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## Personal Information

born: 15/02/1989 in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
German citizenship since 2012

## Academic Positions

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<b>Postdoctoral Scholar</b> University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA Personality Processes and Outcomes Laboratory	Jun 2020 – present
<b>Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar</b> University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA Personality Processes and Outcomes Laboratory	Aug 2019 – May 2020
<b>Postdoctoral Scholar</b> Leibniz Institute for Resilience Research Mainz, Germany	Jun 2019 – present <i>currently on leave</i>
<b>Postdoctoral Scholar</b> Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany	Feb 2019 – present <i>currently on leave</i>

## Education

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<b>PhD</b> Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany <i>summa cum laude, highest distinction</i>	Feb 2019
<b>Additional Training in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy</b> Central Institute of Mental Health CPP Mannheim	since Apr 2019
<b>License for Cognitive Behavioral Psychotherapy</b> Center for Psychological Psychotherapy Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany <i>highest distinction</i>	Mar 2019
<b>Master of Science</b> Clinical and Health Psychology Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany	Mar 2015
<b>Bachelor of Science</b> Psychology Minor: Cultural Anthropology Trier University, Germany	Dec 2012

## Research Experience

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<b>Visiting Graduate Student</b> University of California, Riverside, USA Kids Interaction and Neurodevelopment Lab, Kalina Michalska Riverside Accuracy Project, David Funder	Jan – Apr 2017
<b>Visiting Graduate Student</b> National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, USA Mood Brain and Development Unit, Argyris Stringaris	Apr 2017
<b>Visiting Graduate Student (part time)</b> Central Institute for Mental Health, Germany Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Tobias Banaschewski	May 2016 – May 2017
<b>Visiting Graduate Student</b> Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neurosciences, King's College London, UK Mood and Development Lab, Argyris Stringaris and Emily Simonoff	Sep 2014 – Feb 2015
<b>Research Assistant</b> Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany Department of Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology, Michèle Wessa	Oct 2013 – Nov 2014
<b>Research Assistant</b> Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany Department of Health Psychology, Thomas Kubiak	Jul 2013 – Nov 2013
<b>Student Research Assistant</b> Charité University of Berlin, Germany Institute for Forensic Psychiatry, Renate Volbert	Sep 2011– Oct 2011
<b>Student Research Assistant</b> Trier University, Germany Department of Giftedness Research and Education, Franzis Preckel	Jun 2010 – Jun 2012

## Grants, Honours and Scholarships

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<b>Best Dissertation Award</b> Friends of the University Mainz	2020
<b>Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh</b> Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD; German Academic Exchange Service)	2019
<b>Rosenthal Nonverbal Preconference Poster Award</b> Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2018
<b>Foreign travel award</b> 19th annual SPSP Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, USA Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD; German Academic Exchange Service)	2018
<b>Fulbright Commission</b> Visiting Scholars Program	2017
<b>Graduate Student Travel Award</b> 18th Annual Meeting of The Society for Personality and Social Psychology San Antonio, Texas, USA	2017

**Gutenberg Academy for Young Researchers** 2016 – 2018  
Junior Member  
Mentors:  
Boris Egloff (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)  
Alexandra Freund (University of Zürich)

**Heinrich Böll-Foundation (Green Political Foundation)** 2010 – 2015  
Student Scholarship  
Research Fellowship at King's College London, United Kingdom

## Editorial Board

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**European Journal of Personality** 2020 - present  
Consulting Editor

## Clinical Experience

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**Clinical Internship** Oct 2016 – Feb 2019  
Outpatient Clinic  
Johannes Gutenberg University

**Clinical Internship** Apr 2015 – Apr 2016  
General Psychiatry  
University Medical Center Mainz, Germany

**Clinical Internship** Oct 2012 - Mar 2013  
General Psychiatry  
Bremen Nord, Germany

## Professional Development

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**Psychological Networks and Time Series Models** Sep 2018  
University of Groningen

**Multilevel Analysis with STATA** Dec 2017  
Zentrum für Bildungs- und Hochschulforschung (ZBH)  
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

**Longitudinal Dyadic Analyses** Feb 2017  
18th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
San Antonio, TX, USA

**fMRI Modelling and fMRI Statistics** Oct 2016  
resting state functional connectivity, machine learning in fMRI  
Utrecht University, University Medical Center, Netherlands

**Judgment Accuracy: Basics and Application** Jan 2016  
Münster University, Germany

**Advanced multivariate Data Analysis with MPlus** Sep 2014  
Latent Variable Modeling of Differences/Changes  
Humboldt-University Berlin  
Institute for Educational Quality Improvement, Germany

## Teaching

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**University of Pittsburgh** Winter 2020  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Quantitative Workshop/Consulting

## M. Sc. Psychology, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Mechanisms of Psychological Disorders, Seminar

Clinical Personality Psychology, Seminar

Neuropsychology, Lecture

one lecture given on behalf of Prof Wessa

Summer 2019

Winter 2018/19

Winter 2018/19

## B. Sc. Psychology, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Biology of developmental Psychopathology, Seminar

A developmental perspective on our social brain, Seminar

How to Design, Conduct and Report Experiments, Seminar

How to Design, Conduct and Report Experiments, Seminar

Summer 2018

Winter 2017/18

Winter 2016/17

Summer 2015

## Supervised Theses

Marion Schmale, Sina Hoffmann, Fabrice Kleber, Alisa Düben, Victoria Ehl

Master Thesis

Anja Würth, Lara Inga Benson, Johannes Wiesner, Marie Mosebach,

Lutz Felix Heil, Alexander Lucas Mancini, Annika Welchar, Mira Gollwitzer

Bachelor Thesis

## Selected Volunteer Work

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### Coordinator

promotion of Psychology in gymnasial curricula

M-PIRIE – Mechanismen Psychischer Resilienz

supported by the Robert Bosch-Foundation (35.830 Euro)

Oct 2015 – Oct 2018

### Editor

Book project in Bosnia and Herzegovina: To Je Moj Dan

supported by the Friends of the Heinrich Böll-Foundation

Oct 2010 – Oct 2012

### Freelance filmmaker

Media Project e.V., Wuppertal, Germany

Friends of the Heinrich Böll-Foundation

Kulturfonds Wuppertal e. V.

Fonds Soziokultur e. V.

ZDF Kleines Fernsehspiel

Feb 2006 – present

## Skills

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### Languages

German (native), Serbo-Croatian (native), English (fluent, providing therapy sessions in English), French

(conversation), Involved in the translation of the Development and Wellbeing Assessment (DAWBA) with Prof

Robert Goodman (King's College London) into German

### IT

R, STATA, SPSS, MPlus, AMOS, SPM 12, Excel, Inquisit, Presentation, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## Peer-reviewed publications

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1. **Kaurin, A.**, Sequeira, S. L., Ladouceur, C.D., McKone, K.M.P., Rosen, D., Jones, N., Wright, A.G.C., & Jennifer S. Silk. (in press). Modeling Sensitivity to Social Threat in Adolescent Girls: A Psychoneurometric Approach. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.  
**Preprint:** <https://psyarxiv.com/489k3/>
2. **Kaurin, A.**, Joseph E. Beeney, Stephanie D. Stepp, Lori N. Scott, William C. Woods, Paul A. Pilkonis & Aidan G. Wright, & (2020). Attachment and Borderline Personality Disorder: Differential Effects on Daily Socio-Affective Processes. *Affective Science*. 117-127. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42761-020-00017-7>  
**Preprint:** <https://psyarxiv.com/fncjg/>

3. Wright, G. C. & **Kaurin, A.**(2020). Integrating Structure and Function in Conceptualizing and Assessing Pathological Traits. *Psychopathology*. 53:189–197. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000507590>  
**Preprint:** <https://psyarxiv.com/6fe9d/>
4. **Kaurin, A.**, & Funder, D. (2018). From situational perceptions to interpersonal dynamics. *European Journal of Personality*. 32 (5), 554-556. <https://doi.org/10.1002/per.2155>
5. **Kaurin, A.**, Heil, L., Wessa, M., Egloff, B., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018). Selfies reflect actual personality – just like portraits, full-body images and videos in standardized in-lab conditions. *Journal of Research in Personality*. 76, 154-164. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrp.2018.08.007>
6. **Kaurin, A.**, Sauerberger, K., & Funder, D. (2018). Associations between Informant Ratings of Personality Disorder Traits, Self-reports of Personality and Directly Observed Behavior. *Journal of Personality*. 86, 1078-1101. [10.1111/jopy.12376](https://doi.org/10.1111/jopy.12376)
7. **Kaurin, A.**, Schönfelder, S. & Wessa, M. (2018). Self-compassion buffers the link between self-criticism and depression in trauma-exposed firefighters. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*. 65, 453-462. [10.1037/cou0000275](https://doi.org/10.1037/cou0000275)
8. **Kaurin, A.**, Egloff, B., Stringaris, A. & Wessa, M. (2016). Only complementary voices tell the truth: A reevaluation of validity in multi-informant approaches. *Journal of Neural Transmission*, 123, 981–990. [10.1007/s00702-016-1543-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00702-016-1543-4)
9. Bossert, M., **Kaurin, A.**, Preckel, F. & Frings, C. (2014). Response-compatibility effects in children. *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 11(1), 90-101. [10.1080/17405629.2013.819286](https://doi.org/10.1080/17405629.2013.819286)

Manuscripts Currently Under Review

10. **Kaurin, A.**, Dombrowski, A.Y., Hallquist, M., & Wright, A.G.C. (Revise and Resubmit at Psychological Medicine). Momentary Interpersonal Processes of Suicidal Surges in Borderline Personality Disorder. <https://psyarxiv.com/es35w/>
11. **Kaurin, A.**, Dombrowski, A.Y., Hallquist, M., & Wright, A.G.C. (Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Abnormal Psychology). Daily Suicidal Surge and Attempted Suicide in Borderline Personality Disorder. <https://psyarxiv.com/hswea/>
12. **Kaurin, A.**, Schneider, E., Lois, G., & Wessa, M. (under review). Altered Neural Responses to Social Fairness in Bipolar Disorder.
13. **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa, M. (under review). Children’s emotional and peer problems are perceived accurately at zero-acquaintance. <https://osf.io/uqvwz/>
14. Jungmann, S. M., Wagner, L., Klein, M., & **Kaurin, A.** (Revise and Resubmit at Clinical Psychology in Europe). Functional Somatic Symptoms and Emotion Regulation in Children and Adolescents.

Preregistration Protocols

15. **Kaurin, A.**, Hisler, G., Dombrowski, A.Y., & Wright, A.G.C. (in prep). Sleep Predicts Momentary Suicidal Ideation in Persons with Borderline Personality Disorder. <https://osf.io/4vugk>
16. **Kaurin, A.**, Wright, A. G., Cohen, S. & Kamarck, T. (under review). Daily Stress Reactivity: The Unique Roles of Personality and Social Context. <https://osf.io/74u36>

17. **Kaurin, A.**, Heil, L., Kröhler, A., Schönfelder, S., Wessa, M., & Berti, S. (registered report to be revised and resubmitted). Effects of self-distancing on decision making and feedback processing during interpersonal provocation: An ERP study. *Registered Report at Cognition & Emotion*.

## Conference contributions

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1. **Kaurin, A.**, Dombrowski, A.Y., Hallquist, M. N., & Wright, A.G.C. (Oct 2020). Modelling Suicidality in response to Daily Interpersonal Stress using Real-Time Micro-Trajectories. In Kaurin, A. & Coppersmith, D. (Chairs), Nock, M. K. (Discussant): Real-Time Monitoring of Suicide Risk To Understand, Predict, and Prevent Suicide. 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
2. **Kaurin, A.**, Pilkonis, P. A., & Wright, A.G.C. (cancelled due to COVID-19). Attachment and Borderline Personality Disorder: Differential Effects on Daily Socio-Affective Processes. In Kaurin, A. & Edershill, E. A. (Chairs), Pincus, A. L. (Discussant): Momentary interpersonal processes of antagonism and related personality disorders. Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Study of Personality Disorders, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
3. Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, Witthöft, M., Bräscher, A., & Wessa (2019). Latent change trajectories of subjective stress throughout cognitive-behavioral therapy: Evidence for a transdiagnostic construct. 9th World Congress of Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies.
4. Lois, G., Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Neural basis of ambiguous unfairness in Bipolar Disorder: an fMRI study using the Ultimatum Game. 45th Annual Meeting “Psychologie und Gehirn”.
5. **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Endokrinologische und subjektive Stressreaktionen zur Erfassung der Effektivität von Emotionsregulation bei Kindern. Talk at the 11. Workshopkongress für Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie und 37. Symposium der Fachgruppe Klinische Psychologie der DGPs.
6. **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Wie wir klinisch relevante Merkmale von Kindern und Jugendlichen wahrnehmen. Poster at the 11. Workshopkongress für Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie und 37. Symposium der Fachgruppe Klinische Psychologie der DGPs.
7. Lois, G., Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Neural basis of ambiguous unfairness in Bipolar Disorder: an fMRI study using the Ultimatum Game. 45th Annual Meeting “Psychologie und Gehirn”.
8. **Kaurin, A.**, Wessa, M., Egloff, B., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018, September). Individual differences in the expression of stress: A time-series analysis. Poster at the 51st DGPs-Kongress, Frankfurt.
9. Heil, L., **Kaurin, A.**, Wessa, M., Egloff, B., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018, September). Was uns Selfies über Persönlichkeit verraten. Poster at the 51st DGPs-Kongress, Frankfurt.
10. **Kaurin, A.**, Sauerberger, K., & Funder, D. (2018). Associations between Informant Ratings of Personality Disorder Traits, Self-reports of Personality and Directly Observed Behavior. Poster at the 19th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, USA.
11. **Kaurin, A.**, Heil, L., Egloff, B., Wessa, M., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018, March). Selfies reflect actual personality – just like photos or short videos in standardized lab conditions. Poster. Non-Verbal Preconference of the 19th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, USA.
12. Lois, G., Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa, M. (2017, October). Neural basis of perceived unfairness in Bipolar Disorder: an fMRI study using the Ultimatum Game. Poster at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics, Toronto, Canada.
13. **Kaurin, A.**, Müller, H., Schunk, D., Dziobek, I., & Wessa, M. (2017, January). To perceive is to suffer? Associations of empathy and negative affectivity. Poster at the 18th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX, USA.

14. **Kaurin, A.**, Mikita, N., Hollocks, M., Carter Leno, V., Aslani, A., Papadopoulos, A. S., Harrison, S., Vidal-Ribas Belil, P., Mc Duff, D., Simonoff, E. & Stringaris, A. (2016, May).
15. **Kaurin, A.**, Mikita, N., Hollocks, M., Carter Leno, V., Aslani, A., Papadopoulos, A. S., Harrison, S., Vidal-Ribas Belil, P., Mc Duff, D., Simonoff, E. & Stringaris, A. (2016, March/April). A human and machine based observational approach in ASD. Talk at the 2nd World Conference on Personality Psychology, Búzios, Brazil. Verhaltensbeobachtung und computerbasierte Affekterkennung im Rahmen der Angstdiagnostik bei Kindern und Jugendlichen mit Autismus-Spektrum-Störungen. Poster beim 34. Symposium der Fachgruppe Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie der DGPs, Bielefeld.
16. **Kaurin, A.**, Mikita, N., Hollocks, M., Carter Leno, V., Aslani, A., Papadopoulos, A. S., Harrison, S., Vidal-Ribas Belil, P., Mc Duff, D., Simonoff, E. & Stringaris, A. (2016, January). Unlocking anxiety expressions in Autism Spectrum Disorders: combining human and computer-based approaches for the assessment of anxiety and biological stress responses. Poster at the 17th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA.

## Reviewer for \_\_\_\_\_

Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders  
Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry  
Psychological Medicine  
European Journal of Psychological Assessment  
Frontiers Psychology  
Journal of Personality Assessment  
Addictive Behaviors  
Biological Psychology

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