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# **EDUCATION**

# Max Planck Institute for Human Development Ph.D. in Psychology Advisors: Ralph Hertwig & Stefan Herzog University of Pennsylvania Master of Behavioral and Decision Sciences Trinity College Dublin M.Sc. in Marketing, with distinction Provadis School of International Management and Technology B.A. in Business Administration

# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Judgment and Decision Making, Misinformation, Microtargeting, Metacognition

# WORKING PAPERS

Lorenz-Spreen, P.\*, **Geers, M.**, Pachur, T., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M.\* (2020, November 19). A simple self-reflection intervention boosts the detection of microtargeted advertising. https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/ea28z \*denotes equal contribution

# SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

**Geers, M.**, Lorenz-Spreen, P., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. The accuracy of people's confidence in discerning true from false news.

Tump, A.N., Lorenz-Spreen, P., **Geers, M.**, Herzog, S.M., Kurvers, R.H.J.M. The role of response biases and time pressure on false news identification.

Mechanisms underlying the sharing of (false) news on social media. With R. Hertwig, S.M. Herzog, A. Kozyreva, P. Lorenz-Spreen, and B. Swire-Thompson

# HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

Ph.D. Fellowship of the International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course	2020-2023
Trinity Business School Scholarship (€1,000)	2017

# INVITED TALKS

Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab, University of Cambridge (Virtual, forthcoming)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The accuracy of people's confidence in discerning true from false news. (Geers, Lorenz-Spreen, Hertwig, Lewandowsky, & Herzog).

- International Society of Political Psychology, Virtual, 2021 (forthcoming)
- Tagung experimental arbeitender Psychologen [Conference of Experimental Psychologists], Virtual, 2021 (Poster)

A simple self-reflection intervention boosts the detection of targeted advertising. (Lorenz-Spreen, Geers, Pachur, Hertwig, Lewandowsky, & Herzog).

- PERITIA International Conference: Trust in Expertise in a Changing Media Landscape, Virtual, 2021
- Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Virtual, 2020 (Poster)
- Psychonomic Society, Virtual, 2020 (Poster)

# SUPERVISION

Paula Teich (2021-Present). *Inoculating against microtargeting*. Research Assistant. Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

# PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development

2019

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Organizer, Online Decision Making Colloquium (biweekly student reading group); Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development; Oct 2020-Present.

Organizer, ARC Scientific Meeting (weekly seminar); Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development; Aug 2020-Present.

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

European Association for Decision Making

German Psychological Society (DGPs): General Psychology & Social Psychology sections

Psychonomic Society

Society for Judgment and Decision Making

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO PHD

Intern Max Planck Institute for Human Development (Stefan Herzog), 2019

R.A. University of Pennsylvania (Barbara Mellers), 2018-2019

**R.A.** Trinity College Dublin (Kristian Myrseth), 2017-2018