

# MICHAEL GEERS

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Max Planck Institute for Human Development</b> Ph.D. in Psychology Advisors: Ralph Hertwig & Stefan Herzog	Expected 2023
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Master of Behavioral and Decision Sciences	2019
<b>Trinity College Dublin</b> M.Sc. in Marketing, <i>with distinction</i>	2018
<b>Provadis School of International Management and Technology</b> B.A. in Business Administration	2017

## RESEARCH AREAS

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Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology, Computational Social Science, Online Social Networks

## WORKING PAPERS

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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

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**Geers, M.**, Lorenz-Spreen, P., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. Inoculating against microtargeting.

**Geers, M.**, Lorenz-Spreen, P., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. The accuracy of people's confidence in detecting misinformation.

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

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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

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Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab, University of Cambridge (forthcoming), 2021

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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The accuracy of people's confidence in detecting misinformation (Geers, Lorenz-Spreen, Hertwig, Lewandowsky, & Herzog)

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

A simple self-reflection intervention boosts the detection of microtargeted 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/MENTORING

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Madlen Hoffstadt (2021). Confidence calibration for detecting misinformation. Intern. Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

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

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, University College London (forthcoming), 2021  
Linking Twitter & Survey Data, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (forthcoming), 2021  
Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, 2019

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-Organizer of Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, 2022  
Co-Organizer of Online Decision Making Colloquium (biweekly student reading group), 2020-Present  
Organizer of ARC Scientific Meeting (weekly seminar), 2020-Present

## 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