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## EDUCATION

### **INSEAD Business School**

Postdoctoral Researcher

Fontainebleau, France

2021 – current

### **ICM Paris Brain & Spine Institute**

Affiliated Postdoctoral Researcher

Paris, France

2021 – current

### **Heinrich-Heine University**

PhD Psychology (dissertation: summa cum laude, defense on March 2nd)

Düsseldorf, Germany

2018 – 2022

M.Sc. Psychology (top 10% of the year)

2016 – 2018

B.Sc. Psychology

2013 – 2016

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Stress, Mental Health, Consumer Behavior, Judgement and Decision Making, Rational Choice

## WORKING PAPERS

Does the stress of threatening social evaluation increase the preference for status signals?

**Nitsch, F.J.**, Margittai, Z., Nave, G., Dubois, D., Kalenscher, T., Plassmann, H.

*In preparation.*

The impact of COVID-19 on stress and decision-making abilities.

Falkenstein, M.\*, **Nitsch, F.J.\***, Ling, A., Koban, L., Kalenscher, T., Plassmann, H.

*In preparation.*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Dederichs, M., **Nitsch, F. J.**, & Apolinário-Hagen, J. (2022). Piloting an Innovative Concept of e-Mental Health and mHealth Workshops With Medical Students Using a Participatory Co-design Approach and App Prototyping: Case Study. *JMIR medical education*, 8(1), e32017.

**Nitsch, F. J.**, & Kalenscher, T. (2021). Influence of memory processes on choice consistency. *Royal Society Open Science*, 8(10), 200308. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.200308>

**Nitsch, F. J.\***, Strenger, H.\*, Knecht, S., & Studer, B. (2021). Lesion Evidence for a Causal Role of the Insula in Aversion to Social Inequity. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, nsab098. <https://doi.org/10/gmfpxm>

**Nitsch, F. J.**, Sellitto, M., & Kalenscher, T. (2021). The effects of acute and chronic stress on choice consistency. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 131, 105289. <https://doi.org/10/gk9pvk>

**Nitsch, F. J.**, Sellitto, M., & Kalenscher, T. (2021). Trier social stress test and food-choice: Behavioral, self-report & hormonal data. *Data in Brief*, 37, 107245. <https://doi.org/10/gmd57p>

## **PREPRINTS**

Hu, Y., **Nitsch, F.J.**, van Wingerden, M., Kalenscher, T. (2021, July 29). Cross-species comparison of human and rodent primary reward consumption under budget constraints. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.07.28.454138>

**Nitsch, F. J.**, & Kalenscher, T. (2021, July 16). How robust is rational choice?.  
<https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/zv2m8>

**Nitsch, F. J.**, Lüpken, L. M., Lüscho, N., & Kalenscher, T. (2021, July 13). Inconsistently consistent: Rationality is not reliable. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/gd9zs>

**Nitsch, F. J.**, & Kalenscher, T. (2020, February 18). Keeping a cool head at all times. What determines choice consistency? <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/etyhx>

## **CONFERENCE POSTERS**

2022, March 5. *Does COVID-Related Stress Affect Self-Control and the Ability to Make Healthy Food Choices?* Virtual Poster. Society for Consumer Psychology (SCP2022) with Marie Falkenstein, Aiqing Ling, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann

2021, October 1. *How robust is rationality?* Virtual Poster. Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (vSNE) with Tobias Kalenscher.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2022, March 3. Institute for Neuroscience and Medicine – Brain and Behavior (IMN-7), Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany. *Does the stress of threatening social evaluation increase the preference for status signals?*

2021, October 1. INSEAD Business School, Fontainebleau, France. *Emotion and decision-making.*

2021, April 1. JDM Lab, University of Padova, Italy. *Keep your cool. The effects of acute and chronic stress on rationality.*

## **SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS**

- Society for Neuroeconomics (SfN)
- Society for Consumer Psychology (SCP)
- Society for Judgement and Decision Making (SJDM)

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

2021. “Personality & Leadership” scholarship from **Rheinisches FührungsColleg e.V**

## **SERVICE TO THE FIELD**

Reviews for *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, *PLOS One*.

Co-Reviews for *Nature Human Behaviour*, *PNAS*, *Psychological Science*, *Current Biology*, *European Journal of Neuroscience*.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Heinrich-Heine University**

Instructor – Foundations of Neuropsychology

Primary Thesis Advisor – 21 B.Sc. and 2 M.Sc. psychology students

Second Thesis Advisor – 5 B.Sc. and 2 M.Sc. psychology students

Düsseldorf, Germany

2018 – 2021

2018 – 2022

2018 – 2021

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **EDUCAT Germany e.V. - Founder and Co-Director**

Catalyst for education projects in Latin America. <https://www.educatgermany.com>

Düsseldorf, Germany

2019 – current

- Developed model and strategy of the non-profit association
- Recruited core team (alumni/employees from **WHU Business school, TU Berlin, EY**)
- Led and remote-managed international team of 21 professionals from 10 countries

### **St. Mauritius Hospital - Research Intern**

Meerbusch, Germany

*PI: PD. Dr. Bettina Studer*

2018

- Conducted published research on decision-making in stroke patients
- Developed inhouse research software in Python
- Analysed data on neurocognitive rehabilitation training of more than 500 patients

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Open Neuroscience & Psychology. Teaching series on Open Science.

<https://youtu.be/zccNKMnfOao>

## **OTHER**

- Founded and led NEURD, a network of young scientists in the field of computational neuroscience
- Fluent in English, basic knowledge in Spanish