

# 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>Provdias School of International Management and Technology</b> B.A. in Business Administration	2017

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Judgment and Decision Making, Misinformation, Microtargeting, Metacognition

## 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 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

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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 (Virtual, forthcoming)	2021
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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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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 experimentell 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

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

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development 2019

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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*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

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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

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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