

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 10/2016 - 02/2020 **Ph.D.**, University of Mannheim
Topic: *The geography of personality: On the consequences of regional personality differences for regions and individuals*
Supervisors: Prof. Jochen Gebauer, University of Mannheim & Dr. Jason Rentfrow, University of Cambridge
- 10/2015 - 07/2016 **M.Phil. Psychology**, University of Cambridge, UK
- 10/2009 - 04/2015 **B.Sc./M.Sc. Human Geography**, Philipps-University Marburg

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 06/2020 – to date **Postdoctoral researcher**, University of Mannheim, Cross-cultural social and personality psychology
- 10/2020 – 10/2021 **Postdoctoral researcher**, Philipps-University Marburg, Location research
- 02/2020 – 06/2020 **Postdoc fellow**, Columbia University, USA
Computational Behavioral Science Lab (Host: Prof. Sandra Matz)
- 11/2016 – 10/2019 **PhD Student**, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation), University of Mannheim
- 04/2018 - 06/2018 **Visiting researcher**, Queensland University of Technology, AUS, Australian Center for Entrepreneurship Research (Host: Prof. Martin Obschonka)
- 10/2017 - 12/2017 **Visiting researcher**, University of Cambridge, UK
Department of Psychology (Host: Dr. Jason Rentfrow)
- 12/2010 - 09/2015 **Research and teaching assistant**, Philipps-University Marburg

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 07/2021 Dissertation Award of the European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP) 2020
for best dissertation in personality psychology


- 04/2021 Lorenz-von-Stein Prize 2020
for best social scientific dissertation at the University of Mannheim
- 02/2020 SPSP Outstanding Research Award 2020
for study "*Religious people only live longer in religious cultural contexts: A gravestone analysis*"
- 02/2019 SPSP Graduate Travel Award 2019
for contribution at *2019 SPSP Convention, Portland*
- 09/2017 Hogrefe Poster Prize for Differential Psychology 2017
for best poster at *14th Conference on Personality and Psychological Assessment*

ATTRACTED THIRD PARTY FUNDS AS PI

- 06/2021 *Mannheim Open Science Grant* for developing an open-access tool for text-based personality assessment (3,300€)
- 04/2021 Project *Political ideology fit and longevity*; Fritz-Thyssen Foundation (25,310€).
- 11/2020 Project *Loneliness in North Rhine-Westphalia*; Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (15,220€).
- 07/2020 SPSP Conference Grant for an international conference on *Causes and consequences of regional cultural differences: A geo-psychological perspective* (July 2022, Barcelona); with Veronica Benet-Martinez (\$10,000).
- 02/2020 Postdoctoral fellowship by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for a research stay at Columbia University (13,400€).
- 06/2019 Project *Geographic personality differences and economic success*; with Jochen Gebauer, Vestische Research Foundation e.V. (49,300€).
- 05/2019 and 01/2020 Erasmus+ teaching mobility scholarship for development of course materials in cooperation with University of Cambridge (2,400€)
- 11/2016 - 10/2019 PhD scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation (52,200€)
- 2016 PhD scholarship of the Economic and Social Research Council at the University of Cambridge (declined)
- 2016 PhD scholarship of the German Economy Foundation (declined)

PUBLICATIONS

*denotes shared first-authorship



 Open Materials




 Open Data



 Preregistered



5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Ebert, T., Gebauer, J. E., Brenner, T., Bleidorn, W., Gosling, S. D., Potter, J., & Rentfrow, P. J. (2022). Are Regional Differences in Psychological Characteristics and Their Correlates Robust? Applying Spatial-Analysis Techniques to Examine Regional Variation in Personality. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *17*, 407-441.



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*, *111*, 1-6.  


Ebert, T.*, Götz, F. M.*, Gladstone, J., Müller, S. R., Matz, S. C. (2021). Spending reflects not only who we are but also who we are around: The joint effects of individual and geographic personality on consumption. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *121*, 378–393   

Ebert, T.*, Götz, F. M.*, Mewes, L.*, & Rentfrow, P. J. (in press). Spatial analysis for psychologists: How to use individual-level data for research at the geographically aggregated level. *Psychological Methods*, 10.1037/met0000493  

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.  



FURTHER PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES




Berkessel, J. B.*, **Ebert, T.***, Gebauer, J. E., Jonsson, T., & Oishi, S. (2021). Pandemics initially spread among people of high (not low) social status: Evidence from COVID-19 and the 1918/1919 Spanish Flu. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, doi: 10.1177/19485506211039990/  

Bücker, S. M., **Ebert, T.**, Götz, F. M., Entringer, T. M., & Luhmann, M. (2020). In a lonely place: Investigating regional differences in loneliness. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, doi: 10.1177/1948550620912881 


Calanchini, J., Hehman, E., **Ebert, T.**, Esposito, E., Simon, D., & Wilson, L. (in press). Regional Intergroup Bias. *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*, in press. Preprint: <https://osf.io/bsxc9/>

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

Ebert, T., Mewes, L., Götz F.M., Brenner, T. (in press). Effective maps, easily done: Visualizing geo-psychological differences using distance weights. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, in press.  

- Götz, F. M.*, **Ebert, T.***, Gosling, S. D., Obschonka, M., Potter, J., & Rentfrow P. J. (2021). Local economic development predicts rapid shifts in cultures of openness: A nine-year longitudinal study across 199 American cities. *American Psychologist*, 76, 947-961. 
- 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*, 9: doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.00517
- Götz, F.M., Stieger, S., **Ebert, T.**, Rentfrow, P. J., & Lewetz, D. (2020). What drives our emotions when we watch sporting events? An ESM study on the affective experience of German spectators during the 2018 FIFA World Cup. *Collabra: Psychology*, 6: doi: 10.1525/collabra.262. 
- Mewes, L. & **Ebert, T.** (2021). Where do people want to become entrepreneurs? Mapping fine-grained geographical differences in entrepreneurial potential across Great Britain. *Regional Studies, Regional Science*, 8, 332-335.
- Mewes, L., **Ebert, T.**, Obschonka, M., Rentfrow, P. J., Potter, J., & Gosling, S. D. (in press). Psychological openness and the emergence of breakthrough vs. incremental innovations: A regional perspective. *Economic Geography*, in press.
- Obschonka, M., Lee, N., Rodríguez-Pose, A., Eichstaedt, J. C., & **Ebert, T.** (2020): 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*, 55, 567-588.
- Zickfeld, J., van de Ven, N., Pich, O., Schubert, T., Berkessel, J., ... **Ebert, T.**, ... & Vingerhoets, A. (in press). Tears Trigger the Intention to Offer Social Support: A Systematic Investigation of the Interpersonal Effects of Emotional Crying Across 36 Countries. Registered Report in press at *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*. <https://psyarxiv.com/bya75/> 
- Zmigrod, L., **Ebert, T.**, Götz, F. M., & Rentfrow, P. J. (2021). The psychological and socio-political consequences of infectious diseases. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, 9, 456-474.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

- Peters, H.*, Götz, F. M.*, **Ebert, T.***, Müller, S. R., Rentfrow, P. J., Gosling, S. D., Obschonka, M., Potter, J., & Matz, S. C. (invited revision). Regional personality predicts the spread of COVID-19 and social distancing behavior. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, invited . Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/sqh98/> 

POLICY REPORTS

- Ebert, T.**, Berkessel, J. B., Entringer, T.M. (2021). *Loneliness in North Rhine-Westphalia: Numbers, origins, and consequences*; Report for Commission IV of the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia.
- Ebert, T.**, Berkessel, J. B., Feldhege, J., & Vargas, M. R. (2019). Die Platte: Determinants of sales numbers of a local Mannheim soup kitchen. doi: 10.31219/osf.io/3zsn6

Bücker, S., Widlok, M., **Ebert, T.**, & Schröder, C. (2019). Prevalence of loneliness and social isolation in high age. In: *Loneliness and social isolation in high age*. Maïke Luhmann [Hrsg.], Bochum, Ruhr-Universität. doi: 10.13154/294-6373

Brenner, T., & **Ebert, T.** (2018): *Recruiting professionals in Marburg-Biedenkopf - Perceptions, attraction, and potentials.*, Marburg, Philipps-Universität.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

REVIEWER

American Psychologist
Environment & Behavior
Frontiers in Psychology
International Small Business Journal
Journal of Business Research
Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology
Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology, and Economics
Journal of Personality
Journal of Research in Personality
Review of Regional Research
Regional Studies
Small Business Economics
Social Psychological and Personality Science
Social Science and Medicine
SPSP Student Awards
The Annals of Regional Science

GUEST-EDITOR

Personality Science (Special Issue in 2021: *Intranational Variation in Personality*)
Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology (Special Issue in 2022: *Regional Cultural Differences*)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Association for Research in Personality (ARP)
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPS)
European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

PRESENTATIONS

ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA

Ebert T., (2022, Juli). *Causes and Consequences of Regional Variation in Personality*. European Conference of Personality 2022, Madrid, Spanien. Speakers: Ebert, Tobias; Entringer, Theresa M.; Götz, Friedrich M.; Jokela, Markus Chair: Tobias Ebert

Ebert T., & Rentfrow, P.J. (2021, February). *New Frontiers in Geographical Psychology*. Symposium at 2021 digital SPSP Convention. Speakers: Götz, Friedrich M., Ebert, Tobias; Peters, Heinrich; & Berkessel, Jana B. Chair: Peter J. Rentfrow, Tobias Ebert

Ebert, T., & Gosling, S.D. (2020, February). *Gravestones, credit cards, Harry Potter, AI: Innovative data for psychology*. Symposium at 2020 SPSP Convention, New Orleans, USA. Speakers: Götz, Friedrich M., Ebert, Tobias; Matz, Sandra C.; & Khambatta, Poruz Chair: Samuel D. Gosling, Tobias Ebert

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: Bückner, Susanne; Ebert, Tobias; Götz, Friedrich M.; Nehrlich, Andreas D.; & Stieger, Stefan Discussant: Schmitt, Manfred. Chair: Tobias Ebert

INVITED TALKS

Ebert, T. (2021, November). *The Legacy of the Dead: Gravestones and Biographies Reveal Cross-Cultural Variation in the Link between Religiosity and Longevity*. Talk at Psychology of Places Virtual Symposium.

Ebert, T. (2021, October). *The Geography of Personality: The Consequences of Regional Personality Differences for Regions and Individuals*. Talk at Virtual 2021 EAPP Day.

Ebert, T. (2021, March). *A peek into cross-cultural psychology: The relevance of cultural religiosity for well-being and longevity*. Talk at MZES AB-A-Colloquium, Mannheim.

Ebert, T. (2020, April). *Pandemics initially spread among people of high (not low) social status*. Digital talk at Columbia University, Department of Psychology, NY, USA.

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 (SELECTION)

Ebert, T. (2021, September). *The legacy of the dead: Gravestones and obituaries reveal that religious people only live longer in religious cultural contexts*. Talk at 16th Conference on Personality and Psychological Assessment (DPPD), Ulm (virtual).

Ebert, T. (2021, March). *Causes and consequences of regional variation in personality*. Talk at 2021 DPPD Postdoc Workshop.

- Ebert, T. (2021, February). *Populism thrives where people lead less successful lives: Predicting Trump votes from large-scale biography data*. Talk at 2021 digital SPSP Convention.
- Ebert, T. (2021, 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. (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, 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. (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. (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. (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.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

18.-21.07.2022 (Barcelona). *Causes and consequences of regional cultural differences: A geo-psychological perspective*. International Scientific Conference (in collaboration with Prof. Veronica Benet-Martinez, Universitat Pompeu Fabra).

06.-08.04.2018 (Marburg). *Dimensions of Social Inequalities in Capitalistic Contexts*. 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.

RECEPTION IN POPULAR SCIENCE & PRESS ARTICLES (SELECTION)

11/2021 - *Geopsychology: Your personality depends on where you live* (Fran Jacobs). Article on BigThink.com (<https://bigthink.com/strange-maps/geopsychology-regional-personality-variation/>)

11/2021 - *Ärmere leiden viel stärker unter der Pandemie* (Benjamin Auer). Print article and Podcast in *Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung (RNZ)*

12/2020 – *Wie der Landstrich so der Mensch. Was verrät die Regionalpersönlichkeit und welche Gegend passt zu uns?* (Jochen Metzger). Article in print version of *Psychologie Heute*.

07/2020 *Einsamkeit – Die Unsichtbaren*. (Eva Pasch). Article in print version of *Katapult - Magazin für Kartografie und Sozialwissenschaft*, No. 18.

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>).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Football

Badminton

Endurance Run

History

Reading

VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS

2019 – to date	Regular mentoring of underprivileged applicants for PhD scholarships via <i>Applicaid</i>
2018 - to date	Member of selection committee for new scholars of the German National Academic Foundation (3x)
2016 - to date	Serving food in local soup kitchen <i>Mannheimer Platte</i> (1-2 Saturdays per month)
2018 - 2019	Project leader in charitable data analysis project for <i>CorrelAid</i>
2014 - 2015	Weekly on-site care for children and teenagers in hospitals suffering with mental illnesses
2013 - 2014	Chairman of the association of scholars of the German National Academic Foundation at the Philipps-University Marburg
2012 - 2014	Weekly mentoring of a socially disadvantaged teenager at the Richtsberg-Gesamtschule, Marburg

REFERENCES

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