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## EDUCATION & RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

<b>INSEAD Business School, Marketing Area</b>	Fontainebleau, France
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2022 – current
Short-Term Research Visit at UCSD Rady School of Management	March 2024
Short-Term Research Visit at UBC Sauder School of Business	October 2023
Visiting PhD Student	2021 – 2022
<b>Sorbonne Université, ICM Paris Brain &amp; Spine Institute</b>	Paris, France
Postdoctoral Research Fellow   supervised by Hilke Plassmann	2022 – current
Visiting PhD Student   supervised by Hilke Plassmann	2021 – 2022
<b>Heinrich-Heine University</b>	Düsseldorf, Germany
PhD Psychology (summa cum laude - with distinction) Supervised by Tobias Kalenscher	2018 – 2022
M.Sc. Psychology	2016 – 2018

## WORKING PAPERS

**Nitsch, F.J.**, Wertenbroch, K., & Plassmann, H. (2024). Why People Post. *Submitted to JMR*. [\[Working Paper\]](#)

**Nitsch, F.J.** & Plassmann, H. (2024). *Under review at JCR*. Understanding the Intersections of Stress and the Marketplace to Improve Consumer Well-Being. [\[Working Paper\]](#)

Bee, C., Chung, N., **Nitsch, F.J.**, Nardini, G., Lutz, R., Rossi, A., Scheinbaum, A.C., & Song, E.C. (2024). Mindfulness has a Marketing Challenge: Meeting it with an Academic/Practitioner Research Collaboration. *Submitted to EJM*. [\[Working Paper\]](#)

Sarmiento, L.F., Rios-Flores, J.A., Rincon Uribe, F., Rodrigues Lima, R., Kalenscher, T., Gouveia, A., **Nitsch, F.J.**, (2024). Pharmacological Interventions on the HPA axis and/or SAM System and Decision-Making: a Systematic Review. *Minor revisions at Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience*. [\[Working Paper\]](#)

## 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**

**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**

**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**

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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**

### **OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS**

Stress Hormones Influence Consumer Status Preferences  
with Zsófia Margittai, David Dubois, Gideon Nave, Tobias Kalenscher, and Hilke Plassmann

Status: Laboratory stress experiment with hormonal and psychological measures completed and analyzed (working paper available). Data collected for a large online follow-up experiment. Data collection in progress for pharmacological study.

Target Journal: JMR

Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Consumers' Stress and Choices  
with Marie Falkenstein, Aiqing Ling, Tobias Kalenscher, and Hilke Plassmann

Status: Large data set collected, and analyses completed. Working paper in progress.

Target Journal: PNAS

Reducing the stigma of mental health practices with marketing interventions  
with Colleen Bee, Noelle Chung, Gia Nardini, Richard Lutz, Angeline Close Scheinbaum, and Camilla Song

Status: Workshop with industry partner completed. Several pilot studies completed.

Target Journal: JCR

The importance of psychological safety for consumers' public expressions  
with Henrik Bresman, Miguel Lobo, and Hilke Plassmann

Status: Pilot study completed.

Target Journal: JCR

### **ACCEPTED PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2024, September. *Smarter Together: How Can We Better Integrate Brain and Body in Consumer Research?* Roundtable, Association for Consumer Research (ACR2024) in Paris, France with Leo van Brussel. Panelists: Anastasia Buyalskaya (HEC Paris), John Clithero (Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon), Eric Johnson (Columbia), Ana Martinovici (Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University), Vinod Venkatraman - (Fox School of Business, Temple University), Nikki Sullivan - (LSE), Ryan Webb - (Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto).

2024, March. *Social Media Users' Posting Behavior Can Be As-If Addictive*. Competitive Paper. Society for Consumer Psychology (SCP2024) in Nashville, USA with Klaus Wertenbroch and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, October. *Emotion in Decision: The Essential Interplay Between Emotions and Decision-Making*. Special Session (Presenter). Association for Consumer Research Conference 2023 (ACR2023) in Seattle, USA with Samuel Pertl, Tara Srirangarajan, Oleg Urminsky, Barbara Mellers, Siyuan Yin, Deborah Marciano, Ida Mayer, Ming Hsu, Klaus Wertenbroch, and Hilke Plassmann.

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2023, October. *Spatio-Temporal Associations of Covid-19 Severity, Well-Being, and Risk Attitudes*. Working Paper. Association for Consumer Research Conference 2023 (ACR2023) in Seattle, USA with Marie Falkenstein, Aiqing Ling, Tobias Kalenscher, and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, October. *Social Media Users' Posting Behavior Can Be As-If Addictive*. Oral Presentation. Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE) in Vancouver, Canada with Klaus Wertenbroch and Hilke Plassmann.

2023, October. *The Effect of Acute Stress on Humanitarian Supplies Management*. Oral Blitz Presentation. Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE) in Vancouver, Canada with Maximilian Burkhardt, Stefan Spinler, and Luk van Wassenhove.

2023, October. *Social Media Users' Posting Behavior Can Be As-If Addictive*. Poster Presentation. Consumer Neuroscience Satellite Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE) in Vancouver, Canada with Klaus Wertenbroch and Hilke Plassmann.

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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Zsofia 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 Lüscher 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 Zsofia Margittai, Gideon Nave, David Dubois, Tobias Kalenscher and Hilke Plassmann.

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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 Zsofia 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**

2024, April 17. Seminar in Marketing, University of Lucerne / Swiss Academy of Marketing Science. *Digital Social Status Drives Posting on Social Networking Sites*

2024, March 14. Marketing Brownbag, Rady School of Management, San Diego, USA. *Can Social Media Posting Resemble Addictive Behavior?*

2023, October 17. Marketing & Behavioural Science Division, UBC Sauder School of Business, Vancouver, Canada. *Can Social Media Posting Resemble Addictive Behavior?*

2023, July 19. Neuroeconomics Summerschool, 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. PhD Seminar, 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**

- Association for Consumer Research (ACR)
- Society for Consumer Psychology (SCP)
- Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE)

### **GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

2024. INSEAD Research & Development Grant (**€9.000**) from **INSEAD**: “Can Posting on Social Media Resemble Addictive Behavior?” with Hilke Plassmann and Klaus Wertenbroch.

2022. INSEAD Research & Development Grant (**€13.500**) from **INSEAD**: “Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Consumers’ Stress and Choices” with Hilke Plassmann.

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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**

## **SERVICE TO THE FIELD**

### Conference Services

Co-organizer of Community Track for Association for Consumer Research 2024 in Paris, France with Leo van Brussel. *Bringing brains and beers together: Test your wit in a consumer neuroscience pub quiz!*

Co-organizer of the 10<sup>th</sup> Consumer Neuroscience Satellite Symposium at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics (SNE) in Vancouver, Canada with Dale Griffin, Hilke Plassmann, and Carolyn Yoon.

Reviewer for *La Londe Conference 2023*, *Society of Consumer Psychology 2023-2024*, *Association for Consumer Research 2024*

### Journal Services

Reviewer for *NeuroImage*, *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, *Brain Research*, *Royal Society Open Science*, *PLOS One*, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, *BMC Psychology*.

Trainee-Reviews (mentor: Tobias Kalenscher) for *Nature Human Behaviour*, *PNAS*, *Psychological Science*, *Current Biology*, *European Journal of Neuroscience*, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*.

### Advisory Roles

**INSEAD Business School, Marketing Area** Fontainebleau, France  
Co-advisor – Anjali Singh (RA, now PhD at Kellogg School of Management) 2023

**ICM Paris Brain & Spine Institute** Paris, France  
Primary Internship Advisor – 1 bachelor, 3 pre-docs 2018 – current

**Heinrich-Heine University** Düsseldorf, Germany  
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

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Heinrich-Heine University** Düsseldorf, Germany  
Instructor – Foundations of Neuropsychology 2018 – 2021

**University of Pennsylvania, Neuroeconomics Summerschool** Philadelphia, USA  
Teaching Assistant 2023

## **MEDIA & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

2024. Could fungal computers ease workplace stress? *Raconteur* <https://www.raconteur.net/technology/fungal-computers-workplace-stress>

2024. Can stress boost organizational performance? *The European* <https://the-european.eu/story-33679/can-stress-boost-organisational-performance.html>

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2023. Onderzoek: gematigd stress-niveau beter voor productiviteit dan helemaal geen stress [Study: moderate stress level better for productivity than no stress at all]. *CHRO* <https://chro.nl/artikel/enige-stress-is-beter-voor-productiviteit-dan-helemaal-geen-stress/>

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/zccNKMfOao>

### **VOLUNTEERING**

**EDUCAT Germany e.V.** - Founder and Managing Director  
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2019 – current