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Current Position

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow
Language and Cognition Lab, Stanford University, USA &
Leipzig Research Center for Early Child Development, Germany

Education

Ph.D. Psychology, Leipzig University, 2016

Supervisors: Josep Call and Michael Tomasello

Grade: "summa cum laude" (highest distinction possible)

M.Sc. Psychology, University of Vienna & New York University, 2013

Grade: "with distinction" (highest distinction possible)

Employment

2017 – 2020 Postdoc / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow
Language and Cognition Lab, Stanford University, USA &
Leipzig Research Center for Early Child Development, Germany

2016 – 2017 Postdoctoral researcher
Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

2013 – 2016 PhD Student
Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Bohn, M., Zimmermann, L., Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (2018). The social-cognitive basis of infants' reference to absent entities. *Cognition*, 177, 41-48.
2. Bohn, M. & Köymen, B. (2018). Common ground and development. *Child Development Perspectives*, 12(2), 104-108.
3. Bohn, M., Allritz, M., Call, J., & Völter, C. J. (2017). Information seeking about tool properties in great apes. *Scientific Reports*, 7(1), 10923.
4. Schmelz, M., Duguid, S., Bohn, M., & Völter, C. (2017). Individual and cooperative problem solving in giant otters (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) and Asian small-clawed otters (*Aonyx cinerea*). *Animal Cognition*, 20, 1107.
5. Bohn, M., Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (2016). The role of past interactions in great apes' communication about absent entities. *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, 130(4), 351-357.
6. Bohn, M., Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (2016). Comprehension of iconic gestures by chimpanzees and human children. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 142, 1-17.
7. Bohn, M., Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (2015). Communication about absent entities in great apes and human infants. *Cognition*, 145, 63-72.
8. Stieger, S., Burger, C., Bohn, M., & Voracek, M. (2013). Who commits virtual identity suicide? Differences in privacy concerns, Internet addiction, and personality between Facebook users and quitters. *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*, 16(9), 629-34.

In Progress

1. Bohn, M., Kordt, C., Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (*under review*). Learning novel skills from iconic gestures: A developmental and evolutionary perspective.
2. Bohn, M., Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (*under review*). Natural Reference: A phylo- and ontogenetic perspective on the comprehension of iconic gestures and sounds.

Book Chapters

1. Bohn, M. (2017). Information and the Evolution of Human Communication. In W. Hofkirchner, M. Burgin (Eds.), *Information Studies and the Quest for Transdisciplinarity* (pp. 345-362): World Scientific.

Publications in German

1. Bohn, M. & Stöber, G. (2017). Soziale Determinanten menschlicher Kommunikation. *Forschungsbericht 2017 - Max-Planck-Institut für evolutionäre Anthropologie*.

Teaching

- Spring 2018 Stanford University
 Guest lecture (Linguistics): Development of Pragmatics
- Summer 2017 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
 Summer school (interdisciplinary): How to study animal minds?
- Spring 2017 Leipzig University
 Lecture (Early Childhood Research): Non-verbal communication
 Co-taught with Daniel Haun
- Fall 2016 University of Vienna
 Seminar (Psychology): Phylo- and ontogenetic roots of uniquely human cognition
- Spring 2016 University of Heidelberg
 Seminar (Psychology & Philosophy): Human communication from a phylo- and ontogenetic perspective
- Fall 2015 University of Vienna
 Seminar (Psychology): Social-cognitive development from a phylo- and ontogenetic perspective
- Fall 2014 Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
 Seminar (Psychology & Philosophy): Origins of Meaning - the Gricean theory of meaning and its interdisciplinary adoption
- Spring 2014 Leipzig School of Human Origins
 Lecture (Psychology): Great ape culture and social learning
 Co-taught with Michael Tomasello
- 2008 – 2011 University of Vienna
 Teaching assistant for seminars/lectures on psychological methods
 Department of Developmental Psychology and Psychological Assessment

Funding and Awards

- 2017 – 2020 Global Fellowship (239 860€)
 European Commission, Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- 2013 – 2016 PhD scholarship (45 000€)
 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
- 2010 – 2013 Performance scholarship (each 700€)
 University of Vienna, for outstanding academic achievements
- 2012 KWA short-term research grant (1 500€)
 University of Vienna

- 2012 Joint Study Stipend (2 000€)
 University of Vienna

Presentations

Invited Talks

- 2018 EcoGest Workshop, Bielefeld University, Germany
 Social Learning Lab, Stanford University, USA
 SemFest, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, USA
 Stanford-Berkeley-UCSC Developmental Psychology Symposium, UCSC, USA
- 2017 SOMICS synergy meeting, CEU Budapest, Hungary
 Department of Philosophy, University of Leipzig, Germany
 Brain Language Laboratory, Free University Berlin, Germany
- 2016 Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany
 Marsilius Kolleg, University of Heidelberg, Germany
 Brain Language Laboratory, Free University Berlin, Germany
- 2015 International Society for Information Studies, Vienna, Austria

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2018 International Primatological Society Congress, Nairobi, Kenya
 Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary
- 2017 International Congress for the Study of Child Language, Lyon, Frankreich
- 2016 International Primatological Society Congress, Chicago, USA
 German Society for Psychology, Leipzig, Germany
 Austrian Society for Psychology, Innsbruck, Austria
- 2015 European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Tartu, Estonia
- 2014 International Primatological Society Congress, Hanoi, Vietnam

Peer-Reviewed Conference Posters

- 2017 Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, USA
- 2016 Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary
- 2015 Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, USA
 Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary
 Nature and Origins of Human Cognition Conference, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 International Conference on Infant Studies, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 Transfer of Knowledge Conference CompCog, Vienna, Austria

Reviewer

Animal Cognition, Child Development, Child Development Perspectives, Current Anthropology, Journal of Comparative Psychology, PLOS Biology, Topoi

Mentoring

Greta Philippsen (Master)	Evolutionary origins of negation
Clara Kordt (Bachelor)	Teaching through iconic gestures in young children
Luise Zimmermann (Bachelor)	Social-cognitive basis of displacement
Jaques Achilles (BeLL)	Handedness in great apes

Collaborators

Josep Call, Matthias Allritz, Christoph Völter, Suska Nolte	University of St. Andrews, UK
Gregor Kachel	University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, Germany
Shona Duguid	University of Warwick, UK
David Hardecker	Leipzig University, Germany
Bahar Koymen	University of Manchester, UK
Michael Tomasello	Duke University, USA
Konstantina Margiotoudi, Friedemann Pulvermüller	FU Berlin, Germany
Michael C. Frank, Kyle MacDonald, Michael H. Tessler	Stanford University, USA
Martin Schmelz	University of Vienna, Austria
György Gergely, Tibor Tauzin	CEU Budapest, Hungary

Media Coverage

TV	"Am Drücker" – Elefant, Tiger & Co, MDR, 06.01.2017, 19:50 Uhr "Quadratisch, praktisch, gut" – Elefant, Tiger & Co, MDR, 07.10.2016, 19:50 Uhr "Krimi im Kreissaal" - Elefant, Tiger & Co?, ARD, 22.06.2015, 16:10 Uhr
Radio	"Sprache der Tiere" – Deutschlandradio Kultur, 15.05.2015, 15:30 Uhr
Print	"Affen wissen, wenn sie etwas nicht wissen - so wie wir" – welt.de, 12.2017 "Menschenaffen reflektieren über ihr eigenes (Un-)Wissen" – derstandard.at, 09.2017 "Menschenaffen wissen, wenn sie etwas nicht wissen" – kurier.at, 09.2017 "Verstehst du uns, Kleines? " – Baby und Familie, 03.2017 "Mittdenker" – DB Mobil, 12.2013

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