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Interests: Literature, Music, Films/Cinema, Sports/Nature, Foreign Languages, Travelling/Cultures

Work Activities

- 07/2022-ongoing: **Medical University of Vienna (Center for Public Health, Department of Medical Psychology)**
Assistant (Postgraduate)
- 05/2021-06/2022: **Danube University Krems (Department for Clinical Neuroscience and Preventive Medicine, Centre for Dementia Studies)**
Researcher
Field: Dementia Prevention
- 07/2020-04/2021: **Austrian Federal Chancellery/Ministry of Work, Family and Youth**
Administrative Internship
- 01/2016-02/2019: **University of Graz**
Field: Institute of Psychology, General Psychology
Task: Scientific student employee
(Break for 3 months in 2018 for Erasmus)
- 02/2019-07/2019: **University of Graz**
Field: Institute of Psychology, Social Psychology
Task: Tutor for a university course
- Internships **2015/2016:** Scientific Internship in the field of Psychology, Institute of Psychology, University of Graz
2015: Internship in the field of Psychology/Social Pedagogy, Heilpädagogisches Zentrum des Landes Steiermark Graz
2013: Internship in the field of Psychology Albert-Schweitzer-Klinik Graz

Education

- 2023-ongoing: **Medical University of Vienna**
Doctoral Programme of Applied Medical Science
Unit/Department:
Unit Suicide Research & Mental Health Promotion
Abteilung für Sozial- und Präventivmedizin
Zentrum für Public Health
Medizinische Universität Wien
Senior Supervisor: Professor Thomas Niederkrotenthaler
Junior Supervisor: Professor Benedikt Till
Working Title:
Mental Health Stigma: Analysis of Mental Health Stigma-related Media Contents
- 2019-2020: **Diplomatic Academy of Vienna**
56th Diploma Programme
- 2016-2019: **University of Graz**
Subject: Master Psychology
Master Thesis: "Reading Fluency and Visual Search in Mirrored and Rotated Letter Displays"
ERASMUS: 01/2018 – 04/2018: Universidade de Lisboa, Research Internship, Cognitive Experimental Psychology
- 2012-2016: **University of Graz**
Subject: Bachelor Psychology
Bachelor Thesis: "Psychology Students without Borders: Importance of Talent, Suitability for Women in Psychology and a variety of other factors in a comparison of Bachelor Psychology Students in Georgia and Austria"
- 2011-2012:
(9 months) **Civil Service at the Red Cross**
Schladming
- 2006-2011: **Bundeshandelsakademie Liezen (Commercial school)**

Language Knowledge

- Mother Tongue:** German
- Fluent:** English (C2 Certificate), French (C2 Certificate), Italian, Portuguese
- Advanced:** Hungarian
- Further Interest:** Polish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Croatian, Arabic, Czech, Albanian, Turkish, Vietnamese, Ukrainian, Romanian

Subject-Specific Knowledge (Psychology)

- 09/2023:** Participation at the 32nd World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP; Piran, Slovenia)
(Scientific presentation in the Early-career Workshop)
- 05/2023:** Participation at the course “EACH: How to teach: Experiential communication skills teaching” from the International Association of Communication in Healthcare (EACH)
Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Brussels, Belgium)
- Study year 2022/2023:** Participation at several didactical seminars at the Teaching Center of Medical University of Vienna
- Teaching Activity:** Studies of Human Medicine
(Medical University of Vienna)
- Teaching Subjects:**
1. Communication Seminar
 2. Medical Communication B
- 09/2022:** Participation at Lower Austria’s 1st Action Day Brain Health – Precaution Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia (Krems an der Donau, Austria) (Scientific Presentation)
- 04/2022:** Participation at the Annual Conference of the Austrian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (Salzburg, Austria)
- 11-12/2021:** Participation at the 31st Alzheimer Europe Conference (Online)
- 10/2021:** Organization/Participation: 3rd Krems Dementia Conference (Online/Krems an der Donau, Austria)
- 2019/2018/2017/2016:** Participation at the Scientific Conference MIPRO (Opatija, Croatia), including one scientific presentation per visit
- 2018/2017:** Initiative Gehirnforschung Steiermark
(Initiative Brain Research Styria)
Participation at symposia (Graz, Austria)
- 12/2017:** Participation at a scientific conference (Linguistics):
(University of Klagenfurt, Austria)
- 09/2017:** Participation at a Summer School in Portugal
VI CAN – 6th Cognitive & Affective Neurophysiology Summer School: Acquisition, processing & analysis of EEG signal (Universidade do Porto, Portugal)
- 03/2017:** Participation at a Scientific Conference
ICPS (International Congress of Psychological Science)
(Vienna, Austria) (Poster Presentation)
- 11/2016:** Participation at the Alpine Chapters fMRI Symposium
Christian-Doppler-Klinik (Salzburg, Austria)

Memberships

- International Association for Communication in Healthcare (EACH)
- Wiener Werkstaette for Suicide Research
- German Society of Medical Psychology
- Styrian Society for Psychology (Steirische Gesellschaft für Psychologie)
- Austrian-Portuguese Society (Österreichisch-Portugiesische Gesellschaft)
- Austrian-French Association (Österreichisch-Französische Vereinigung)
- ClubDA (Alumni Club of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna)

Publications

- Pürcher, P., Höfler, M., Pirker, J., Tomes, L., Ischebeck, A., & Gütl, C. (2016). Individual versus collaborative learning in a virtual world. In *Proceedings of MIPRO 2016* (pp. 824-828). IEEE.
- Pürcher, P., Kovács-Harmat, A., Ischebeck, A., Körner, C., Höfler, M. (2017). *Digits Are Not Just Digits: Arabic Versus Roman Digits And Their Ability To Shift Attention*. Presented on a poster session at the International Convention of Psychological Science, Vienna, Austria.
- Höfler, M., Wesiak, G., Pürcher, P., & Gütl, C. (2017). Modern education and its background in cognitive psychology: Automated question creation and eye movements. *Proceedings of MIPRO 2017* (pp. 619-623). IEEE.
- Pürcher, P., & Höfler, M. (2018). Technology meets Psychology: Psychological Background in Virtual Realities. *Proceedings of MIPRO 2018*. (pp. 709-713). IEEE.
- Pürcher, P., & Höfler, M. (2019). Measuring Eye Movements in Learning Research: A Useful Window to Cognition. *Proceedings of MIPRO 2019* (pp. 660-664). IEEE.
- Auer, S., Höfler, M., Pürcher, P., & Wortmann, M.(Eds). (2021). Abstracts of the 3rd Krems Dementia Conference Virtual. Dealing with Dementia: From Reaction to Action. 28-30 October 2021, Krems: Danube University of Krems, Austria. doi: 10.48341/z3kr-de55
- Auer, S., Richter, M., Bauer, L., Dernesch, E., Warisch, P., Stöflbauer, M., Drexler, P., Sarikaya, D., Pürcher, P., Höfler, M., & Wortmann, M. (2021). *On the way to a Dementia-competent society in Austria: E-learning for different professional groups*. Presented on a poster session at the 31st Alzheimer Europe Conference, Online.
- Arendt, F., Till, B., Voracek, M., Kirchner, S., Sonneck, G., Naderer, B., Pürcher, P., & Niederkrotenthaler, T. (2023). ChatGPT, artificial intelligence, and suicide prevention. *Crisis*, *44*, 367-370.

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