

# MICHAEL GEERS

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Judgment and Decision Making, Misinformation, Metacognition, Evidence-Based Public Policy

## 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 targeted 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., 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, and P. Lorenz-Spreen.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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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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| University of Cambridge, Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab (Virtual, forthcoming) | 2021 |
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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Geers, M., Lorenz-Spreen, P., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. (2021, forthcoming). *The accuracy of people's confidence in discerning true from false news*. Short talk presented at the 63rd Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psychologen [Conference of Experimental Psychologists], Mar; Virtual.

Lorenz-Spreen, P., Geers, M., Pachur, T., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. (2021, forthcoming). *Boosting the detection of microtargeted advertising*. Paper presented at the PERITIA International Conference: Trust in Expertise in a Changing Media Landscape, Mar; Virtual.

Lorenz-Spreen, P., Geers, M., Pachur, T., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. (2020). *Boosting the detection of microtargeted advertising*. Poster presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Dec; Virtual.

Lorenz-Spreen, P., Geers, M., Pachur, T., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. (2020). *Boosting the detection of microtargeted advertising*. Poster presented at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Nov; Virtual.

Geers, M., Lorenz-Spreen, P., Lewandowsky, S., Hertwig, R., Herzog, S.M. (Oct 2020). *Telling true from false news: A metacognitive lifespan perspective*. Blitz talk presented at the LIFE Fall Academy, Oct; Virtual.

## 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*, Student Reading Group: Online Decision Making (biweekly); Center for Adaptive Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development; Oct 2020-Present.

*Organizer*, ARC Scientific Meeting (weekly seminar series); 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 (Ralph Hertwig, 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                            |