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EDUCATION

INSEAD Business School, Marketing Area

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | PI: Hilke Plassmann

Visiting PhD Student | PI: Hilke Plassmann

Fontainebleau, France

2022 – current

2021 – 2022

Sorbonne Université, ICM Paris Brain & Spine Institute

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | PI: Hilke Plassmann

Visiting PhD Student | PI: Hilke Plassmann

Paris, France

2022 – current

2021 – 2022

Heinrich-Heine University

PhD Psychology (summa cum laude, approx. top 10%)

PI: Tobias Kalenscher

Düsseldorf, Germany

2018 – 2022

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

2016 – 2018

B.Sc. Psychology

2013 – 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Stress, Consumer Wellbeing, Social Media, Judgement & Decision-Making, Business for Good

WORKING PAPERS

Nitsch, F.J., Margittai, Z., Nave, G., Dubois, D., Kalenscher, T., Plassmann, H. (2022). Does Social-Self Threat Increase the Preference for Status Goods? *INSEAD Working Paper*.

Rivera, L.F., **Nitsch, F.J.**, Rincon, U., Rios-Flores, J.A., Rodrigues Lima, R., Kalenscher, T., Gouveia, A. (2022). Pharmacological interventions on the HPA-Axis and/or SAM System and decision-making: a systematic review. *Invited for 2nd round revise & resubmit at Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (Impact factor: 4.235)*

SELECTED REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Burkhardt, M.*, **Nitsch, F.J.***, Spinler, S., Van Wassenhove, L. (2023). The Effect of Acute Stress on Humanitarian Supplies Management. *Production and Operations Management (POM)*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/poms.13993>.

FT Top 50

- WHU Knowledge (05 May 2023): “Hohes Stresslevel, schlechte Entscheidungen?” <https://www.whu.edu/de/forschung/whu-knowledge/hohes-stresslevel-schlechte-entscheidungen/>
- Featured as part of the Humanitarian Operations Series of POMS - College of Humanitarian Operations and Crisis Management

Nitsch, F. J., Lüpken, L. M., Lüschor, N., & Kalenscher, T. (2022). On the Reliability of Individual Economic Rationality Measurements. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, 119(31), e2202070119. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2202070119>. **Impact factor: 12.779**

- German Science Information Service (idw; 27 July 2022): “Zur Rationalität individueller ökonomischer Entscheidungen” <https://idw-online.de/de/news799075>
- INSEAD Knowledge (10 November 2022): “Why It Pays to Be Sceptical About Behaviour Tests” <https://knowledge.insead.edu/career/why-it-pays-be-sceptical-about-behaviour-tests>

- Business A.M. (6 December 2022): “Why it Pays to Be Sceptical About Behaviour Tests”
<https://www.businessamlive.com/why-it-pays-to-be-sceptical-about-behaviour-tests/>

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>. **Impact factor: 3.653**

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>.
Impact factor: 4.235

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>. **Impact factor: 4.693**

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Why do social media users keep posting despite negative consequences?
with Klaus Wertenbroch & Hilke Plassmann. Status: Study 4 completed.

Stress and Consumer Behaviour: An Updated Review of the Literature
with Hilke Plassmann. Status: Working Paper in Preparation

Effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on consumers' stress and choices
with Marie Falkenstein, Aiqing Ling, Tobias Kalenscher, and Hilke Plassmann
Status: Data Analysis

ACCEPTED PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023, July. *Psychohormonal threat response states modulate status preferences*. Oral Presentation. International Symposium on Decision Neuroscience at Fox School of Business, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA with Zsofia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, July. *Social media users' posting behavior can be as-if addictive*. Poster Presentation. International Symposium on Decision Neuroscience at Fox School of Business, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA with Klaus Wertenbroch and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, July. *Social evaluation on social media shapes content sharing*. Poster Presentation. European Association for Consumer Research Conference 2023 (EACR2023) in Amsterdam, Netherlands with Klaus Wertenbroch and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, June. Selected track participant for *Applied Neuroscience for Consumer Wellbeing: A Randomized Controlled Trial*. Transformative Consumer Research Dialogical Conference (TCR2023) at Royal Holloway, University of London.

2023, June. *Social media users' posting behavior can be as-if addictive*. Poster Presentation. 11th Symposium on Biology of Decision-Making (SBDM) in Paris, France with Klaus Wertenbroch and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, April. *The influence of stressful social-self threats on status preferences*. Oral Presentation. Monaco Symposium on Luxury with Zsofia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, March. *Does social-self threat increase the preference for status goods?* Poster Presentation. Society for Consumer Psychology (SCP2022) in San Juan, Puerto Rico with Zsofia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann.

2022, October. *Psychological Layers in the Consumption of Status Goods: Drivers, Forms, and Consequences*. Special Session (Chair). Association for Consumer Research Conference 2022 (ACR2022) in Denver, USA with Hilke Plassmann, Zsofia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher, Evrim Yanar, Felicitas Morhart, Keith Wilcox, Maren Hoff, Dafna Goor and Nader Tavassoli

2022, September. *Does social-self threat increase the preference for status goods?* Oral Blitz Presentation. Consumer Neuroscience Satellite Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE) in Crystal City, USA with Zsafia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann.

2022, September. *On the reliability of individual economic rationality measurements.* Late Breaking Poster Presentation. Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE) in Crystal City, USA with Luca Lüpken, Nils Lüschor and Tobias Kalenscher.

2022, September. *Does social-self threat increase the preference for status goods?* Poster Presentation. Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE) in Crystal City, USA with Zsafia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann.

2022, July 12. *Does the stress of threatening social evaluation increase the preference for status signals?* Poster Presentation. Federation of European Neuroscience Societies Forum 2022 (FENS Forum 2022) in Paris, France with Zsafia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann

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

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

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023, July 19. Neuroeconomics Summerschool (Teaching Assistant), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, France. *Methods in Neuroscience: Computational Modeling.*

2023, March 10. INSEAD-HEC-ESSEC Seminar, Fontainebleau, France. *Touching the hot stove: Social media users respond asymmetrically to social feedback online.*

2022, December 5. Forum “Corona Crisis and Beyond”, Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany. *The impact of physical distancing on stress, interpersonal relationships and social wellbeing.* With Tobias Kalenscher.

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

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2022. Research & Development Grant (€13.500) from **INSEAD**: “Effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on consumers’ stress and choices” with Hilke Plassmann.

2022. Grant for Transformative Consumer Research (**\$2000**) from the **Association for Consumer Research**: “Brief Self-Interventions to Resile Stress Effects on Dietary Choice”. Co-Investigator: Hilke Plassmann.

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

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SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Reviews for *La Londe Conference 2023*, *Society of Consumer Psychology 2023 (SCP23)*, *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, *Brain Research*, *Royal Society Open Science*, *PLOS One*, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*.

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ICM Paris Brain & Spine Institute

Primary Internship Advisor – 1 bachelor, 3 pre-docs

Paris, France
2018 – current

Heinrich-Heine University

Instructor – Foundations of Neuropsychology

Düsseldorf, Germany
2018 – 2021

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

2018 – 2022

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

2018 – 2021

University of Pennsylvania, Neuroeconomics Summerschool

Teaching Assistant

Philadelphia, USA
2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EDUCAT Germany e.V. - Founder and Managing Director

Fundraise-Consulting and Digital Marketing for education projects in the Global South.

Düsseldorf, Germany
2019 – current

Website: <https://www.educatgermany.com/>

- Developed model and strategy of the non-profit association
- Built and managed team of 30 international volunteers

St. Mauritius Hospital - Research Intern

PI: Bettina Studer

Meerbusch, Germany
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

2023. Bloß kein Stress! [No stress at all!]. Podcast with Michael Schellberg.

<https://www.schellberg.online/content/felix-jan-nitsch-podcast-der-liebe-lange-tag-folge-29-bloss-kein-stress>

2023. Stress & Mental Unwellness: On causes, consequences, and what we might do about it. Internal Seminar for Research Staff at INSEAD Business School.

2021. Open Neuroscience & Psychology. YouTube Teaching series on Open Science.

<https://youtu.be/zccNKMNF0ao>

2020. Motivation and Idea Implementation [Motivation in der Ideenumsetzung]. Interview by Mabute GmbH.

<https://www.mabute.com/interview-felix-nitsch/>

OTHER

In a past life, I was front man of a German Jazz-Hip-Hop Combo called *Fil der Protagonist* (<https://filderprotagonist.de>). We released a full-length LP *Weiß wie Pech* on vinyl (crowdfunded), an EP, multiple music videos, and played well over 100 concerts. I still maintain a passion for being on stage and alternative music.

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