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EMPLOYMENT

2020–*present* Postdoctoral researcher, University of Copenhagen

2016–2020 Ph.D. candidate, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

2014–2016 Core tutor, PPLE College, University of Amsterdam

EDUCATION

2016–2020 Ph.D. social psychology *cum laude*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

2019 Visiting Ph.D. student, University of California, Riverside

2013–2015 M.Sc. psychology *cum laude*, University of Amsterdam

2010–2013 B.A. social sciences *cum laude*, Amsterdam University College

2012 Exchange semester, McGill University




2011 Research internship, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University

PUBLICATIONS

Submitted and Working Papers

* indicates equal contribution.


Columbus, S. (2020). Honesty-Humility, beliefs, and prosocial behaviour: A test on stockpiling during the COVID-19 pandemic. Revise and resubmit, *Collabra*.

Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/8e62v>.   

· Media coverage: [Psychology Today](#).

Dores Cruz, T. D., Thielmann, I., Columbus, S., Molho, C., Wu, J., Righetti, F., de Vries, R., Koutsoumpis, A., van Lange, P. A. M., Beersma, B., & Balliet, D. (2019). Gossip and reputation in daily life. Manuscript under review. Preprint:

<https://psyarxiv.com/y79qk/>   



Rentzsch, K., Columbus, S., Balliet, D., & Gerlach, T. M. (2019). Similarity in situation perception predicts relationship satisfaction. Manuscript in preparation for resubmission.  



Spadaro, G., Tidli, I., Columbus, S., Jin, S., ten Teije, A., & Balliet, D. (2020). The Cooperation Databank. Manuscript under review. Preprint:

<https://psyarxiv.com/rveh3/>




van Lange, P. A. M., & Columbus, S. (2020). Vitamin S: Why is social contact, even with strangers, so important to well-being? Manuscript under review, *Current Directions in Psychological Science*.




Peer-Reviewed Publications


Columbus, S.,* Molho, C.,* Righetti, F., & Balliet, D. (2020). Interdependence and cooperation in daily life. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.  

Peperkoorn, L. S., Becker, D. V., Balliet, D., Columbus, S., Molho, C., & van Lange, P. A. M. (in press). The prevalence of dyads in social life. *PLOS one*, 15(12), e0244188.  

Righetti, F., Balliet, D., Molho, C., Columbus, S., Faure, R., Bahar, Y., Iqmal, M., Semenchenko, A., & Arriaga, X. (2020). Fostering attachment security: The role of interdependent situations. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 17(20), 7648.

Columbus, S., München, J., Gerpott, F. H. (2020). Playing a different game: Situation perception mediates framing effects on cooperation. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 90, 1–14.   

Columbus, S., Thielmann, I., & Balliet, D. (2019). Situational affordances for prosocial behaviour: On the interaction between Honesty-Humility and (perceived) interdependence. *European Journal of Personality*, 33(6), 655–673.   




Gerpott, F.,* Balliet, D. P.,* Columbus, S., Molho, C., & de Vries, R. E. (2018). How do people think about interdependence? A multidimensional model of subjective outcome interdependence. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 115(4), 716–742. 




de Dreu, C. K. W., Gross, J., Méder, Z. Z., Giffin, M. R., Kriek, J., Prochazkova, E., & Columbus, S. (2016). In-group defense, out-group aggression, and coordination failures in intergroup conflict. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 113(38), 10524–10529.



Mutsvairo, B., Columbus, S., & Leijendekker, I. (2014). Reconnoitering the role of (citizen) journalism ethics in the emerging networked public sphere. *Ecquid Novi: African Journalism Studies*, 35(3), 4–22.

Mutsvairo, B. & Columbus, S. (2012). Emerging patterns and trends in citizen journalism in Africa: The case of Zimbabwe. *Central European Journal of Communication*, 5(1), 121–35.

Consortium Authorship

Tierney, W., Hardy, J. H., III, Ebersole, C., Viganola, D., Clemente, E., Gordon, M., . . . , Culture and Work Forecasting Collaboration, & Uhlmann, E. L. (in press). A creative destruction approach to replication: Implicit work and sex morality across cultures. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.   

Landy, J. F., Jia, M., Ding, I., Viganola, D., Tierney, W., Dreber, A., . . . , The Crowdsourcing Hypothesis Tests Collaboration, & Uhlmann, E. L. (in press). Crowdsourcing hypothesis tests: Making transparent how design choices shape research results. *Psychological Bulletin*, 146(5), 451–479.   

Open Science Collaboration. (2015). Estimating the reproducibility of psychological science. *Science*, 349(6251), aac4716-1-8.  

Book Chapters

Columbus, S., Righetti, F., & Balliet, D. (2020). Situations in close relationships. In L. E. Vanderdrift, C. R. Agnew, & X. B. Arriaga (eds.), *Interdependence, Interaction, and Close Relationships* (pp. 11–36). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Columbus, S. (2013). Interpreting economic games. In H. J. Adèr & G. J. Mellenbergh (eds.), *Advising on Research Methods: Selected topics 2013*. Huizen, NL: Johannes van Kessel.

Columbus, S. (2012). Is the mobile phone a disruptive technology? A partial review of evidence from developing economies. In N. Ekeke & N. Islam (eds.), *Disruptive Technologies, Innovation, and Global Redesign: Emerging Implications* (pp. 46–62). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Mutsvairo, B., Columbus, S., & Klamroth, L. (2012). Rethinking mass communication theories in the Internet era. In N. Ekeke & N. Islam (eds.),

Disruptive Technologies, Innovation, and Global Redesign: Emerging Implications (pp. 345–356). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Columbus, S. (2010). Prisons and persecution: The new casualties. In M. Joyce (ed.), *Digital Activism Decoded: The New Mechanics of Change* (pp. 165-179). New York, NY: IDEBATE Press.

Software

Spadaro, G., Tidli, I., Columbus, S., Jin, S., Ten Teije, A., & Balliet, D. (2020). The Cooperation Databank. Link: <https://cooperationdatabank.org/>

Journalism

More than 500 published articles in various on- and offline media, including Zeit Online, netzpolitik.org, Spreeblick, and gulli:news.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Columbus, S. (2020, November 27). Interdependence and cooperation in daily life. Department of Social Psychology, Tilburg University, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S. (2019, March 25). Situation perception mediates framing effects on cooperative behaviour. Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn, Germany.

Columbus, S. (2018, October 30). The methodology of behavioural experiments: A meta-analytic approach. Workshop Cooperation: Interdisciplinary Methods, IÉSEG School of Management, Lille, France.

Columbus, S. (2018, October 23). Emotions and the perception of social situations. Amsterdam Interdisciplinary Center for Emotion, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S. (2018, October 15). The dynamics of emotions and situation perceptions in negotiations. Leadership Lab, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Conference Presentations

Columbus, S. (2019, September 18). Subjective interdependence: How people think about experimental games. DPPD Conference, Dresden, Germany.

Columbus, S., Spadaro, G., & Balliet, D. (2019, July 8). Ontologies for psychological science [unconference]. Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S., Molho, C., Righetti, F., & Balliet, D. (2019, June 5). Interdependence and cooperation in daily life. International Conference on Social Dilemmas, Sedona, AZ.

Columbus, S., Molho, C., Righetti, F., & Balliet, D. (2018, July 5). Interdependence in daily life. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S., Gerpott, F. H., & Münich, J. (2017, December 15). Playing a different game: Perceived interdependence as a mechanism underlying framing effects on cooperation in social dilemmas. Associatie van Sociaal-Psychologische Onderzoekers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S., Molho, C., Themmen, M. A., & Balliet, D. (2017, September 5). "Being on the same page": Personality similarity and situation perception in the day-to-day life of couples. 14. Arbeitstagung DPPD, München, Germany.

Columbus, S. (2017, July 31). Building an effect size databank for reproducible and cumulative science. Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science, Charlottesville, VA.

Columbus, S., Balliet, D., & de Dreu, C. K. W. (2016, April 7). Cooperation in asymmetric intergroup conflict. European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association Conference, London, UK.

Columbus, S. (2015, November 13). Cooperation in asymmetric intergroup conflict: Norms, norm enforcement, and moral judgment. *Institutions for Moral Behaviour*, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Conference Papers

Gerpott, F. H., Columbus, S., & Molho, C. (2020, May 6). Utilizing interdependence theory to study the context of leadership: Results from an experience sampling study on everyday leader-follower interactions. 5th Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Leadership Symposium, Mykonos, Greece. [Not delivered due to COVID].

Mutsvairo, B., Columbus, S., & Leijendekker, I. (2012, April 21). African citizen journalists' ethics and the emerging networked public sphere. 13th International Symposium for Online Journalism, Austin, TX.

Conference Posters

Columbus, S., Münich, J., & Gerpott, F. H. (2019, August 21). Situation perception mediates framing effects on cooperative behaviour. SPUDM, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S., Münich, J., de Dreu, C. K. W., & Balliet, D. (2017, June 22). Intergroup conflict increases cooperation in defenders, but decreases it in aggressors. International Conference on Social Dilemmas, Taormina, Italy.

Columbus, S., Münich, J., de Dreu, C. K. W., & Balliet, D. (2016, December 8). Intergroup conflict increases cooperation in defenders, but decreases it in aggressors. *Associatie van Sociaal-Psychologische Onderzoekers*, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S., de Dreu, C. K. W., & Balliet, D. (2016, September 22). Intergroup conflict increases cooperation in defenders, but decreases it in aggressors. DGPs Kongress, Leipzig, Germany.

Columbus, S., den Bezemer, B., & van Vugt, M. (2015, March 14). Punishment carries a reputation penalty even when pro-social. International Convention on Psychological Science, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S. (2014, October 23). Punishment fuels asymmetric intergroup conflict. NVP Symposium Hot Cognition, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Columbus, S. (2013, November 20). Leadership in altruistic punishment and reward. VSNU Student Research Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-lecturer	PPLE	· Group Processes (2 nd year: 2015/16)
Tutorial instructor	PPLE	· Solidarity (1 st year: 2014/15–2015/16)
		· Doing Research (1 st year: 2014/15–2015/16)
		· Statistics for Experimental Research (1 st year: 2014/15–2015/16)
		· Group Processes (2 nd year: 2015/16)
Remedial teacher	AUC	· Basic Research Methods & Statistics I (1 st year: 2013/14–2015/16)
Teaching assistant	UvA	· Scientific Writing & Presenting (M.Sc.: 2013/14)
	EUR	· Corporate Communication (2 nd year: 2012/13)
	HHS	· Media Theory (1 st year: 2011/12)
		· International Journalism (2 nd year: 2011/12)
Guest lectures	PPLE	· Statistics for Experimental Research (2016)
		· Group Processes (2016, 2017, 2018, 2020)
	VU	· Group Dynamics (2017)
		· Advanced Research Methods (2018)
	WHU	· Research Ethics (2019, 2020)
Supervision		7 master's and 11 bachelor's theses supervised to completion.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

09/2016– 06/2020	Kurt Lewin Institute. Dutch interuniversity graduate school for social psychology.
09/2019	Lorentz Centre Workshop “The Language of Cooperation”, Leiden, The Netherlands.
09/2018	Summer School Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology, University of Potsdam, Germany.
06/2018	ZIB Academy Causal Inference with Non-Experimental Data, IPN Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education, Kiel, Germany.
07/2017	Advanced Course on Using MPlus, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.
07/2016	Cross-Cultural Study Trip, University of Ghana-Legon, Accra, Ghana.
01/2016	Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE.
08/2015	German National Merit Foundation graduate workshop “Philosophical Problems in Statistics”, Roggenburg, Germany.
11/2011	Deutsche Welle Young Media Summit, Tunis, Tunisia. (Invited participant).
09/2010	2 nd International Youth Innovation Forum Interra, Novosibirsk, Russia.
09/2009	1 st International Youth Innovation Forum Interra, Novosibirsk, Russia. (Invited participant).
	Various one- and two-day workshops on multilevel modelling, Bayesian statistics, structural equation modelling, meta-analysis, survey design, etc.

SERVICE

2020–2021	Organising team, 19 th International Conference on Social Dilemmas, Copenhagen, Denmark.
2020–	Editorial board member, Cooperation Databank.
2018–2020	PhD representative, Dept. of Experimental and Applied Psychology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
2017	Chief organiser, 3 rd Conference of the Cognition, Behaviour, and Evolution Network, Leiden, The Netherlands.
2017	Organising team, 17 th International Conference on Social Dilemmas, Taormina, Italy.
2015–2016	Coordinator, interuniversity graduate statistics workshop series.
2012–2013	Co-founder and editor, AUC Undergraduate Journal of Liberal Arts & Sciences.
2012	Organising team, 9 th LERU Bright Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Ad Hoc Reviewing

British Journal of Social Psychology, Cyberpsychology, Evolution and Human Behavior, Journal of Behavioural Decision Making, Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Judgment and Decision Making, Management Science, PeerJ, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Psychological Science Accelerator, Sage Open.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2019–2020	Workshop grant, Institute for Brain and Behavior Amsterdam (5000€).
2019	Travel grant, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (3700€).
2019	Funding for Kurt Lewin Institute workshop “Bayesian Multilevel Models in R” (2000€).
2018	Annual Research Support Fund, Institute for Brain and Behavior Amsterdam Equipment grant, with Daniel Balliet, Fabiola Gerpott, and Michal Kandrik (9600€).
2017	Conference award, Human Behavior and Evolution Society

	Funding for 2017 CBEN Conference, with Mariska Kret and Merel Burgering (\$5500).
2017	Congress subsidy, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences Funding for 2017 CBEN Conference, with Mariska Kret (main applicant) and Merel Burgering (2700€).
2015–2016	Outstanding tutor award, PPLE College, University of Amsterdam.
2011–2015	German national merit scholarship (14,350€).
2011-2013	Thesis scholarship, Center for Creation, Content and Technology (4000€).

MEMBERSHIPS

Dutch Association of Social Psychological Reseachers (ASPO);
 Cognition, Behavior and Evolution Network (CBEN) - affiliate member;
 European Association for Decision Making (EADM);
 Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES);
 Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS).

SKILLS

Research & Programming

Scientific Software

· formr, iMotions Affectiva, Qualtrics, SoPHIE, z-Tree.

Data Analysis & Programming

· R, MPlus, SPSS.

Languages

GERMAN · Native speaker
 ENGLISH · Full professional fluency
 DUTCH · Professional working proficiency
 FRENCH · Elementary proficiency
 ITALIAN · Elementary proficiency
 DANISH · Elementary proficiency

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