

# 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 INTERESTS

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Judgment and Decision Making, Misinformation, Psychological Targeting, Online Environments

## 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.

- Top 5% of all articles tracked by Altmetric
- Media coverage: [The Conversation](#)

## SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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

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

**Geers, M.**, Lorenz-Spreen, P., Hertwig, R., Lewandowsky, S., Herzog, S.M. Inoculating against psychological targeting.

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.

Understanding the sharing of misinformation 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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University of Cambridge, Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab, 2021

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Inoculating against psychological targeting (Geers, Lorenz-Spreen, Hertwig, Lewandowsky, & Herzog)

- Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Virtual, 2021 (Poster, forthcoming)

Metacognitive accuracy in detecting political misinformation (Geers, Fischer, Lewandowsky, & Herzog)

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

Boosting people's ability to detect 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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Paula Teich (2021). Inoculating against psychological targeting. 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. 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, 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 of Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, 2022

Co-Manager of Twitter account (@arc\_mpib), 2020-Present

Co-Organizer of Online Decision Making Colloquium, 2020-Present

Organizer of ARC Scientific Meeting, 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