

# MICHAEL GEERS

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Max Planck Institute for Human Development/Humboldt-Universität</b> Dr. rer. nat. (Ph.D.) in Psychology Advisors: Stefan Herzog, Ralph Hertwig	Expected 2024
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Master of Behavioral and Decision Sciences	2019
<b>Trinity College Dublin</b> M.Sc. in Marketing (with distinction)	2018
<b>Provdadis School of International Management and Technology</b> B.A. in Business Administration	2017

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Judgment and Decision Making, Computational Social Science, Misinformation, Online Social Networks

## PUBLICATIONS

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Lorenz-Spreen, P., **Geers, M.**, Pachur, T., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., & Herzog, S.M. (2021). Boosting people's ability to detect microtargeted advertising. *Scientific Reports*, 11(1), 1-9.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Roozenbeek, J., Maertens, R., Herzog, S.M., **Geers, M.**, Kurvers, R.H.J.M., Sultan, M., & van der Linden, S. Measuring susceptibility to misinformation is robust across question framings and response modes.

Sultan, M., Tump, A.N., **Geers, M.**, Lorenz-Spreen, P., Herzog, S.M., & Kurvers, R.H.J.M. Time pressure reduces misinformation discrimination ability but not response bias.

## SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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**Geers, M.**, Fischer, H., Lewandowsky, S., & Herzog, S.M. Metacognitive accuracy in detecting political misinformation.

Lorenz-Spreen, P., Kozyreva, A., **Geers, M.**, Swire-Thompson, B., Herzog, S.M., Hertwig, R. How do motives for sharing relate to content features on Twitter?

**Geers, M.**, Lorenz-Spreen, P., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., & Herzog, S.M. Inoculating against microtargeted advertising.

**Geers, M.**, Herzog, S.M., Kozyreva, A., Hertwig, R., Lorenz-Spreen, P., & Swire-Thompson, B. Motives for sharing misinformation on Twitter across the lifespan.

Straub, V., Burton, J., & **Geers, M.** American attitudes toward digital field experiments.

## **HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS**

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SSRC/Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science Research Grant (\$1,764), 2021  
Max Planck Ph.D. Fellowship (IMPRS LIFE), 2020-2023  
Trinity Business School Scholarship (€1,000), 2017

## **INVITED TALKS**

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University of Cambridge, Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab, 2021

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Motives for sharing misinformation on Twitter across the lifespan

- Volkswagen Foundation: Herrenhausen Conference on 'AI and Future of Societies', 2022 (Poster, forthcoming)

Metacognitive accuracy in detecting political misinformation

- International Society of Political Psychology, Virtual, 2021
- Conference of Experimental Psychologists (TeaP), Virtual, 2021 (Poster)

Boosting people's ability to detect microtargeted advertising

- 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/MENTORING**

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Amanda Fink (2022). Organization of "Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality". Research Assistant. Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

Paula Teich (2021). Inoculating against microtargeted advertising. Research Assistant. Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

Madlen Hoffstadt (2021). Metacognition in misinformation: Investigating confidence calibration in the detection of misinformation. Intern and Bachelor Thesis Co-Supervision (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin). Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

Johanna Forbriger (2021). Metacognition across the lifespan. Intern. Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

Eric Neumann (2020). Fake news and the Dunning-Kruger effect: Failing to see what you're falling for? Research Assistant and Bachelor Thesis Co-Supervision (Freie Universität Berlin). Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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PhD Workshop on AI/ML Research and Democracy (forthcoming), University of Tübingen, 2022  
Nature Masterclass in Scientific Writing and Publishing, 2021  
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, UCL School of Management, 2021  
Linking Twitter & Survey Data, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, 2021  
Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, 2019

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-Organizer, Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, 2022  
Program Fellow Speaker, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, 2021-Present  
Co-Initiator and -Organizer, Online Decision Making Reading Group, 2020-Present  
Organizer and Moderator, ARC Scientific Meeting, 2020-2021

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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European Association for Decision Making  
German Psychological Society (General Psychology & Social Psychology sections)  
Psychonomic Society  
Society for Judgment and Decision Making  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO PHD

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<b>Intern</b>	Max Planck Institute for Human Development (Stefan Herzog), 2019
<b>R.A.</b>	University of Pennsylvania (Barbara Mellers), 2018-2019
<b>R.A.</b>	Trinity College Dublin (Kristian Myrseth), 2017-2018

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

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Fake news: a simple nudge isn't enough to tackle it – here's what to do instead", *The Conversation*, June 11, 2021