

# JAN PFÄNDER

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## EDUCATION

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### École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod

Paris, France

*PhD Psychology*

*Expected Graduation: Fall 2025*

- Advisors: Hugo Mercier & Kevin Arceneaux
- Job Market Paper: Spotting False News and Doubting True News: A Meta-Analysis of News Judgments
- Thesis: Essays on Understanding Trust in Science

### École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)

Paris, France

*MA Cognitive Science*

*2020 – 2022*

- Advisor: Hugo Mercier
- Thesis: How wise is the crowd – Can we infer people are accurate and competent merely because they agree with each other?

### Universität Freiburg

Freiburg, Germany

*MA Journalism, 1st year*

*2019 – 2020*

### Universität Konstanz

Konstanz, Germany

*BA Political Science and Public Administration*

*2014 – 2018*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Direction Interministérielle de la Transformation Publique (DITP)

Paris, France

*Research Intern*

*June 2020 – August 2020*

### Assemblée Nationale

Paris, France

*Parliamentary Assistant*

*September 2018 – July 2019*

### University of St. Gallen

St. Gallen, Switzerland

*Research Assistant*

*June 2017 – July 2018*

## TEACHING

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### Courses

#### Critical thinking and fact checking | Université PSL (Paris Sciences & Lettres)

2022 – Present

- A hands-on introduction to research design for the interdisciplinary BA program "Sciences pour un monde durable"
- Sole instructor & creator of the course
- 30h in-class per semester; one semester a year

### Workshops

#### Meta-analysis for beginners

- Laboratoire de Psychologie du Développement et de l'Éducation de l'Enfant (LaPsyDÉ) (2h) | June 2024

## PUBLICATIONS

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<sup>1</sup>first author

### Peer Reviewed Publications

- [1.] Pfänder, J.<sup>1</sup>, de Courson, B., Mercier, H. (2024). How wise is the crowd: Can we infer people are accurate and competent merely because they agree with each other? *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 46(0). <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/4ms2n8wd>

### Work in Progress

- [2.] Pfänder, J.<sup>1</sup>, & Altay, S. (2024). Spotting False News and Doubting True News: A Meta-Analysis of News Judgments. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/n9h4y> (Submitted)

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Talks

- **Spotting False News and Doubting True News: A Meta-Analysis of News Judgments**  
EDMO Scientific Conference on Disinformation | *Amsterdam, May 2024*
- **Processus sous-tendant la confiance dans la science**  
5ème édition des Rencontres Jeunes Chercheur·euse·s | *Grenoble, June 2024*

### Posters

- **How wise is the crowd – Can we infer people are accurate and competent merely because they agree with each other?**  
46th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society | *Rotterdam, July 2024*

## EXTERNAL COURSEWORK & SUMMER SCHOOLS

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**Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute**  
*Hosted by the University of St. Andrews and organized by Indiana University Bloomington*

St. Andrews, UK  
*July 2024*

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** German, English, French, Spanish  
**Programming:** R, Python (rudimentary), Git