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MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Cognitive Function and Dementia in Old Age
- Health in Old Age
- Social and Life-Course Inequalities
- Technology and Ageing

CURRENT POSITION

Since 08/2018 Associate Professor/ERC Fellow, University of Luxembourg
04/2014-07/2018 Senior researcher, University of Luxembourg

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

10/2011-03/2014 Postdoc: Fellowship carried out as PI, Erasmus MC Rotterdam, University of Luxembourg
04/2011-09/2011 Postdoc: '[Ambient Assisted Living JP' Project V2me](#), University of Luxembourg
10/2008-03/2009 Postdoc: Old-Age Self-Concept and Self-Regulation, University of Trier, Germany
10/2005-09/2008 Scientific Assistant and PhD Candidate, University of Trier, Germany

FELLOWSHIPS

10/2011 - 03/2014 [FLARE 2 Postdoctoral Fellowship](#) (*Future Leaders of Ageing Research in Europe*, PI): 'H-OLD, Health in Old Age: A Study on the Interplay of Economic and Individual Influences', National Research Fund Luxembourg (FNR); 12 months at Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam, Netherlands, 18 months at University of Luxembourg; 251,000 EUR funding, grant INTER/FLARE2/10/01
04/2009 - 03/2011 Two-Year Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Luxembourg, 'RELOCATION, Well-Being and Self-Concept Development after Relocation', FNR

EDUCATION

10/2011 - 11/2011 Postgraduate training in Population Health, NIHES, Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam
10/2005 - 06/2008 Doktor der Naturwissenschaften (equiv. PhD), *Autobiographical remembering of critical life events*, University of Trier, Germany
10/2000 - 07/2005 University of Trier, Germany: Major Psychology (Diploma)

GRANTS

01/2019-12/2023 ERC Starting Grant '[Cognitive Aging: From Educational Opportunities to Individual Risk Profiles](#)', grant agreement no. 803239, 1.148,290 EUR
02/2017 [Sustainable Development Goal lab](#), sponsored by Future Earth/Stockholm Resilience Centre and ADA Microfinance Luxembourg, total of 10,000 EUR funding
10/2011 - 03/2014 [FLARE 2 Postdoctoral Fellowship](#); 251,000 EUR funding by FNR, coordinated by ERA-AGE 2
04/2009 - 03/2011 Two-Year Postdoctoral Grant; 103,944 EUR funding by FNR
11/2009, 11/2010 FNR Travel Grants: Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA, and New Orleans, LA, each 2,000 EUR.

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE AND PHD STUDENTS

- 2009 Diploma theses in Psychology (G. CERVERO GALLART, S. POTT, D. MÜLLER), University of Trier
- 2013 Bachelor theses in Psychology (A. VEDDER, L. NOSTHOFF-HORSTMANN), University of Luxembourg
- 2013 Member of jury of PhD thesis in Psychology (M. WRULICH), University of Luxembourg
- 2014 Master theses, Social Policy Analysis (E. PORTER and N. ZHAO), University of Luxembourg
- 2014 Master thesis in Public Health (I. PRUIS), Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam
- 2014-17 Affiliated supervisor of PhD thesis in Sociology, 'Social trauma and scarring effects in the transition to retirement', V. PONOMARENKO, University of Luxembourg
- 2016 Bachelor thesis in Econometrics (T. MASSEY), Griffith University, Australia
- 2018 - Main supervisor of PhD thesis in Social Sciences, 'Life course and context explaining inequalities in aging and health', K.J. FORD, funded by FNR within Doctoral Training Unit (DTU) MINLAB
- 2018 - Main supervisor of PhD thesis, Social Sciences, migrants' access to healthcare services in Luxembourg, I. PACCOUD
- 2018- Supervisor committee of PhD thesis, Social Sciences, assistive technologies in older age, A. ABRILAHIJ

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Leist, A. K. (2019, May). *Early detection and prevention of cognitive decline and dementia: Findings from major European collaborative and research initiatives*. Chair of invited symposium (peer-reviewed) at IAGG-ER Conference Gothenburg, Sweden. Speakers: Graciela Muniz-Terrera, Alina Solomon, Anja Leist, Craig Ritchie, Tom Russ
- Leist, A. K. (2018, October). *Policy and research priorities of the World Young Leaders in Dementia network*. Keynote given at the Alzheimer Europe Conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- Leist, A. K. (2015, October). *Is income equality also better for your cognitive health? A multilevel analysis on trajectories of cognitive function at older ages*. Invited Plenary Presentation at the 5th SHARE User Conference, Luxembourg.
- Leist, A. K. (2013, September). Chair of Invited Symposium 'Health in middle and older age: Protective and risk factors across the lifespan' at the Meeting of the German Association of Psychology, Health Psychology, Luxembourg.
- Leist, A. K. (2012, September). *Economic inactivity spells predict cognitive function and cognitive decline in older age*. Invited Presentation at the ERA-AGE Conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- Leist, A. K. (2012, May). *How to engage older adults in social media use: Developing best practices*. Invited Presentation at the International Federation on Ageing (IFA) 11th Global Conference on Ageing in Prague, Czech Republic.

PUBLICATIONS

**information on journal ranking per relevant domain, in light blue, derived from Scopus*

IN PRESS

- Leist, A. K. (in press). Health politics in Luxembourg. Invited chapter for E. Immergut, K. Anderson, T. Popic (eds.), *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Leist, A. K., Novella, R., & Olivera, J. (2018). The role of nutrition and literacy on the cognitive functioning of elderly poor individuals. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, online 12 July 2018. doi: 10.1080/08959420.2018.1485390. [*Q1 ranking in Demography](#)
- Olivera, J., Andreoli, F., Leist, A. K., & Chauvel, L. (2018). Inequality in old age cognition across the world. *Economics & Human Biology*, 29, 179-188. doi: 10.1016/j.ehb.2018.03.002 [Repository](#) [*top-decile ranking in Health \(social science\)](#)

- Ponomarenko, V., Leist, A. K., & Chauvel, L. (2017). Increases in well-being after transition to retirement for unemployed. Catching up with formerly employed persons. *Ageing and Society*, online 20 September 2017, doi: 10.1017/S0144686X17000976 [Repository](#) *Q1 ranking in Health (social science)
- Leist, A. K. (2017). Social inequalities in dementia care, cure, and research. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. doi: 10.1111/jgs.14893 [Repository](#) *Q2 ranking in Geriatrics and Gerontology
- Hessel, P., Leist, A. K., Riumallo-Herl, C. J., Berkman, L. F. & Avendano, M. (2017). Economic downturns, retirement and long-term cognitive function among older Americans. *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences & Social Sciences*, DOI: 10.1093/geronb/gbx035. [Repository](#) *top-decile ranking in Health (social science)
- Chauvel, L., Leist, A. K., & Ponomarenko, V. (2016). Testing persistence of cohort effects in the epidemiology of suicide: an age-period-cohort hysteresis model. *PLoS ONE* 11(7): e0158538. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0158538. [Repository](#) *top-decile ranking in General Medicine
- Isopahkala-Bouret, U., & Leist, A. K. (2016). Introduction to the special issue on ageing and well-being. *Social Inquiry into Well-Being*, 2(1), 1-3. [Repository](#) *no rank available
- Chauvel, L., & Leist, A. K. (2015). Socioeconomic hierarchy and health gradient in Europe: The role of income inequality and of social origins. *International Journal for Equity in Health*, 14:132. DOI: 10.1186/s12939-015-0263-y [Repository](#) *Q1 ranking for Health Policy 2015
- Leist, A. K., Hessel, P., & Avendano, M. (2014). Do economic recessions during early and mid-adulthood influence cognitive function in older age? *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 68, 151-158. DOI: 10.1136/jech-2013-202843. [Repository](#) *top-decile ranking in Public, Environmental, and Occupational Health
- Leist, A. K., Glymour, M. M., Mackenbach, J. P., van Lenthe, F. J., & Avendano, M. (2013). Time away from work predicts later cognitive function: Differences by activity during leave. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 23, 455-462. DOI: 10.1016/j.annepidem.2013.05.014. [Repository](#) *Q2 ranking in Epidemiology
- Leist, A. K. (2013). Social media use of older adults – A mini-review. *Gerontology*, 59(4), 378-84. DOI: 10.1159/000346818. [Repository](#) *top-decile ranking in Geriatrics and Gerontology
- Leist, A. K., & Müller, D. (2013). Humor types show different patterns of self-regulation, self-esteem, and well-being. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 14(2), 551-569. DOI: 10.1007/s10902-012-9342-6. [Repository](#) *Q1 ranking in Social Sciences
- Muuraiskangas, S., Leist, A. K., Ferring, D., et al. (2012). V2me: Evaluating first steps in a virtual-coach based mobile coaching loneliness prevention. *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Smart Environments*, 4(6), 517-534. DOI: 10.3233/AIS-2012-0177 [Repository](#) *Q2 ranking in Software
- Leist, A. K., Ferring, D., & Filipp, S.-H. (2010). Remembering positive and negative life events: Associations with future time perspective and functions of autobiographical memory. *The Journal of Gerontopsychology and Geriatric Psychiatry*, 23(3), 137-147. DOI: 10.1024/1662-9647/a000017. [Repository](#) *47th percentile ranking in Gerontology

BOOKS

- Leist, A. K., Kulmala, J., & Nyqvist, F. (eds.) (2014). [Health and cognition in old age. From biomedical and life course factors to policy and practice](#). *International Perspectives on Aging*. New York: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-06650-9 [Repository](#)
- Leist, A. K. (2011). *Health, well-being, and general life situation of older adults in Luxembourg*. Research report. Luxembourg: University of Luxembourg. ISBN 978-2-87971-819-4.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLLECTIVE WORKS

- Chauvel, L., & Leist, A. K. (2015). Social epidemiology. In J. D. Wright (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (2nd ed.), pp. 275–281. Elsevier. DOI: 10.1016/B978-0-08-097086-8.14039-5 [Repository](#)

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Leist, A. K. (2018). Population aging, demographic trends and consequences for long-term care. In T. Boll, D. Ferring, and J. Valsiner, *Cultures of care in aging*, pp. 3-19. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing. [Repository](#)
- Leist, A. K., & Mackenbach, J. P. (2014). Social, behavioral, and contextual influences on cognitive function and decline over the life course. In A. K. Leist, J. Kulmala, and F. Nyqvist (eds.), *Health and cognition in old age. From biomedical and life course factors to policy and practice*, pp. 105-122. New York: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-06650-9_8 [Repository](#)
- Leist, A. K., Kulmala, J., & Nyqvist, F. (2014). Perspectives on health and cognition in old age. Why we need multidisciplinary investigations. In A. K. Leist, J. Kulmala, and F. Nyqvist (eds.), *Health and cognition in old age. From biomedical and life course factors to policy and practice*, pp. 1-7. New York: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-06650-9_1 [Repository](#)
- Leist, A. K., & Ferring, D. (2011). Technology and aging: Inhibiting and facilitating factors in ICT use. In R. Wichert, K. Van Laerhoven, & J. Gelissen (Eds.), *Constructing Ambient Intelligence: Aml 2011 Workshops. Revised Selected Papers* (p. 163-165). Berlin: Springer CCIS Series. ISBN 978-3-642-25166-5. [Repository](#)
- Leist, A. K. (2010). Self-regulation and well-being in old age. In R. Zukauskienė (Ed.), *Proceedings of the XIV European Conference on Developmental Psychology. Vilnius, Lithuania, August 18-22, 2009* (pp. 569-574). Bologna: Medimond.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLISHED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS/PAPERS

- Chauvel, L., & Leist, A. K. (2018). Overweight/obesity of mid-aged cohorts: Increasing burden, increasing educational inequalities. *Innovation in Aging*, 2(S1), 422.
- Leist, A. K. (2018). Associations of wealth with frailty and memory impairment across the course of aging. *Innovation in Aging*, 2(S1), 906.
- Leist, A. K. (2018). Determinants of cognitive decline in a large cross-national study using machine learning. *Innovation in Aging*, 2(S1), 244.
- Chauvel, L., Leist, A. K., & Smith, H. L. (2017). Detecting the "Big Red Spot" of age-period excess mortality in 25 countries: Age-period-cohort residual analysis. Population Association of America Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- Leist, A. K. (2017). Cognitive inequalities in later life: Cross-country differences in the education-cognition gradient. *Innovation in Aging*, 1(S1), 16.
- Leist, A. K. (2016). Cognitive inequalities in later life: Cross-country differences in the education-cognition gradient. *The Gerontologist*, 56(Suppl 3), 428-429.
- Leist, A. K., & Chauvel, L. (2016). Is income equality also better for your cognitive health? A multilevel analysis on trajectories of cognitive function at older ages. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC*, working paper on [Repository](#)
- Leist, A. K. (2015). How can we promote cognitive reserve during the life course? Social, behavioral, contextual factors. *Gerontologist*, 55(Suppl 2), 210.
- Chauvel, L., & Leist, A. K. (2015). Income inequality and health: Age-related health gains for those better-off, in more equal societies. *Gerontologist*, 55(Suppl 2), 459-460.
- Hessel, P., Leist, A. K., Riumallo-Herl, C. J., & Avendano, M. (2015, April). Recessions, unemployment and the brain: Do individual and aggregate economic shocks prior to retirement leave a cognitive 'scar'? *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC*, final version published 2017 in JGSS
- Leist, A. K., van Lenthe, F. J., Glymour, M. M., Mackenbach, J. P., Avendano, M. (2013). Time away from work predicts later-life cognitive function – does education matter? *Gerontologist*, 53(S1), 479-479.

- Leist, A. K., Avendano, M. (2013). Childhood availability of books predicts later-life cognitive function. *Gerontologist*, 53(S1), 605-605.
- Leist, A. K., & Mackenbach, J. P. (2013). Sozioökonomische Unterschiede in Gesundheit der über 50jährigen in Europa – Niedriger elterlicher sozioökonomischer Status und kindliche Gesundheit als Risikofaktoren? [Socioeconomic inequalities in health of Europeans 50+: Low parental socioeconomic status and childhood health as risk factors?]. In C. Vögele (Ed.), *11. Kongress der Fachgruppe Gesundheitspsychologie. Selbstregulation und Gesundheit. Abstractband des Kongresses*, p. 4-4. Luxembourg: Université du Luxembourg.
- Leist, A. K., & Nosthoff-Horstmann, L. (2013). Depressive symptoms of childless older men and women in Europe. *Psychology & Health*, 28(S1), 119-119.
- Leist, A. K., Avendano, M., van Lenthe, F. J., Glymour, M. M., & Mackenbach, J. P. (2012). Type and duration of working-life non-employment spells predict cognitive function in old age. *Gerontologist*, 52(S1), 676-677.
- Leist, A. K., Reljic, G., & Ferring, D. (2012). Social media use in old age: User profiles, effects, best practices. *Gerontologist*, 52(S1), 563-564.
- Leist, A. K., Avendano, M., van Lenthe, F. J., Glymour, M. M., & Mackenbach, J. P. (2012). Type and duration of working-life non-employment spells predict cognitive function in old age. *Psychology & Health*, 27(S1), 79-79.
- Leist, A. K., & Hoffmann, M. (2011). Attitudes toward death and dying in old age: High perceived control, low metaphysical beliefs. *Gerontologist*, 51(S2), 356-357.
- Boll, T., Leist, A. K., & Ferring, D. (2011). Problematische Erlebens- und Verhaltensweisen von Demenzpatienten und anderen pflegebedürftigen alten Menschen aus der Sicht von pflegenden Angehörigen: Eine clusteranalytische Studie [Problematic feelings and behavior of patients with dementia and other care-intensive disabilities from the caregiving persons' point of view: A cluster-analytic study]. *Verhaltenstherapie*, 21(1), 14-14.
- Leist, A. K., Kaiser-Hylla, C., & Ferring, D. (2011). Subjektive Ressourcen und Defizite in der Pflege des Ehepartners mit Demenz [Subjective resources and deficits in spousal dementia caregiving]. *Verhaltenstherapie*, 21(S1), 14-14.
- Leist, A. K., Albert, I., & Ferring, D. (2010). Activities and their associations with state and trait components of well-being in old age. *Zeitschrift fuer Gerontologie und Geriatrie*, 43 (S1), 88.
- Leist, A. K., & Ferring, D. (2010). Life investment and psycho-physical well-being in old age. *Gerontologist*, 50 (S1), 15.
- Leist, A. K., Ferring, D., & Filipp, S.-H. (2009). Self-regulatory strategies and well-being. Retaining a sense of mastery and satisfaction in old age. *Gerontologist*, 49 (S2), 8-8.
- Leist, A. K., & Filipp, S.-H. (2008). Change for the better or change for the worse? Perceived changes as a consequence of an adverse life event and their associations with ruminative thoughts. In C. Dalbert (Ed.), *International Journal of Psychology: Abstracts of the XXIX International Congress of Psychology* (p. 409). Hove: Psychology Press. ISBN: 978-1-84169-860-1

DISSERTATION

- Leist, A. K. (2008). *Autobiographisches Erinnern kritischer Lebensereignisse. Die Stiftung von Kohärenz im Lebensrueckblick* [Autobiographical remembering of critical life events. The creation of coherence in life-review]. PhD thesis, Trier, Germany. [PDF](#)

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

- Leist, A.K., & Ford, K. (2019, October). *Gender inequalities across the life course: A societal perspective on gender differences in dementia*. Paper accepted for poster presentation at the Alzheimer Europe annual conference, The Hague, Netherlands.
- Leist, A.K., Bar-Haim, E., & Chauvel, L. (2019, September). *The long-lasting impact of inequality of educational opportunities on later-life cognitive functioning*. Paper accepted for presentation at the conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research, Lausanne, Switzerland.

- Chauvel, L., Bar-Haim, E., & Leist, A.K. (2019, September). *Income inequality and the strength of the origins-health gradient in 20 European countries*. Paper accepted for presentation at the conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Leist, A.K. (2019, May). *Social and behavioral factors in cognitive aging: Applying the causal inference framework in observational studies*. Presentation at IAGG-ER 2019, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Leist, A. K. (2018, December). *Wealth inequality, frailty, and memory impairment: Is wealthier = healthier true for all older ages?* Presentation at ECSR Workshop Wealth Inequality and Mobility, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.
- Paccoud, I., & Leist, A. K. (2018, December). *Health access and wealth: Does capital structure matter?* Presentation at ECSR Workshop Wealth Inequality and Mobility, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.
- Leist, A. K. (2018, November). *Cognitive functioning and decline in relation to urban environmental characteristics*. Presentation at H2020 MINDMAP Workshop, 'Promoting mental well-being and healthy ageing in cities', Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Paccoud, I., & Leist, A. K. (2018, November). *The importance of Bourdieu's forms of capitals in self-perceived health and healthcare access in later life: Does the capital structure matter?* Presentation at SHARE Luxembourg User Workshop, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.
- Leist, A. K. (2018, November). Associations of wealth with frailty and memory impairment across the course of aging. Presentation at SHARE Luxembourg User Workshop, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg
- Chauvel, L., Leist, A. K., & Smith, H. L. (2017, May). Detecting the 'Big Red Spot' of age-period excess mortality in 25 countries: age-period-cohort residual analysis of the HMD. HMD 4th Symposium, Berlin, Germany.
- Leist, A. K. (2017, March). Wie Erfahrungen im Lebenslauf und kognitive Fähigkeiten im Alter zusammenhängen und sich kognitive Gesundheit länger erhalten lässt [Life-course experiences and maintaining cognitive functioning at higher ages]. Forum Demenz, *Association luxembourgeoise de gérontologie et gériatrie*, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.
- Leist, A. K. (2016, July). *Explaining later-life cognitive function and decline: Methodological issues and evidence for social and contextual influences*. Invited presentation in the 'Meet the Expert Series', MaxNetAging Doctoral School at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock.
- Leist, A. K. (2016, June). *Maintaining cognitive function starts early in life*. Talk at conference and fundraiser on Cognitive Health and Dementia ("How to keep your mind youthful?"), Luxembourg-Kirchberg, Luxembourg.
- Chauvel, L., Leist, A. K., & Smith, H. (2016, April). *Cohort factors impinging on suicide rates in the United States, 1990-2010*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington DC. [ORBilu](#)
- Chauvel, L., & Leist, A. K. (2016, April). *Socioeconomic hierarchy and health gradient: The role of income inequality and social origins*. Presented at the 23rd International Conference of Europeanists: Resilient Europe?, Philadelphia. [ORBilu](#)
- Olivera, J., Leist, A. K., & Chauvel, L. (2016, April). *Inequality in old-age cognitive abilities across the world*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington DC. [ORBilu](#)
- Olivera, J., Leist, A. K., & Chauvel, L. (2015, November). *Inequality in old-age cognitive abilities across the world*. Presented at the 5th SHARE User Conference, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.
- Leist, A. K. (2015). *Economic recessions, working conditions and later-life cognitive function: Evidence from SHARE and HRS*. Invited presentation at LISER (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research), Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg (June), and LIH (Luxembourg Institute of Health), Strassen, Luxembourg (December).
- Chauvel, L., & Leist, A. K. (2015, May). Variations of the stratification of health in more and less equal societies: The role of social origins. Presented at the RC28 Spring Meeting, Tilburg Netherlands. [ORBilu](#)

- Leist, A. K., Avendano, M., & Mackenbach, J. P. (2013, November). *Do childhood conditions explain socioeconomic inequalities in health in old age? A comparative analysis in 13 European countries with longitudinal analyses of six-year trajectories*. Presented at the 4th SHARE User Conference, Liège, Belgium.
- Leist, A. K. (2012, October). *Economic inactivity spells predict cognitive function and cognitive decline in older age*. Invited presentation at the Department of Public Health, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Leist, A. K., Ferring, D., Klauss, K., Klein, P., Braun, A., & Wichert, R. (2011, September). *User requirements in ICT-based social media use: Acceptance of a virtual coach*. Presented at the AAL Forum 2011, Lecce, Italy.
- Leist, A. K., Kaiser-Hylla, C., & Ferring, D. (2010, October). *Feelings of family caregivers towards the cared-for person with dementia – a micro-analytic approach*. Presented at the 20th Alzheimer Europe Conference, Luxembourg, Luxembourg. [Slides](#)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014 Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA, [Press release](#))
2018 Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America ([Press release](#))

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2019

- Epidemiology of and Inequalities in Ageing, Venice International University, Summer Institute on Ageing 2019
- Brain Health and Dementia Prevention, Venice International University, Summer Institute on Ageing 2019
- Socio-demographic Aspects of Ageing, Master in Gerontology, University of Luxembourg
- Advanced Seminars in Inequality: Inequalities in and Epidemiology of Health and Ageing, Doctoral School in Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Luxembourg

2011-2016

- Theories and Methods of Gerontopsychology, Master in Gerontology, University of Luxembourg
- Inequality and Social Sustainability, Doctoral School in Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Luxembourg
- Social Inequalities and Health, Master in Social Policy Analysis, KU Leuven/LISER/University of Luxembourg
- Analysis of Change (Repeated multivariate measurements), Master in Psychological Intervention, University of Luxembourg

2005-2009: University of Trier

- Lectures 'Psychology as Scientific Discipline', 'General Psychology', Diploma in Educational Sciences
- Lecture 'Psychological Research Methodology', Seminars 'Significant Life Events', 'Successful Ageing', 'Selected Problems of Psychological Motivation and Emotion Research', Diploma (equiv. Master of Science) in Psychology
- Lecture 'Multivariate Statistics', Bachelor in Psychology

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

I am Academic Editor of [PLOS ONE](#) since 2018 and Editorial board member of [GeroPsych - The Journal of Gerontopsychology and Geriatric Psychiatry](#) since 2013, and invited editor of a Special Issue 'Aging and well-being' of the journal *Social Inquiry into Well-Being* (2016).

I participated as invited expert in

- *Scientific Advisory Boards*: 2017 Alzheimer's Disease International Conference, Kyoto; 2018 Programm Demenz Prävention, pdp, programme on dementia prevention, Luxembourg
- *Workshops*: 2013 ESF workshop 'Ageing and Social Innovation', Lund, SE; 2018 H2020 project MINDMAP Conceptual Workshop, Rotterdam, NL; 2018 National Research Fund Luxembourg Workshop 'Reshaping of National Research Priorities'

- *Publications*: 2014-15 Social policy expert for [Social Inclusion Monitor](#) 'Reform Barometer' by Bertelsmann Stiftung and LSE; 2016-18 Country expert for Luxembourg on health politics, HealthDox, Norface programme 'Future of Welfare States'
- *Internal recruitment committees* at UL, member with consulting role: Professor in Psychology and Ageing (12/2018)
- *Networks*: UK SIN and JPND Europe selection into *World Young Leaders in Dementia Network* 2015, WYLD; WYLD is Associate Member of [World Dementia Council](#)
- *Steering Committees*: 2015- [World Young Leaders in Dementia](#); 2017- Luxembourg [Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe](#); 2018 Computational and Data Science Research Priority, University of Luxembourg

I have acted as external reviewer for

- *Research programmes*: 2015 Israeli Ministry of Science, Technology & Space; 2016 Swiss National Science Foundation; 2017 Alzheimer's Society UK
- *Policy publications*: 2017 lead of review group of draft WHO Global Action Plan on the Public Health Response to Dementia, on behalf of the World Young Leaders in Dementia, invited by World Dementia Council
- *Numerous international peer-reviewed journals* (selection): [Neurology](#), [Social Science & Medicine](#), [Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health](#), [International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry](#), [The Gerontologist](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series B Psychological Sciences & Social Sciences](#), [Journal of Happiness Studies](#), [PLoS One](#), [European Journal of Ageing](#), [BMC Geriatrics](#), [BMC Health Services Research](#), [Social Science Research](#), [GeroPsych - The Journal of Gerontopsychology and Geriatric Psychiatry](#), [Ageing and Mental Health](#), [International Journal for Equity in Health](#), [Scandinavian Journal of Psychology](#), [Gerontechnology](#), [International Journal of Aging and Human Development](#), [Smart Homecare Technology and TeleHealth](#), [Economics and Human Biology](#), [Scandinavian Journal of Work, Environment & Health](#), [Ageing & Society](#)

I regularly serve as abstract reviewer for the Annual Meetings of the *Gerontological Society of America* (GSA; 2015-), the *International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics* Four-Annual Meeting (IAGG; 2017), and the *Alzheimer's Disease International Annual Meeting* (ADI; 2017).

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

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| 10/2015 | Organization of IRSEI Inequalities Workshop, University of Luxembourg |
| 06/2016 | Organization of conference and fundraiser on Cognitive Health and Dementia , jointly with Rotary Club Luxembourg Hearts |
| 07/2017 | Sustainable Development Goal lab , two-day workshop, jointly with ADA Microfinance Luxembourg |
| 12/2018 | European Consortium of Sociological Research (ECSR) Workshop 'Wealth Inequality and Mobility', University of Luxembourg |

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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| 11/1015 | Session 'Cognitive function and dementia in old age' at 'The Empathy Workshop' for students of Comas Design School, Tel Aviv, Israel, hosted in Luxembourg |
| 02-03/2017 | Dementia Awareness Workshops for Teenagers , Lycée Bel-Val, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg |
| 12/2018 | Dementia Awareness Workshop, Ecole Privée Sainte-Anne, Ettelbruck, Luxembourg |
| Foreseen for 09/2019- | Two user engagement groups composed of people living with dementia, and informal caregivers of people living with dementia to provide guidance on the ERC-CRISP project |

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2014-16, 2018 - Organizer of [SEMILUX seminar series](#) on social inequalities and public policies

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2008 - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (German Association of Psychology)
- 2012 - Gerontological Society of America (GSA). Fellow since 2018
- 2015 - International Sociological Association (RC28 – Social Stratification)

2015- Population Association of America

2017- Methods in Longitudinal Studies in Dementia (MELODEM) initiative

MEDIA COVERAGE (selection)

- [Dailymail](#) (article in *Gerontology*) 16.04.2013
- [Spiegel online](#) (in German; article in *Annals of Epidemiology*) 14.8.2013
- UK press coverage about article in *JECH*: [Daily Mail](#) 21.11.2013, [The Independent](#) 22.11.2013, [Huffington Post](#) 30.11.2013 (press release by BMJ Group London)
- [Wort.lu researcher portrait](#) (in German) 06.01.2016
- [Wort.lu outreach activity Dementia Awareness Workshops](#) (in German) 11.03.2017
- [Featured SHARE Research](#) (article in *Economics & Human Biology*) July 2018
- [University press release](#) September 2018
- [Wort.lu new research project on dementia](#) (in German) 28.02.2019