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**EDUCATION**

10/2017- today **Georg-August University Göttingen**

PhD program, Behavior and Cognition

**Thesis Title**

*The Role of Emotion in Moral Judgments*

Thesis advisors: Prof. Dr. Annekathrin Schacht, Prof. Dr. Michael Waldmann

10/2017- today Member of the *Leibniz Science Campus: Primate Cognition*

03/2018- today Scholar of the Foundation of German Business (Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft)

10/2014 – 09/2017 **Georg-August University Göttingen**

Psychology (M.Sc.), final grade: 1.3 (equivalent in GB: First Class Honors)

**Main fields of study**

Cognitive neuroscience and emotion psychology, multivariate statistics and research methods, clinical psychology, -pharmacology, and –diagnostics, group judgments and –decision making, diversity discourses, Black and postcolonial feminism, languages (Spanish, French)

**Thesis Title**

*The Impact of Morality on Face Processing: Behavioral and Electrophysiological Evidence*

Thesis advisor: Prof. Dr. Annekathrin Schacht

10/2013 - 03/2017 Scholar of the Foundation of German Business(Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft; sdw)

10/2011 - 09/2014 **Otto-von Guericke University Magdeburg**

Psychology (B.Sc.), final grade: 1.6 (equivalent in GB: Secind Class Honors)

**Thesis Title**

*Determinanten und Durchbrechung umweltschädigenden Verhaltens*

*(Determinants and Change of Environmentally Harmful Behavior)*

09/1997 - 06/2010 **Freie Georgenschule Reutlingen**

general qualification for university entrance (Abitur), final grade: 1.8

08/2007 - 06/2008 **Oneida High School** Tennessee, USA

High School Year

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

10/2017- today Research assistant in the department of *Affective Neuroscience and Psychophysiology (ANaP Lab)* under the direction of Prof. Dr. Annekathrin Schacht at the University of Göttingen: Teaching (Bachelor’s and Master’s classes), data preparation and analysis, preparation of the dissertation project

07/2011 - today International trainer at *AFS*: preparation and management of 2 -10 day seminars for the selection, preparation and reintegration of German and international volunteers (contents: intercultural communication, basics of development cooperation, racism and discrimination, conflict management, stress management, culture shock)

01/2016 – 06/2017 Student assistant in the department of *Affective Neuroscience and Psychophysiology*: Realisation of current research projects (data collection with psychophysiological measures), scientific research of current research topics, preparation and statistical analysis of current research data, billing of on-going studies

04/2016 - 07/2016 Psychological Internship at *The Friendship Bench Project Harare*, Zimbabwe: Development of a comprehensive psychotherapy approach through training and education of women in problem solving therapy in rural communities of Harare using a community based training-of-trainers approach.

09/2013 - 10/2013 Psychological internship, PP. rt Reutlingen (depression ward)

02/2013 - 03/2013 Psychological internship, LVR-Klinik, Bonn (general psychiatric ward, trauma outpatient clinic)

2011 - 2015 Promoter and waitress at the Messe Stuttgart, the Waldheim Pliezhausen and the historic Christmas Market Magdeburg

08/2010 - 07/2011 Voluntary service for development policy in Thailand as part of the *Weltwärts programme* of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development: English teacher for grades 5-12 at the Prachuap Wittayalai School in Prachuap Kiri Khan

**SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES**

**Languages**

English Business fluent

French Highly proficient

Thai Working knowledge

Spanish Working knowledge

German Sign Language (DGS) Working knowledge

**Further Training (Selection)**

2018 *Freedom of Expression: the right or the duty!*, Global Hands/ Erasmus+, (7 days)

2018 *Linear Models and their application in R*, Leibniz Science Campus: Primate Cognition(6 days)

2017 Training as an international trainer at AFS and the European Federation of Intercultural Learning (EFIL)

2015 Workshop *Negotiation Excellence- Achieving better negotiation results*, Simon Kucher & Partners (1 day)

2015 *Successful Project management* with Bain & Company (1 day)

2015 *The Boston Consulting Group Strategy Workshop* (2 days)

2015 Project seminar on pandemics and epidemics, sdw (3 days)

2015 Project seminar on child protection and child abuse, sdw (3 days)

2014  *International politics: Think Tanks- Human Resources and Ideas for Transatlantic Relations*, sdw/DGAP (1 day)

2014 Academy *Development and Cooperation - bridges to Southern Africa*, sdw/BMZ/SAFRI (5 days)

* **Laboratory and work skills**

MS-Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)

Statistical software (SPSS, R): complex statistical modeling

EEG: measurement, data preparation and analysis

**Publications**

Kulke, L., Janßen, L., **Demel, R**., & Schacht, A. (2017). Validating the Goettingen Faces Database. Open Science Framework. doi: 10.17605/OSF.IO/4KNPF

**SOCIAL COMMITMENT (Most recent)**

03/2018- today Member of the city counsel at Göttingen for *Bündnis 90- Die Grünen* (Green party)

04/2017 - today Member of the *Incoming* committeeat AFS. Conceptual and operational responsibility for the South-North exchange of the weltwärts programme

04/2016 - today Elected member of the *EfFEKT* (Expert Group on the attitude and competencies of team members): Conflict management and mediation within the volunteers of AFS

08/2015- today Mentor in the AFS *Incoming* Program: Support of international volunteers who are doing their voluntary service in Germany.

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