

# SIMON COLUMBUS

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## EDUCATION

*2016–present* VU Amsterdam  
*Ph.D. Psychology* Evolutionary Social Psychology  
· SUPERVISORS: Dr. Daniel Balliet and Prof. Dr. Paul van Lange (VU Amsterdam).

*2013–2016* University of Amsterdam  
*M.Sc. (research) Psychology* Methodology and Statistics (major) · Organisational Psychology · Social Psychology (minors) · GPA 8.5  
· THESIS: “Parochial Cooperation in Social and Non-social Settings” (8.5/10) under Prof. Carsten de Dreu (University of Amsterdam) and Dr. Daniel Balliet (VU Amsterdam).

*2012* McGill University, Montreal  
*Exchange Semester* Psychology · Biology

*2010–2013* Amsterdam University College  
*B.A. (hons.) Social Sciences* Psychology · Economics · Information · *Cum laude* · GPA 3.7  
· THESIS: “Leadership in Altruistic Punishment and Reward” (9.5/10) under Prof. Mark van Vugt (VU Amsterdam).

## EMPLOYMENT

*2014–2016* Core Tutor, University of Amsterdam  
*Core Tutor* *Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics College*  
Developed and taught tutorials in research methods and statistics, group processes, as well as an interdisciplinary course on solidarity; mentored undergraduate students; admissions.

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

*2013–Present* Remedial Teacher, Amsterdam University College  
*Remedial Teacher* Independently teaching remedial classes for introductory statistics.

*2013* Teaching Assistant, University of Amsterdam

<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	<i>Graduate School of Psychology</i> Marked assignments for a master's level course, Scientific Writing and Presenting.
	2013                      Project Manager, Amsterdam University College
<i>Project Manager</i>	<i>Cultuurtraject Excellentie Project</i> 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
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Teaching assistant to Dr. Bruce Mutsvairo, lecturer in International Journalism. Marked essays and exams; prepared course content.
	2012                      Teaching Assistant, The Hague University of Applied Sciences
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Teaching assistant to Drs. Bruce Mutsvairo, lecturer in communication and media studies. Marked exams, prepared course content, and supported research into social media practices in Africa.
	2012                      Conference Organiser, LERU Bright
<i>Conference Conceptualiser</i>	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
<i>Online Journalist</i>	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                      Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University
<i>Research Intern</i>	<i>OpenNet Initiative</i> 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                      Spreblick Verlag KG, Berlin
<i>Blogging Intern</i>	<i>Spreblick.com</i> 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              newthinking communications GmbH, Berlin
<i>Blogging Intern</i>	<i>netzpolitik.org</i> 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

PPLÉ · Group Processes (2<sup>nd</sup> year: 2015)

##### Tutorial Instructor

- PPLE · Solidarity (1<sup>st</sup> year: 2015,16)
- Doing Research (1<sup>st</sup> year: 2014,15)
- Statistics for Experimental Research (1<sup>st</sup> year: 2014,16)
- Group Processes (2<sup>nd</sup> year: 2015)

## Remedial Teacher

- AUC · Basic Research Methods & Statistics I (1<sup>st</sup> year: 2013–16)

## Teaching Assistant

- UvA · Scientific Writing & Presenting (M.Sc.: 2013)
- EUR · Corporate Communication (2<sup>nd</sup> year: 2013)
- HHS · Media Theory (1<sup>st</sup> year: 2012)
- International Journalism (2<sup>nd</sup> year: 2012)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

de Dreu, C. K. W., Gross, J., Méder, Z. Z., Giffin, M. R., Krikeb, J., Prochazkova, E., & Columbus, S. (In press.). 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*.

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. Ekekwe & 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. Ekekwe & 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., 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.

### Other Publications

*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>.

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

	04/2016	EHBEA Conference
<i>London</i>		Presented a paper "Cooperation in Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict".
	01/2016	Winter Experimental Social Science Institute
<i>Abu Dhabi</i>		Winter school on experimental (field) research in Arab and African countries.
	11/2015	Institutions for Moral Behaviour
<i>Utrecht</i>		Workshop presentation: "Cooperation in Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict: Norms, Norm Enforcement, and Moral Judgment".

<i>Roggenburg</i>	08/2015	Roggenburg Summer Academy Graduate workshop "Philosophical Problems of Statistics".
<i>Amsterdam</i>	03/2015	Int. Convention on Psychological Science Poster: "Punishment Carries a Reputation Penalty Even When Pro-social" with B. den Bezemer and M. van Vugt.
<i>Amsterdam</i>	10/2014	NVP Symposium Hot Cognition Poster: "Punishment Fuels Asymmetric Intergroup Conflict".
<i>Amsterdam</i>	11/2013	VSNU Student Research Conference Poster: "Leadership in Altruistic Punishment and Reward".
<i>Austin, TX</i>	04/2012	International Symposium on Online Journalism Co-presented a paper "African Citizen Journalists' Ethics and the Emerging Networked Public Sphere" co-authored with B. Mutsvairo and I. Leijendekker.
<i>Tunis</i>	11/2011	Deutsche Welle Young Media Summit Invited workshop participant.
<i>Berlin</i>	04/2011	re:publica 2011 Official conference blogger.
<i>Novosibirsk</i>	09/2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Youth Innovation Forum Interra Panelist: New Media Forum.
<i>Novosibirsk</i>	03/2010	Miniblogika Speaker: Germany's "Zensursula" Campaign.
<i>Novosibirsk</i>	09/2009	1 <sup>st</sup> International Youth Innovation Forum Interra Official conference blogger invited by the Goethe Institute; Panellist: Regulating behaviour in the blogosphere.
<i>Darmstadt</i>	09/2008	meta rhein main chaos days 111b Speaker: On digital activism; Panellist: The situation of Germany's data security movement.

### Attended

2008: Global Voices Citizen Media Summit (Budapest). Towards Networked Protest Politics (Siegen). 25C3: Nothing to Hide (Berlin). 2009: SigInt (Cologne). BerlinInOctober (Berlin). 26C3: Here Be Dragons (Berlin). 2010: transmediale.10: Futurity Now! (Berlin). YouthExchange 2010 (Budapest). SigInt (Cologne). Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum (Bonn). 2011: Hyper-Public (Cambridge, MA). 2013: European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association (Amsterdam). 2014: European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association (Bristol). European Association of Social Psychology (Amsterdam). 2015: Evolutionary Psychology and Primatology in the Low Countries (Amsterdam).

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

<i>Teaching Award</i>	2015-2016	Outstanding Tutor Recognised as second-highest rated tutor of the year at PPLE College.
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	2011–2015	German National Merit Scholarship
<i>National Merit Scholar</i>		Scholarship from the German National Merit Foundation, entailing a monthly stipend and travel bursaries.
	2012	German National Merit Foundation
<i>Travel Grant</i>		Travel grant (700€) from the German National Merit Foundation to present the International Symposium on Online Journalism at the University of Texas, Austin.
	2011–2013	Beta Beurs Thesis Scholarship
<i>Thesis Research Scholarship</i>		Scholarship (4000€) for interdisciplinary experimental thesis research in information, communication, or cognition from the Center for Creation, Content and Technology.
	2010–2013	Amsterdam University College
<i>Dean's List</i>		Twice-yearly dean's list for excellent performance.

## 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

### IT

<i>Office &amp; Presentation</i>	· MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint; L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X.
<i>Scientific Software</i>	· z-Tree.
<i>Data Analysis</i>	· R; SPSS; Excel.
<i>Programming</i>	· R; some Python.

### Research

<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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