is lying morally different from misleading? An empirical investigation", 2nd European Experimental Philosophy Conference, Granada, Spain, September 08 September 10, 2022.
- Engelmann, N. & Wiegmann, A., "Is lying morally different from misleading? An empirical investigation", Joint Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP) and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP), Milan, Italy, July 19 July 22, 2022.
- Wiegmann, A. & Engelmann, N., "Is lying morally different from misleading? An empirical investigation", Workshop "Commitments in Grammar and Discourse" at the Annual Meeting of the German Society for Linguistics, February 23, 2022 (Online).
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "Moral reasoning with multiple effects: Exploring the scope of a subjective-utilitarian approach", Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP), Titania Hotel, Athens, Greece, September 6, 2019.
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "Moral reasoning with multiple effects: Exploring the scope of a subjective-utilitarian approach", European Conference for Cognitive Science, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, September 3, 2019.
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "Moral reasoning with multiple effects", Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psychologen (Teap), London Metropolitan University, UK, April 17, 2019.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "How to weigh lives. A computational model of moral judgment in multiple-outcome structures.", Poster presentation at the workshop "Engineering and Reverse-Engineering Morality" at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, July 26, 2021 (online)
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "A causal proximity effect in moral judgment", Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, July 26 29, 2021 (Online)
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "A causal proximity effect in moral judgment", Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), June 28 July 02, 2021 (Online)
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "Moral reasoning with multiple effects", Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, Canada, July 27, 2019.
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "Moral reasoning with multiple effects", Poster presentation at the RTG 2070 conference "Understanding Social Relationships", German Primate Center, Göttingen, Germany, October 17, 2018.
- Engelmann, N. & Waldmann, M.R., "The interaction between causality, foreseeability, and outcome valence in attributions of moral responsibility", Poster presentation at the UK Xphi Conference, University College London, UK, June 14, 2018.

- Viebahn, E., Wiegmann, A., Engelmann, N., & Willemsen, P., "Can a question be a lie? An empirical investigation", Poster presentation at the UK Xphi Conference, University College London, UK, June 14, 2018.
- Stephan, S., Engelmann, N., & Kirfel, L., "The influence of learned statistical abnormality on singular causation judgments", Poster presentation at the UK Xphi Conference, University College London, UK, June 14, 2018.
- Engelmann, N., Stephan, S., & Lagnado, D., "Functional norms and causal judgment", Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP), University of Hertfordshire, UK, August 16, 2017.

TEACHING

Courses

Quantitative Methods I (Bachelor Psychology): basics of research design and hypothesis testing, data visualisation, descriptive and inferential data analysis, data visualisation, power analyses. Practical exercises in MS Excel.

Winter 2017/18, Winter 2018/19, Winter 2019/20, Winter 2020/21, Winter 2021/22

Quantitative Methods II (Bachelor Psychology): General Linear Model and applications (multiple linear regression and its assumptions, ANOVA, contrast analyses, logistic regression, multilevel models). Practical exercises in R and RStudio.

• Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021

Thesis Supervision

- Moral intuitions about death. M.Sc. thesis, A. Rinn, Summer 2022 (co-supervision with Michael R. Waldmann).
- Moral intuitions about death. M.Sc. thesis, F. Koniusch, Summer 2022 (co-supervision with Michael R. Waldmann).
- Killing as a side effect: Investigating the violability of soldiers and civilians in war. B.Sc. thesis, K. McElyea, Summer 2021 (co-supervision with Juan Carlos Marulanda).
- AI and moral decisions: Can experience learning and process transparency increase acceptability?
 M.Sc. thesis, A. Zobott, Summer 2020.
- Lying, deceiving, misleading: Moral evaluation and the influence of perspective. M.Sc. thesis, E. Köhler, Summer 2020 (co-supervision with Dr. Alex Wiegmann).
- The influence of causal structure and beliefs about causal structure on judgments of causation and moral responsibility. B.Sc. thesis, S. Ernst, Summer 2020.
- Moral reasoning with multiple effects: Intentionality and moral responsibility for side effects. B.Sc. thesis, M. Rocholl, Summer 2019.
- The role of outcome valence for causal attributions in disjunctive causal structures. B.Sc. thesis, L. Ahlwes, Summer 2019.
- Causal questions and explanation. B.Sc. thesis, L. Bertz, Summer 2018 (co-supervision with Prof. York Hagmayer).

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

• Research assistant to York Hagmayer

Georg-Elias-Müller-Institute for Psychology, Department of Cognitive and Decision Sciences.

• Teaching assistant to Hansjörg Neth

2012 – 2017

Georg-Elias-Müller-Institute for Psychology, Department of Cognitive and Decision Sciences, Seminar "Basic Academic Skills".

• Research assistant to Miriam Ellert

2012 - 2013

Seminar of German Philology, Lab for Psycholinguistics.

• Teaching assistant to Willi Hager

2011-2012

Georg-Elias-Müller-Institute for Psychology, Department of Cognitive and Decision Sciences, Seminar "Quantitative Methods I & II".

SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

• Member of search committee for a professorship in work and organizational psychology

Institute for Psychology, Georg-August-University Göttingen.

2021/22

• Participant in Dorothea Schlözer mentoring programme
Career mentoring for female PhD candidates and postdocs

2021 - 2022

• Co-organizer of R-Ladies Göttingen

since 2021

Organization to promote gender diversity in the R community

• Member of the ethics board

since 2020

Institute for Psychology, Georg-August-University Göttingen.

AD HOC REVIEWS

- Acta Psychologica
- Cognition
- Cognitive Science
- Cognitive Psychology
- Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
- PLoS one
- Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

LANGUAGES

• German: Native speaker

• English: Fluent

• French: Conversational

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

• R (advanced)

• MatLab (basics)

• LaTex (intermediate)

• Python (basics)