

ISOLDE GOTTWALD

Curriculum Vitæ

Faculty of Psychology
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Education

- 2021-2024** **MSc. (cum laude), Department of Psychology, University of Vienna, Austria**
Specialisations: Environmental Psychology, Cognitive - & Neuroscience. Thesis: "A new climate narrative: The potential of fictional storytelling in climate change communication", Supervisor: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Sabine Pahl.
- 2022** **Exchange Semester (First Class Honors), University of Melbourne, Australia**
Specialisations: Environmental Studies, Science Communication, Supervisor: Ass.-Prof. Dr. Jen Martin.
- 2023-2025** **MA., Department of Communication, University of Vienna, Austria**
Specialisations: Science Communication, Political Communication, Media Psychology.
- 2017-2021** **BSc., Department of Psychology, University of Vienna, Austria**

Employment & Relevant Experience

- 2023-2025** **Project Associate, Horizon Europe, Natural History Museum Vienna, Austria**
Stakeholder Engagement: Coordinating engagement activities with industry, policymakers, and organisations to foster collaborative approaches aimed at addressing biodiversity loss and open science competencies among policymakers.

Transdisciplinary Workshops: Conceptualising workshops involving stakeholders across domains to explore and develop effective formats for environmental engagement and corporate sustainability strategies.

Strategic Communication: Formulating and executing communication strategies to support and advance environmental initiatives and research at European level.
- 2021-2022** **Project Assistant, Wissenschaft im Dialog, Berlin, Germany**
Participation Initiative: Managed the participation initiative *IdeenLauf* as part of the Science Year *Nachgefragt! 2022*, facilitating engagement with 60 scientists and 30 citizens in the participatory process.

Collaboration with Federal Ministry: Worked closely with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research to coordinate and support project activities.

Science Journalism: Contributed to the project *Die Debatte* through science journalistic activities, enhancing public discourse on scientific issues.

Workshops on Science Communication: Conducted workshops at various research institutions focusing on science communication and media strategies.

Moderation: Served as a moderator in the *I'm a Scientist!* project, working within a team of science communicators to facilitate public engagement with science.

Jury Participation: Participated as a juror in the *University Competition* project, evaluating and providing feedback on submissions.

2020 **Research Assistant, Centre for Chronobiology, Basel, Switzerland**

Multidisciplinary Research Collaboration: Worked as part of an interdisciplinary research team investigating health and sleep.

Study Design: Assisted in designing a study focused on examining the effects of sleep wear on sleep quality.

Data Analysis: Conducted data analysis using R for various ongoing studies.

2019-2021 **Research & Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Vienna**

Teaching Responsibilities and Course Design: Developed and designed seminars for both bachelor's and master's levels.

Bachelor's Thesis Seminar Instruction: Conducted a seminar for 30 undergraduate students focused on empirical research methods.

Statistical Consulting: Provided statistical consulting services for empirical data analysis, assisting with the interpretation and application of statistical techniques.

2019 **Research Assistant, SCAN-Unit, University of Vienna**

fMRI Study Conduction: Collected data for an fMRI study investigating the relationship between stress, social behaviour and neuropsychological responses.

Study Planning: Designed a study focused on examining empathy toward refugees, including the development of research stimuli.

Honors and Awards

- 2024** **Award for Master's Thesis** (Environment and Climate Research Hub, 200€)
Recognised Master's Thesis within the initiative of the Vice-Rector for Teaching „Pitch Your Thesis“ in the topic of Sustainability, Environment and Climate
- 2023** **Merit-Based Scholarship for Academic Excellence**
Awarded for maintaining top academic performance, University of Vienna
- 2022** **OeAD Scholarship for International Study**
Awarded for a semester abroad, focusing on interdisciplinary perspectives on environmental studies and science communication, Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD)
- 2021** **Merit-Based Scholarship for Academic Excellence**
Awarded for achieving top academic performance, University of Vienna
- 2021** **Erasmus+ Scholarship for International Internship**
Awarded for an internship with Wissenschaft im Dialog, centered on public involvement in science policy development in collaboration with the Ministry for Education and Research

Teaching & Supervision (University of Vienna)

- 2024** **Guest Lecturer** (Research Seminar, Master's of Psychology, Department of Urban- and Environmental Psychology), Topic: The Relevance of Science Communication for Conservation Psychology
- 2020-21** **Bachelor's Thesis Supervision** (Teaching & Research Assistant)
Supervised Bachelor's Theses in Psychology providing additional statistical consulting
- 2019-21** **Master's Courses** (Teaching & Research Assistant)
Clinical Psychology, Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence, Developmental Psychology
- 2019-21** **Bachelor's Courses** (Teaching & Research Assistant)
Bachelor's Thesis Seminar on Psychological Research Methods, Psychological Communication Skills, Clinical Psychology, Health Psychology

Technical Skills & Languages

- German (native), English (C2), French (B1)
- SPSS, MS Office, Qualtrics, R, MATLAB (basics)

Publications

Gottwald, I., Whyte, A., Linés, C., Evangelinou, B., Vohland, K. & Rainer, H. (2024). *Advancing evidence-based policymaking through Open Collections and Open Science Principles*. Verlag des Naturhistorischen Museums Wien. <https://doi.org/10.57827/978-3-903096-78-3>

Media Coverage & Science Communication Activities

- 2022 [Espresso Science Blog, Editor](#)
- 2022 [Blog of the University of Melbourne: Scientific Scribbles, Editor](#)
- 2022 The University of Melbourne, Science Communication Department, Podcast Interviewee for [“Let’s Talk SciComm”](#)