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Curriculum vitae

- Since 2018 Head of the Specialized Outpatient Clinic for Social Interaction, University Outpatient Clinic for Psychotherapy and Diagnostics, Department of Psychology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Since 2018 Professor of Clinical Psychology of Social Interaction, Berlin School of Mind and Brain and Department of Psychology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Since 2015 Board certified Psychological Psychotherapist
- 2014 – 2018 Professor of Social Cognition, Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2009 – 2014 Head of junior research group ‘Understanding Interaffectivity’, Languages of Emotion – Cluster of Excellence, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2006 – 2009 Postdoctoral fellow, Neurocognition of Decision Making, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin
- Since 2008 Psychologic head of Outpatient Clinic for Adults with Autism, Charité, Berlin
- 2006 PhD degree, Universität Bielefeld, *summa cum laude*
- 2001 – 2005 Research fellow, Center for Brain Health, Neuroimaging Laboratory, New York University School of Medicine, US
- 1994 – 2000 Studies in Psychology, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Research fields

Our group’s research program focuses on the psychological and biological basis of social cognition with the following major areas:

- Social cognition and its neurobiological correlates in individuals with psychiatric conditions (such as autism, personality disorders, anxiety and affective disorders)
- Development of measures and interventions targeting empathy and socio-emotional competencies
- Social robotics

Methods applied in our research studies include, among others, the following:

- Behavioral experiments and self-reports
- Eyetracking and face tracking
- Structural and functional MRI
- Electroencephalography
- Measures of peripheral physiology (electromyography, skin conductance response)

Activities in the scientific community, honors, awards

- Since 2019 Fellow, Max Planck School of Cognition
- Since 2016 Faculty member, Einstein Center for Neurosciences Berlin
- 2016 Teaching award, Faculty of Life Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2016 Anti-Stigma Award, German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, Psychosomatics, and Neurology (DGPPN)
- Since 2014 Faculty member, Berlin School of Mind and Brain
- 2014 Charlotte and Karl Bühler Award, German Psychological Association (DGPs)
- 2007 Dissertation Award, Universität Bielefeld
- Since 2007 Vice-President, German Society for Research in Autism Spectrum Conditions (WGAS)
- 2006 Young Scientist Award, Society for Neuropsychology (GNP)

Selected publications

- Rosenblau G, O'Connell G, Heekeren HR, Dziobek I. Neurobiological mechanisms of social cognition treatment in high-functioning adults with autism spectrum disorder. *Psychol Med* 2019; 1-11
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- Dziobek I, Fleck S, Kalbe E, Rogers K, Hassenstab J, Brand M, Kessler J, Woike JK, Wolf OT, Convit A. Introducing MASC: a movie for the assessment of social cognition. *J Autism Dev Disord* 2006; 36:623-636
- Dziobek I, Rogers K, Fleck S, Bahnemann M, Heekeren HR, Wolf OT, Convit A. Dissociation of cognitive and emotional empathy in adults with Asperger syndrome using the Multifaceted Empathy Test (MET). *J Autism Dev Disord* 2008; 38:464-473
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