

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 **Associate Researcher**, Philipps-University Marburg, Economic Geography & 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 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 paper "*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 Forschungsfoundation 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 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (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 Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft (German Economy Foundation) (declined)

PUBLICATIONS

**denotes shared first-authorship*


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 
- 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.**, 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*, 11, 1-6. 
- Ebert, T.**, Gebauer, J. E., Brenner, T., Bleidorn, W., Gosling, S. D., Potter, J., & Rentfrow, P. J. (in press). Are regional differences in personality and their correlates robust? Applying spatial analysis techniques to examine regional variation in personality. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, in press.
- Ebert, T.***, Götz, F. M.*, Gladstone, J., Müller, S. R., Matz, S. C. (2020). 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*, doi: 10.1037/pspp0000344 
- 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. 
- Götz, F. M.*, **Ebert, T.***, Gosling, S. D., Obschonka, M., Potter, J., & Rentfrow P. J. (in press). Local economic development predicts rapid shifts in cultures of openness: A nine-year longitudinal study across 199 American cities. *American Psychologist*, in press. 
- 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*. 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*. doi: 10.1525/collabra.262. 


Mewes, L. & **Ebert, T.*** (in press). Where do people want to become entrepreneurs? Mapping fine-grained geographical differences in entrepreneurial potential across Great Britain. *Regional Studies, Regional Science*, 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. (in press). The psychological and socio-political consequences of infectious diseases. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, in press. Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/84qcm/>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

Ebert, T.*, Götz, F. M.*, Mewes, L.*, & Rentfrow, P. J. (invited revision). Geographic analysis for psychologists: A tutorial on how to use individual-level data for research at the geographically aggregated level. *Psychological Methods*, invited revision. 

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

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. *Nature Communications*, invited revision. Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/sqh98/> 

Mewes, L., **Ebert, T.**, Obschonka, M., Rentfrow, P. J., Potter, J., & Gosling, S. D. (invited revision). The differential role of macro-psychological openness for the emergence of impactful versus incremental innovations in regions. *Economic Geography*, invited revision.

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 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*)

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)

TEACHING

LECTURES

06/2018	Empirical social research methods , DHBW Mannheim
03/2018	Introduction to academic working techniques , DHBW Karlsruhe
08/2016	Academic working and learning techniques , DHBW Mosbach

SEMINARS

08/2021 – 10/2021	Regional personality differences (project seminar), Philipps-University Marburg
04/2021 – 07/2021	Basics of personality psychology , Philipps-University Marburg
11/2020 – 03/2021	Innopoli (Simulation seminar on regional innovation policy), Philipps-University Marburg
11/2020 – 03/2021	Economic geography , Philipps-University Marburg
02/2019 - 05/2019	Personality across regions , University of Mannheim

PARTICLES

10/2013 - 03/2014	Data management , Philipps-University Marburg
10/2013 - 03/2015	Statistics , Philipps-University Marburg
10/2011 – 03/2015	Introduction to scientific methods , Philipps-University Marburg
10/2010 – 03/2012	Economic geography , Philipps-University Marburg

SUPERVISIONS

2021	1 Bachelor thesis (University of Mannheim)
2020	1 Master thesis (Philipps-University of Marburg) <i>Regional Differences in Well-being and its Predictors</i> 1 Bachelor thesis (University of Mannheim)
2019	2 Master theses (University of Mannheim): <i>Person-Culture Fit and Self-Esteem: The Impact of Geographical Proximity</i> <i>Regional Personality Differences and the Speed of Innovation in Start-Ups</i>
2018	15 Bachelor theses (DHBW Mosbach)
2017	5 Bachelor theses (DHBW Mosbach)
2016	15 Bachelor theses (DHBW Mosbach)

WORKSHOPS

08/2019	Where It's At – A Hands-on workshop on geographic analysis for psychologists , Summer Psychology Forum: Big Data in Personality and Social Psychology, St. Louis, USA (with Friedrich Götz).
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TEACHING TRAINING

Currently Completing	Baden-Württemberg Certificate for Teaching at University Level (200 training hours)
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PRESENTATIONS

ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA

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.

INVITED TALKS

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

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. (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 Young Economic Geographers Network 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.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- July 2022 (Barcelona). *Causes and consequences of regional cultural differences: A geo-psychological*. 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)

- 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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