Curriculum Vitae

Personal details

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Academic Position

04/2018 - Research Associate (PostDoc) at Chair of Social Theory and

Quantitative Methods, Institute of Sociology University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

02/2018 – 03/2022 Research Assistant at Chair of Social Theory and Quantitative

Methods, Institute of Sociology

University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

Education

07/2022 Dr. phil. in Sociology (summa cum laude), University of Zurich

Thesis: The Evolution, Ontogeny, and Consequences of Human

Social Preferences in the Field.

Supervisors: Prof. Heiko Rauhut, Prof. René Algesheimer

01/2018 M.Sc., University of Kiel (Quantitative Economics)

Thesis: The Co-Evolution of Cooperation and Networks.

Supervisor: Prof. Menusch Khadjavi

07/2015 B.Sc., University of Constance (Mathematical Finance)

Thesis: Punishment Motives in Group Decisions.

Supervisor: Prof. Urs Fischbacher

Peer-reviewed articles

- (1) Massaccesi, C., Johnson-Ferguson, L., Zimmermann, J., Ehlert, A., Baumgartner, M. R., Binz, T. M., Ribeaud, D., Eisner, M. P., Shanahan, L., Rauhut, H., & Quednow, B. B. (forthcoming). No evidence for an association of testosterone and cortisol hair concentrations with social decision-making in a large cohort of young adults. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*.
- (2) Ehlert, A., Zimmermann, J., Johann, D., Ribeaud, D., Eisner, M., Baumgartner, M. R., Shanahan, L., Rauhut, H., & Quednow, B. B. (2024). Substance Use-Related Alterations of Social Decision Making in a Longitudinal Cohort of Young Adults. *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging Volume* 9 (10), 1058-1065.
- (3) Armandola, N., Ehlert, A., & Rauhut, H. (2023). Rebel without a cause: The effects of social origins and disposable income on rule violations. *European Sociological Review* 39 (1), 14-29.
- (4) Ehlert, A., Böhm, R., Fleiß, J., Rauhut, H., Rybnicek, R., & Winter, F. (2021). The Development of Prosociality: Evidence for a Negative Association between Age and Prosocial Value Orientation from a Representative Sample in Austria. *Games*, 12(3), 67.
- (5) Raabe, I. J., Ehlert, A., Johann, D., & Rauhut, H. (2020). Satisfaction of scientists during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 7(1), 1-7.
- (6) Ehlert, A., Kindschi, M., Algesheimer, R., & Rauhut, H. (2020). Human social preferences cluster and spread in the field. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(37), 22787-22792.
- (7) Kindschi, M., Cieciuch, J., Davidov, E., Ehlert, A., Rauhut, H., Tessone, C. J., & Algesheimer, R. (2019). Values in adolescent friendship networks. *Network Science*, 7(4), 498-522.

Working papers

- (8) Raabe, I. J., Ehlert, A., Algesheimer, R., & Rauhut, H. Cooperation increases success: How students' prosociality and cooperative school climates improve school grades. *R&R European Sociological Review*
- (9) Frei, D., Wehrli, S., Ehlert, A., Winter, F., & Rauhut, H. Once an Altruist, always an Altruist? Assessing the longitudinal stability of prosocial preferences over several years. *R&R Judgment and Decision Making*
- (10) Ehlert, A. The role of honesty, unintentional signs, and deliberate signals in trust and the emergence of cooperation.
- (11) Jerke, J., Ehlert, A., & Rauhut, H. Larger research groups generate less publication bias.
- (12) Kindschi, M., Ehlert, A., Rauhut, H., Cieciuch, J., Becker, C. C., Davidov, E., & Algesheimer, R. Studying systemic racism via attitudes and their functions among youth in friendship networks.

Advanced work-in-progress (data collection completed)

- (13) Responsibility or In-Group Favoritism: How representing others affects ethical decision-making with Giorgio Cassina and Heiko Rauhut
- (14) The effects of perceived social norms and beliefs in the development of social preferences with Debora Frei, Stefan Wehrli, Fabian Winter, and Heiko Rauhut
- (15) Deviance creates order: Is homo reciprocans delinquent? with Denis Ribeaud, Manuel Eisner, and Heiko Rauhut

Teaching experience

University of Zurich:

- Introduction into Social Norms and Cooperation (MA, in English) spring semester 2024
- Experimental Social Sciences (BA/BSc/MA/MSc, in English) fall semester 2023
- The Social-economics of Charitable Giving (BA/BSc/MA/MSc, in English) fall semester 2020, spring semester 2022
- Social Network Analysis: Theories, Topics, Debates (BA/BSc/MA/MSc, in English; with Isabel J. Raabe) spring semester 2021
- Research Seminar Social Norms and Cooperation (MA, in English; with Heiko Rauhut) fall & spring semester 2019/20, 2020/21
- Introduction into Social Norms and Cooperation (MA, in English; with Heiko Rauhut) spring semester 2019, 2020

Grants

2018 - 2022

Competitive teaching fund of the University of Zurich for "Mobile field laboratory for social scientists", with Philipp Chapkovski (~\$35,000)

Review activity

Current Psychology, European Sociological Review, Scientific reports