

# Hao-Ting Wang, PhD

## Research Fellow

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### RESEARCH POSITIONS

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#### Research Fellow

*Sackler Centre for Consciousness Science, Brighton and Sussex Medical School*

Sept. 2019 – Present  
*Brighton, United Kingdom*

PI: Prof Hugo Critchley, Prof Sarah Garfinkle

Cognitive processes in psychiatric conditions with neuroimaging and interoceptive measures

#### Postdoctoral Research Associate

*University of York*

Nov. 2018 – Aug. 2019  
*York, United Kingdom*

PI: Prof Jonathan Smallwood

Working on the ERC grant project—Wandering Minds

#### Research Administrator

*University of York*

Oct. 2015 – Oct. 2018  
*York, United Kingdom*

PI: Prof Jonathan Smallwood and Prof Elizabeth Jefferies

Experiment design, project management, neuroimaging analysis pipeline development

### EDUCATION

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#### PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging

*University of York*

Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2018  
*York, United Kingdom*

Supervisors: Prof Jonathan Smallwood and Prof Elizabeth Jefferies

Thesis: “*Towards an Ontology of Ongoing Thought*”

#### Master of Research in Psychology

*University of York*

Sept. 2013 – Sept. 2014  
*York, United Kingdom*

#### BSc in Psychology

*National Chengchi University*

Sept. 2009 – June 2013  
*Taipei, Taiwan*

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Preprints

- [1] H.-T. **Wang**, N. S. Ping Ho, D. Bzdok, B. C. Bernhardt, D. S. Margulies, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Neurocognitive patterns dissociating semantic processing from executive control are linked to more detailed off-task mental time travel,” *bioRxiv:765073*, 2019.
- [2] H.-T. **Wang**, J. Smallwood, J. Mourao-Miranda, C. H. Xia, T. D. Satterthwaite, D. S. Bassett, and D. Bzdok, “Finding the needle in a high-dimensional haystack: A tutorial on canonical correlation analysis,” *arXiv:1812.02598*, 2018.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journals

- [1] A. Turnbull, H. T. **Wang**, C. Murphy, N. S. P. Ho, X. Wang, M. Sormaz, T. Karapanagiotidis, R. M. Leech, B. Bernhardt, D. S. Margulies, D. Vatansever, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Left dorsolateral prefrontal cortex supports context-dependent prioritisation of off-task thought,” *Nature Communications*, vol. 10, no. 1, 2019.
- [2] K. Krieger-Redwood, H.-T. **Wang**, G. Poerio, L. M. Martinon, L. M. Riby, J. Smallwood, and E. Jefferies, “Reduced semantic control in older adults is linked to intrinsic DMN connectivity,” *Neuropsychologia*, vol. 132, p. 107133, 2019.
- [3] L. M. Martinon, L. M. Riby, G. Poerio, H.-T. **Wang**, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Patterns of on-task thought in older age are associated with changes in functional connectivity between temporal and prefrontal regions,” *Brain and Cognition*, vol. 132, pp. 118–128, Jun. 2019.

- [4] C. Murphy, H.-T. **Wang**, D. Konu, R. Lowndes, D. S. Margulies, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Modes of operation: A topographic neural gradient supporting stimulus dependent and independent cognition,” *NeuroImage*, vol. 186, pp. 487–496, 2019.
- [5] A. Turnbull, H.-T. **Wang**, J. W. Schooler, E. Jefferies, D. S. Margulies, and J. Smallwood, “The ebb and flow of attention: Between-subject variation in intrinsic connectivity and cognition associated with the dynamics of ongoing experience,” *NeuroImage*, vol. 185, pp. 286–299, 2019.
- [6] M. Sormaz, C. Murphy, H.-T. **Wang**, M. Hymers, T. Karapanagiotidis, G. Poerio, D. Margulies, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “The default mode network can support the level of detail in experience during active task states,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 8 2018.
- [7] H.-T. **Wang**, D. Bzdok, D. Margulies, C. Craddock, M. Milham, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Patterns of thought: population variation in the associations between large-scale network organisation and self-reported experiences at rest,” *Neuroimage*, vol. 176, pp. 518–527, 8 2018.
- [8] C. Murphy, E. Jefferies, S.-A. Rueschemeyer, M. Sormaz, H.-T. **Wang**, D. Margulies, and J. Smallwood, “Distant from input: Evidence of regions within the default mode network supporting perceptually-decoupled and conceptually-guided cognition,” *NeuroImage*, vol. 171, pp. 393–401, 5 2018.
- [9] M. Villena-Gonzalez, H.-T. **Wang**, M. Sormaz, G. Mollo, D. Margulies, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Individual variation in the propensity for prospective thought is associated with functional integration between visual and retrosplenial cortex,” *Cortex*, vol. 99, pp. 224 – 234, 2 2018.
- [10] H.-T. **Wang**, G. L. Poerio, C. Murphy, D. Bzdok, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Dimensions of Experience: Exploring the Heterogeneity of the Wandering Mind,” *Psychological Science*, vol. 29, no. 1, pp. 56–71, 1 2018.
- [11] D. Vatansever, D. Bzdok, H.-T. **Wang**, G. Mollo, M. Sormaz, C. Murphy, T. Karapanagiotidis, J. Smallwood, and E. Jefferies, “Varieties of semantic cognition revealed through simultaneous decomposition of intrinsic brain connectivity and behaviour,” *NeuroImage*, vol. 158, pp. 1–11, 9 2017.
- [12] G. L. Poerio, M. Sormaz, H.-T. **Wang**, D. Margulies, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “The role of the default mode network in component processes underlying the wandering mind,” *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, vol. 12, no. 7, 7 2017.
- [13] J. Sanders, H.-T. **Wang**, J. Schooler, and J. Smallwood, “Can I get me out of my head? Exploring strategies for controlling the self-referential aspects of the mind-wandering state during reading,” *The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, pp. 1–27, 6 2016.
- [14] J. Smallwood, T. Karapanagiotidis, F. Ruby, B. Medea, I. de Caso, M. Konishi, H.-T. **Wang**, G. Hallam, D. S. Margulies, and E. Jefferies, “Representing representation: Integration between the temporal lobe and the posterior cingulate influences the content and form of spontaneous thought,” *PLOS ONE*, vol. 11, no. 4, pp. 1–19, 4 2016.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference Posters

- [1] H.-T. Wang, N. S. Ping Ho, D. Bzdok, B. C. Bernhardt, D. S. Margulies, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Neurocognitive patterns dissociating semantic processing from executive control are linked to more detailed off-task mental time travel.” Seattle, USA: Neurohackademy, 8 2019.
- [2] —, “Neurocognitive patterns dissociating semantic processing from executive control are linked to more detailed off-task mental time travel.” Rome, Italy: OHBM, 6 2019.
- [3] H.-T. Wang, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Inhibition of prior mental content contributes to content representation of on-going thoughts.” Montreal, Canada: RSBC, 9 2018.
- [4] H.-T. Wang, D. Bzdok, D. Margulies, C. Craddock, M. Milham, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Decomposing self-reports of experience at rest with brain connectivity reveals links to intelligence.” Singapore: OHBM, 6 2018.
- [5] H.-T. Wang, G. L. Poerio, C. Murphy, D. Bzdok, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, “Dimensions of experience: Exploring the heterogeneity of the wandering mind.” Amsterdam, Netherlands: ICON, 8 2017.
- [6] H.-T. Wang, D. Bzdok, C. Murphy, D. Vatansever, G. L. Poerio, J. Smallwood, and E. Jefferies, “Component processes and the wandering mind: Links between spontaneous thought contents, task performance and resting state brain connectivity.” Vienna, Austria: RSBC, 9 2016.

## Talks

- 2019 Data simulation workshop, Univerisity of York, York, UK  
2019 Multivariate mapping of functional brain and behaviour, Child Mind Institute, New York  
2018 Small steps to reproducible science, Univerisity of York, York, UK

## SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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<b>Brain Imaging</b>	FSL, Freesurfer, Connectome Workbench, C-PAC, CONN, nipy
<b>Programming Language</b>	Python, Bash, R, MATLAB
<b>Research Computing</b>	High performance clusters (SGE), version control (git), AWS
<b>Operating Systems</b>	Linux, Windows
<b>Experiment Design</b>	PsychoPy

## AWARDS

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2017	Travel Award	Guarantors of Brain	£600
2016	Travel Award	Brainhack Vienna	\$500
2014	Department Summer Bursary Award	University of York	£1000

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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2019	Bronte McKeown	University of York	Master student
2019	Will Strawson	University of York	Master student
2018	Delali Konu	University of York	Master student, authored one paper
2018	Rebecca Lowndes	University of York	Master student, authored one paper

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of York</b>	October – March 2016
<i>Programming in Neuroimaging</i>	<i>York, United Kingdom</i>
Teaching assistant.	
Basic Python, data visualization, PsychoPy, data analysis and shell scripting.	

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Leadership Positions

Mar. 2017 Organizing committee, Brainhack York, York, UK.

### Ad-hoc Peer Review

NeuroImage, Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science, Brain Imaging and Behavior, Neuroinformatics

### Membership

Open Science Interest Group, University of York  
Early Career Researcher, University of York  
Organization of Human Brain Mapping

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Aug. 2019 Neurohackademy, Seattle, USA.  
Dec. 2017 Large-scale trends in cortical organization, Leipzig, Germany.  
June 2017 Machine Learning Summer School, Tübingen, Germany.  
Sep. 2016 Brainhack Vienna, Vienna, Austria.  
Feb. 2016 Brainhack@Paris, Paris, France.

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