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EDUCATION

2016–*present* Ph.D. Social Psychology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

2013–2015 M.Sc. (cum laude) Psychology, University of Amsterdam
· Methodology and Statistics · Organisational Psychology · Social Psychology
· THESIS: “Parochial Cooperation in Social and Non-social Settings”

2012 Exchange semester, McGill University, Montreal
· Psychology · Biology

2010–2013 B.A. (cum laude) Social Sciences, Amsterdam University College
· Psychology · Economics · Information
· THESIS: “Leadership in Altruistic Punishment and Reward”

EMPLOYMENT

2014–2016 Core tutor, PPLE College, University of Amsterdam
Developed and taught tutorials in research methods and statistics and social psychology; mentored undergraduate students; introduced data-driven admissions practices.

2014–2015 Project manager, Amsterdam University College
Coordinated a student think tank on big data; developed an interdisciplinary course now taught at Amsterdam University College.

2013–2016 Remedial teacher, Amsterdam University College

2013 Teaching assistant, Graduate School of Psychology, University of Amsterdam

2013 Project manager, Amsterdam University College
Group leader in a youth think tank on fostering ambition among Dutch secondary students. Led workshops, presented on various topics in education and psychology, and coordinated guest speakers.

2013 Teaching assistant, Erasmus University Rotterdam

2012 Teaching assistant, The Hague University of Applied Sciences

2012 Conference organiser, LERU Bright Conference, Amsterdam
Co-organised a large international student conference with 120 participants from more than 20 universities. Developed the conference theme and academic programme; recruited speakers.

2008–2010 Online journalist, gulli:news
Wrote news articles about Internet politics, surveillance and security policy, as well as social media and free culture; copy-edited articles for publication.

INTERNSHIPS

2011 OpenNet Initiative, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University
Authored and updated country profiles on Internet access in sub-Saharan Africa; wrote news articles on issues of freedom of expression on the Internet.

2010 Spreeblick.com, Spreeblick Verlag KG, Berlin
Wrote news articles about Internet politics, German and international affairs; reported from local and international events; supported planning and running of the re:publica conference.

2009–2010 netzpolitik.org, newthinking communications GmbH, Berlin
Wrote news articles about Internet politics; helped write a working paper on ICT for development; supported planning of the re:publica conference.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-Lecturer

PPEL · Group Processes (2nd year: 2015/16)

Tutorial Instructor

PPEL · Solidarity (1st year: 2014/15–2015/16)
· Doing Research (1st year: 2014/15–2015/16)
· Statistics for Experimental Research (1st year: 2014/15–2015/16)
· Group Processes (2nd year: 2015/16)

Remedial Teacher

AUC · Basic Research Methods & Statistics I (1st year: 2013/14–2015/16)

Teaching Assistant

UvA · Scientific Writing & Presenting (M.Sc.: 2013/14)
EUR · Corporate Communication (2nd year: 2012/13)
HHS · Media Theory (1st year: 2011/12)
· International Journalism (2nd year: 2011/12)

Guest Lectures

Guest lectures at PPEL College, University of Amsterdam (Statistics for Experimental Research, Group Processes) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Group Dynamics).

SUPERVISION

Bachelor's Theses

2016: Julia Plaisier, Jos Schreij, Sophie van der Erve

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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.

Open Science Collaboration. (2015). Estimating the Reproducibility of Psychological Science. *Science*, 349(6251), aac4716-1-8.

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.

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.

Academic Presentations

Columbus, S., Balliet, D., & de Dreu, C. K. W. (2016, April 7). Cooperation in Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict. Presentation at European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association Conference, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Columbus, S. (2016, January 13). Cooperation in Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict. Presentation at the Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, New York University Abu Dhabi.

Columbus, S. (2015, November 24). Cooperation in Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict. Invited talk at the Cooperation group, VU University Amsterdam.

Columbus, S. (2015, November 13). Cooperation in Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict: Norms, Norm Enforcement, and Moral Judgment. In W. Przepiorka & I. A. M. Robeyns (chairs), *Institutional Norms and Rules Shaping Moral Behavior*. Presentation at the Institutions for Moral Behaviour conference, Universiteit Utrecht.

Mutsvairo, B., Columbus, S., & Leijendekker, I. (2012, April 20). African Citizen Journalists' Ethics and the Emerging Networked Public Sphere. In T. Johnson (chair), *Examining the Journalist's Toolbox: Practices, Routines and More*. Presentation at the International Symposium on Online Journalism, University of Texas, Austin.

Conference Posters

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. Poster presented at ASPO conference, Leiden University, NL.

Columbus, S., de Dreu, C. K. W., & Balliet, D. (2016, September 22). Intergroup Conflict Increases Cooperation in Defenders, but Decreases it in Aggressors. Poster presented at DGPs Kongress, Leipzig, Germany.

Columbus, S., den Bezemer, B., & van Vugt, M. (2015, March 14). Punishment Carries a Reputation Penalty Even When Pro-social. Poster presented at International Convention on Psychological Science, Amsterdam, NL.

Columbus, S. (2014, October 23). Punishment Fuels Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict. Poster presented at NVP Symposium Hot Cognition, University of Amsterdam, NL.

Columbus, S. (2013, November 20). Leadership in Altruistic Punishment and Reward. Poster presented at VSNU Student Research Conference, Amsterdam University College, NL.

Popular Science Papers

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. (2013). The Evolution of Altruistic Punishment. *AUC Undergraduate Journal of Liberal Arts & Sciences*, 2, 36-43.

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

Non-Academic Talks

- 09/2010 2nd International Youth Innovation Forum Interra, Novosibirsk, Russia
· Panelist: New Media Forum.
- 03/2010 Miniblogika, Novosibirsk, Russia
· Speaker: Germany's "Zensursula" Campaign
- 09/2009 1st International Youth Innovation Forum Interra, Novosibirsk, Russia
· Official conference blogger invited by the Goethe Institute
· Panellist: Regulating behaviour in the blogosphere
- 09/2008 meta rhein main chaos days 111b, Darmstadt, Germany
· Speaker: On digital activism
· Panellist: The situation of Germany's data security movement

Journalism

- Blogs* Blogging in German and English since 2007. Published more than 450 articles in German on various issues, including Internet policy, German affairs, and the Middle East; and more than 60 articles in English on issues related to digitalization, including digital activism, online media, and scientific practice.
- Journalism* Wrote more than 500 articles for various on- and offline media, including netzpolitik.org, Spreeblick.com and gulli:news. For a complete list of publications, please see <http://www.simoncolumbus.com/about/publications>.

WORKSHOPS

- 01/2016 Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, New York University Abu Dhabi
Winter school on experimental (field) research in Arab and African countries.
- 08/2015 Roggenburg Summer Academy, Roggenburg, Germany
Graduate workshop "Philosophical Problems of Statistics".
- 11/2011 Deutsche Welle Young Media Summit, Tunis, Tunisia
Workshop on new media and civil society in the Maghreb; invited participant.

SERVICE

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| 2017 | Co-organiser, 3 rd conference of the Cognition, Behaviour, and Evolution Network, Leiden, NL. |
| 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 |

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| 2015–2016 | Outstanding tutor, PPLE College, University of Amsterdam Recognised as second-highest rated tutor of the year at PPLE College. |
| 2016 | EHBEA travel bursary for attendance of EHBEA 2016 (120€) |
| 2011–2015 | German national merit scholarship Monthly stipend and travel bursaries (13,650€). |
| 2012 | Travel grant, German National Merit Foundation For presentation at the International Symposium on Online Journalism at the University of Texas, Austin (700€). |
| 2011–2013 | Thesis research scholarship, Center for Creation, Content and Technology Scholarship for interdisciplinary experimental thesis research in information, communication, or cognition (4000€). |

MEMBERSHIPS

European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association;
Netherlands Society for Statistics and Operations Research (VVS-oR);
Dutch Psychonomic Society (NVP);
Society for the Teaching of Psychology.

SKILLS

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| <i>Office & Presentation</i> | · MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint; L ^A T _E X. |
| <i>Scientific Software</i> | · z-Tree, Qualtrics, formr, SoPHIE. |
| <i>Data Analysis</i> | · R; SPSS; Excel. |
| <i>Programming</i> | · R; some Python. |

Research

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| <i>Statistics</i> | · Advanced multivariate statistics in R and SPSS; · Multilevel modeling (<code>lme4</code>), structural equation modeling (<code>lavaan</code>), meta-analysis (<code>metafor</code>), and some network analysis (<code>igraph</code>) in R. |
| <i>Experiments</i> | · Experimental design and implementation in z-Tree and Qualtrics; · Experience in running laboratory and online (MTurk) experiments and field studies. |
| <i>Writing</i> | · Academic writing and editing in English and German. |

Languages

GERMAN · Mothertongue
ENGLISH · Full professional fluency
DUTCH · Intermediate (conversational fluency)
FRENCH · Intermediate (limited conversational fluency)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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