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EDUCATION

- 2003 PhD, Institute for Neuro- and Behavioural Biology (INVB), Westfälische Wilhelms-University; Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI EVA), Germany (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. M. Tomasello; Prof. Dr. N. Sachser).
- 1999 Diploma Biology (1st class, honors), INVB, Westfälische Wilhelms-University, Germany (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. N. Sachser, Dr. G. Anzenberger, Prof. Dr. B. Martin).

CURRENT POSITION

2018 – pres. Full Professor, Comparative BioCognition (CBC), Institute of Cognitive Science (IKW), Osnabrück University, Osnabrück, Germany.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2017 – 2018 Senior Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI EVA), Germany.
- 2010 – 2017 Research Group Leader, Max Planck Institute for Ornithology (MPIO), Germany.
- 2007 – 2010 Lecturer, School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester, UK.
- 2005 – 2007 Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Psychology, University of St. Andrews, UK.
- 2003 – 2005 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, University of Alberta, Canada.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2010 – 2011 British Academy Small Research Grant, School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester, UK.
- 2008 – 2011 Supervision-Fellowship, School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester, UK.
- 2008 – 2009 Royal Society Seed Corn fund, School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester, UK.
- 2007 – 2008 Postdoctoral Fellowship of the EU 6th Framework Nest Pathfinder Initiative, School of Psychology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 2005 – 2007 DFG Postdoctoral Fellowship, School of Psychology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS HELD AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- 2017 – pres. ERC-Consolidator Grant, “The evolution of turn-taking”, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium. 2.00 MM €, as PI.
- 2010 – 2017 Sofja Kovalevskaja-Award of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, MPIO, Germany. 1.65 MM €, as PI.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES AND MODULES

- 2022 – pres. “The mentality of great apes by Wolfgang Köhler. One century later”,
(Study project, MSc module), University Osnabrück, Germany.
- 2020 – 2022 “Machine learning meets animal communication”,
(Study project, MSc module), University Osnabrück, Germany.
- 2020 – 2022 “What can cognitive scientists do to save chimpanzees?”
(Study project, MSc module), University Osnabrück, Germany.
- 2021 – pres. “Foundations of Cognitive Science”, lecture series, IKW,
University Osnabrück (\approx 150 participants), Germany.
- 2019 – 2020 “What is Waza thinking?” Developing a new book format to foster children’s
cognitive development
(Study project, MSc module), University Osnabrück, Germany.
- 2018 – pres. Language & Communication Seminar
(PhD- and MSc module), University Osnabrück, Germany.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLES

- Since 2022 Vice president of the IKW, Head of the resort “Science – Networking and
Development”, Osnabrück University.
- 2020-2022 Member of the work group CRC “Developing Knowledge”, Osnabrück
University.
- Since 2020 Member of the work group “University of Excellence”, Osnabrück
University.
- Since 2020 Elected member of the Board of the IKW, Osnabrück University.
- 2010 – 2020 Member of the International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) for
Organismal Biology, MPIO and University of Konstanz, Germany.