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Personal Information

Date of birth: 06.03.1987

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Current Position

02/2020 – 06/2020 DAAD postdoctoral research scholar at Columbia University in the City of New York (Prof. Sandra Matz).

06/2019 – 09/2020 Researcher in third-party funded project “*Geographic personality differences and economic success*“ at the Heisenberg-Proffessorship for Cross-Cultural Social and Personality Psychology, University of Mannheim (Prof. Jochen E. Gebauer).

Academic Education

10/2016 – 02/2020 PhD in Psychology from University of Mannheim. Topic of dissertation: “*The Geography of Personality: On the Consequences of Regional Personality Differences for Regions and Individuals*“. Supervisors: Prof. Jochen E. Gebauer, University of Mannheim / Dr. Jason Rentfrow, University of Cambridge.

04/2018 – 06/2018 Visiting researcher at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane. Host: Prof. Martin Obschonka.

04/2017 – 01/2018 Associate researcher in third-party funded project “*What makes regions attractive for professionals?*“ at chair for Economic Geography and Location Research at Philipps-University Marburg (Prof. Thomas Brenner).

05. – 09.02.2018 Visiting researcher to the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich. Host: Prof. Dietmar Harhoff.

10/2017 – 12/2017 Visiting researcher to the Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge. Host: Dr. Jason Rentfrow.

10/2015 – 06/2016 M.Phil. Social and Developmental Psychology at University of Cambridge, UK (with Distinction). Supervisor: Dr. Jason Rentfrow.

12/2010 – 09/2015 Student research and teaching assistant at chair for Economic Geography and Location Research at Philipps-University Marburg (Prof. Thomas Brenner).

10/2012 – 04/2015 M.Sc. Human Geography: Innovation and Spatial Impacts at Philipps-University Marburg. Minor subject: Psychology.

07/2014 – 08/2014 Research intern at Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg.

10/2009 – 09/2012 B.Sc. Geography at Philipps-University Marburg. Minor subjects: Spanish and Sociology.

Teaching

Lectures

06/2018 – Empirical Social Research (Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University, Mannheim).

03/2018 – Introduction to academic working techniques (Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University, Karlsruhe).

08/2016 – Academic working and learning techniques (Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University, Mosbach).

Workshops

08/2019 – *Where It's At – A Hands-on Workshop on Geographic Analysis for Psychologists.* Workshop at Summer Psychology Forum: Big Data in Personality and Social Psychology, St. Louis, USA (with Friedrich Götz).

Seminars

02/2019 – 05/2019 Personality Across Cultures and Regions (University of Mannheim).

Particles

10/2013 – 03/2014 Data management (Philipps-University Marburg).

10/2013 – 03/2015 Statistics (Philipps-University Marburg).

10/2010 – 03/2012 Economic Geography (Philipps-University Marburg).

10/2011 – 03/2015 Scientific Introduction to Geography (Philipps-University Marburg).

Supervisions

2019 – 2 Master theses

Person-Culture Fit and Self-Esteem: The Impact of Geographical Proximity
Regional personality differences and the speed of innovation in start-ups

2018 – 15 Bachelor theses

2017 – 5 Bachelor theses

2016 – 15 Bachelor theses

Attracted Scholarships and Third-Party Funds

02/2020 Postdoctoral fellowship by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for a research stay at Columbia University in the City of New York (13,400 €).

01/2020 Erasmus+ Grant for teaching training at the University of Cambridge (1,200 €).

06/2019 Project “*Geographic personality differences and economic success*“; Tobias Ebert (project leader) & Jochen Gebauer (project coordinator), Vestische Forschungstiftung e.V. (49,300 €).

05/2019 Erasmus+ Grant for teaching training at the University of Cambridge (1,200 €).

11/2016 – 03/2019 PhD scholar of the German National Academic Foundation (52,200 €).

2016 Economic and Social Research Council PhD scholarship at the University of Cambridge (not accepted).

2016 PhD scholar of the German Economy Foundation (not accepted).

02/2012 – 06/2016 Student scholar of the German National Academic Foundation (55,000 €).

Academic distinctions

02/2020 SPSP Outstanding Research Award.

10/2018 Graduate Travel Award - SPSP Convention, Portland 2019.

09/2017 Hogrefe Poster Prize for Differential Psychology.

Reviewer

International Small Business Journal

Journal of Business Research

Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology

Journal of Research in Personality

Review of Regional Research

Small Business Economics

Social Psychological and Personality Science

Memberships in Professional Organizations

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPS)

European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Publications

Peer reviewed journal articles

Bücker, S. M., **Ebert, T.**, Götz, F. M., Entringer, T. M., & Luhmann, M. (in press). In a Lonely Place: Investigating Regional Differences in Loneliness. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, in press.

Ebert, T., Gebauer, J. E., Talman, J. R., & Rentfrow, P. J. (2020). Religious people only live longer in religious cultural contexts: A gravestone analysis. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, doi: 10.1037/pspa0000187.

Obschonka, M., Lee, N., Rodríguez-Pose, A., Eichstaedt, J. C., & **Ebert, T.** (2019): Big data methods, social media, and the psychology of entrepreneurial regions: Capturing cross-county personality traits and their impact on entrepreneurship in the US. *Small Business Economics*, doi: 10.1007/s11187-019-00204-2.

Ebert, T., Götz, F. M., Obschonka, M., Zmigrod, L., & Rentfrow, P. J. (2019): Regional variation in courage and entrepreneurship: The contrasting role of courage for the emergence and survival of Start-Ups in the US. *Journal of Personality*, 87, 1039-1055.

Ebert, T., Brenner, T., & Brixy, U. (2019): New Firm Survival: The interdependence between regional externalities and innovativeness. *Small Business Economics*, 53, 287-309.

Götz, F. M., **Ebert, T.**, & Rentfrow, P. J. (2018): Regional cultures and the psychological geography of Switzerland: Person–environment–fit in personality predicts subjective wellbeing. *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Working Papers

Ebert, T., Gebauer, J. E., Brenner, T., Bleidorn, W., Gosling, S. D., Potter, J., & Rentfrow, P. J. (2019). Are Regional Differences in Personality and their Correlates robust? Applying Spatial Analysis Techniques to Examine Regional Variation in Personality across the US and Germany. Working Papers on Innovation and Space, No. 2019-05.

Obschonka, M., Lee, N., Rodríguez-Pose, A., Eichstaedt, J. C., & **Ebert, T.** (2018). Big Data, artificial intelligence and the geography of entrepreneurship in the United States. CEPR Discussion Papers, No. 12949.

Reports

Ebert, T., Berkessel, J., Feldhege, J., & Vargas, M. R. (2019). Die Platte Unter Der Lupe: Einflussfaktoren Auf Die Absatzzahlen Einer Mannheimer Suppenküche. doi: 10.31219/osf.io/3zsn6

Bücker, S., Widlok, M., **Ebert, T.**, & Schröder, C. (2019). Prävalenz von Einsamkeit und sozialer Isolation im hohen Alter. In: *Einsamkeit und soziale Isolation im hohen Alter*. Maïke Luhmann [Hrsg.], Bochum, Ruhr-Universität. doi: 10.13154/294-6373

Brenner, T., & **Ebert, T.** (2018): *Fachkräfte für den Landkreis Marburg-Biedenkopf - Wahrnehmung, Attraktivität und Potentiale.*, Marburg, Philipps-Universität.

Presentations

Organized Symposia

Ebert, T., & Götz, F. M. (2019, September). *The power of place: Studying the geographical variation of personality traits offers new insights for important psychological phenomena*. Symposium at 15th Conference on Personality and Psychological Assessment (DPPD), Dresden. Speakers: Bücker, Susanne, Ebert, Tobias, Götz, Friedrich M., Nehrlich, Andreas D., & Stieger, Stefan; Discussant: Schmitt, Manfred.

Invited Talks

Ebert, T (2018, September). *Regional personality differences predict the emergence and diffusion of radical innovations*. Talk at MZES AB-A-Colloquium, Mannheim.

Ebert, T. (2018, May). *Regional personality differences and the spatial diffusion of the sharing economy*. Talk at Australian Centre for Entrepreneurship Research – Research Seminars, Brisbane, Australia.

Ebert, T., & Mewes, L. (2018, February). *Macro psychological characteristics predict the creation and adoption of radical innovations in American cities*. Talk at Max Planck-Institute for Innovation and Competition Colloquium, Munich.

Ebert, T., & Mewes, L. (2018, February). *Macro psychological characteristics predict the creation and adoption of radical innovations in American cities*. Talk at LMU Munich, Department of Psychology, Munich.

Ebert, T. (2017, October). *Spatial considerations in the study of geographically aggregated psychological phenomena*. Talk at Department of Psychology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.

Conference Contributions

Ebert, T. (2020, February). *The legacy of the dead: Gravestones and obituaries reveal that religious people only live longer in religious cultural contexts*. Talk at 2020 SPSP Convention, New Orleans, USA.

Ebert, T. (2019, September). *Where the Future Happens First: Regional Personality Differences and the Rise of the Sharing Economy*. Talk at 15th Conference on Personality and Psychological Assessment (DPPD), Dresden.

Ebert, T. (2019, August). *Regional Variation in Courage and Entrepreneurship*. Blitz-Talk at SPSP Summer Psychology Forum: Big Data in Personality and Social Psychology, St. Louis, USA.

Ebert, T. (2019, February). *Regional personality differences and the rise of Uber and Airbnb in American cities*. Talk at 2019 SPSP Convention, Portland, USA.

Ebert, T. (2018, November). *What the dead tell us about the living. Regionally varying associations between religiosity and longevity based on gravestone inscriptions*. Talk at 9th Meeting of the working group for quantitative religiosity research - “Big Data in Religiosity Research”, Bamberg.

Ebert, T (2018, October). *Regional personality differences and their relevance for the individual and the region*. Talk at 16th DDPME PhD-Workshop, Landau.

- Ebert, T (2018, September). *The relevance of Person-City-Fit for Self-Esteem: A new approach to define socio-cultural contexts*. Talk at 51st Congress of the German Psychological Association, Frankfurt am Main.
- Ebert, T (2018, September). *What the dead tell us about the living. Regionally varying associations between religiosity and longevity based on gravestone inscriptions*. Blitz-Talk at 51st Congress of the German Psychological Association, Frankfurt am Main.
- Ebert, T. (2018, July). *The relevance of Person-City-Fit for Self-Esteem: A new approach to define socio-cultural contexts*. Talk at 2018 European Conference on Personality, Zadar, Croatia.
- Ebert, T. (2018, June). *Regional personality differences and the rise of the sharing economy*. Talk at 5th International Workshop on the Sharing Economy, Mannheim.
- Ebert, T. (2018, March). *The relevance of Person-City-Fit for Self-Esteem: A new approach to define socio-cultural contexts*. Poster at 2018 SPSP Convention, Atlanta, USA.
- Ebert, T. (2018, February). *Macro psychological characteristics and the quality of innovation in US Metropolitan Areas*. Talk at 4th Geography of Innovation Conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- Ebert, T. (2017, November). *Macro psychological characteristics and the quality of innovation in US Metropolitan Areas*. Talk at Doctoral Forum of the German National Academic Foundation, Heidelberg.
- Ebert, T. (2017, September). *The relevance of Person-City-Fit for Self-Esteem: A new approach to define socio-cultural contexts*. Poster at 14th Conference on Personality and Psychological Assessment (DPPD), Munich.
- Ebert, T., & Mewes, L. (2017, July). *Macro psychological characteristics and the quality of innovation in US Metropolitan Areas*. Talk at 2nd YEGN Workshop, Goslar.
- Ebert, T. (2017, July). *The relevance of Person-City-Fit for Self-Esteem: A new approach to define socio-cultural contexts*. Poster at 18th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), Granada, Spain.
- Ebert, T. (2017, April). *The Relevance of Person-City-Fit for Self-Esteem: A geographical answer to a psychological question*. Talk at 2nd International Interdisciplinary Forum, Berlin.
- Ebert, T. (2017, March). *Regional personality differences*. Talk at Doctoral Forum of the German National Academic Foundation, Bingen.
- Ebert, T. (2016, April). *New firm survival: The interdependence between regional externalities and innovativeness*. Talk at 2016 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, USA.

Popular Science & Press Articles (Selection)

11/2019 *The Three Personalities of America. People in different regions of the U.S. have measurably different psychological profiles* (Olga Khazan).

Article in The Atlantic, 18.11.2019 (<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2019/11/how-south-different-north/602074>)

10/2019 *Typisch Romands! Die Untersuchung von Regionalpersönlichkeiten ist ein neues Gebiet in der Psychologie.* (Reto U. Schneider, Eugen Fleckenstein).

Article in Neue Zürcher Zeitung, (<https://folio.nzz.ch/2019/oktober/grafik-typisch-romands>)

10/2019 *Harry Potter and the Start-Ups: Geographic Variation in Courage.*

Article in SPSP Character & Context Blog (<http://www.spsp.org/news-center/blog/ebert-courageous-city-residents>)

03/ 2019 *Harry Potter und die Start-ups. Was das miteinander zu tun hat? Herzlich wenig? Eine Studie zeigt jetzt das Gegenteil* (Gustav Theile).

Article in Frankfurter Allgemeine Woche, 9/2019, 44-45.

02/2019 *How a Harry Potter Quiz Gave Back to Science* (Chris Wilson).

Article in TIME Magazine, 20.02.2019 (<http://time.com/5529413/harry-potter-quiz-sorting-hat/>)

06/2018 *Deutsche Siege tun der Seele gut* (Felix Lill).

Interview in ZEIT ONLINE, 13.06.2018 (<https://www.zeit.de/sport/2018-06/fussballfans-emotionen-wm-friedrich-goetz-tobias-ebert-stefan-stieger-forschung>).

Conferences Organized:

06.-08.04.2018 (Marburg) *Dimensions of Social Inequalities in Capitalistic Contextes.* Conference for scholars of the German National Academic Foundation.

15.-17.01.2016 (Marburg) *The unconditional basic income between social revolution and illusion.* Conference for scholars of the German National Academic Foundation.

Recent Voluntary Commitments

11/2018 – to date Member of selection committee for new student scholars of the German National Academic Foundation (2x).

10/2016 – to date Serving food and drinks in the local soup kitchen „Mannheimer Platte“ (1-2 Saturdays per month).

12/2018 – 07/2019 Project leader in charitable data analysis project for the project CorrelAid e.V.

04/2014 – 09/2015 Weekly on-site care for children and teenagers in hospitals suffering with mental illnesses.

06/2013 – 06/2014 Chairman of the association of scholars of the German National Academic Foundation at the Philipps-University Marburg.

09/2012 – 01/2014 Weekly mentoring a socially disadvantaged teenager at the Richtsberg-Gesamtschule, Marburg.

Interests and Hobbies

Football

Badminton

Endurance run

Reading (Non-fiction und historical novels)