Lara Abel

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Reuben College

Oxford, UK

MSt in Practical Ethics

from October 2024

- Courses: AI ethics, responsible treatment of data, research and empirical ethics, environmental ethics

University of Surrey, Max Planck Institute

Guildford/Berlin/Tübingen

PhD in Cognitive Psychology

2018-2023

- Thesis: Feeling the odds Emotions and subjective probability
- Supervisors: Jonathan D. Nelson, Eric Schulz, Bertram Opitz

Free University Berlin

Berlin, Germany

2018-present

BSc in Computer Science
University of Cologne

Cologne, Germany

MSc in Applied Psychology, very good (Distinction)

2013-2017

- Thesis: The role of Social Desirability in the relationship between intranasal Oxytocin and Emotional Mimicry, in collaboration with the Berlin School of Mind and Brain
- Supervisors: Isabel Dziobek, Irene Trilla, Christian Unkelbach

Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg

Heidelberg, Germany

BSc in Psychology, very good (First)

2010-2013

- Thesis: Collaborative Problem Solving in PISA 2015 from an Embodied Cognitive Science Perspective
- Supervisors: Joachim Funke, Thomas Fuchs

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

University of Cambridge, Research Strategy Office & Darwin College

Cambridge, UK

Research Associate, Action Research on Research Culture Project

May 2023-present

- Researcher, Data Scientist

University of Cambridge, Cambridge Judge Business School

Cambridge, UK

Visiting PhD Student, Graduate Teaching Assistant

2021-present

- MBA Courses: Leadership in Organisations, Negotiations, Decision Making

University of Surrey, Maths and Statistics Advice Service

Guildford, UK

Statistics tutor

2021-present

- Statistical and methodological consultation
- R workshops

University of Surrey, School of Psychology

Guildford, UK

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2019-present

- Courses: Cognitive Psychology with Research Methods (lecturing, marking, thesis supervision)

Max Planck Institute for Human Development

Research Assistant, Research Scientist

2016-2018

Berlin, Germany

- Research Groups: Adaptive Behavior and Cognition; Information Search, Ecological and Adaptive Learning in Children; Center for Lifespan Psychology

- Behavioral testing with children and adults, fMRT testing with elderly people, participant recruitment, video coding

University of California Berkeley, Social Interaction Lab

Berlin, Germany

Research Internship

February-March 2017

- Research on emotion and creativity, training in psychophysiological methods and R

Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Social Cognition Group

Berlin, Germany 2016-2017

Research Internship

- Participant recruitment, data collection (methods: oxytocin administration, EEG), data analysis

Professional Experience

L+H Marketing Services

Nürnberg, Germany

Freelancing market researcher

2014-present

- Group discussion and interview moderation in Germany, UK and the US
- Senior project management
- Quantitative and qualitative data analysis, statistical consulting

Shanti Partnerschaft Bangladesch e.V.

Aurachtal, Germany

Head of Public Relations, Committee Member

2016-present

- Chief Editor of the yearly magazine

Green Party

Düsseldorf, Germany

Political Internship

March-April 2012

- Public policy research
- Event organization

LANGUAGES

SKILLS

• German: Native speaker

Bilingual Abitur, IELTS score: 8.5 • English:

• French: Basic. Level B1

Basic. Level A2 Spanish:

Chinese: Basic. Level A1

- Programming: Python, R
- Tools/Techs: LaTeX

• Market Research Methods: Project Management,

Focus Group Moderation

Statistical skills: Frequentist, Bayesian & machine

learning approaches

Scholarships and Awards

• University of Cambridge, Darwin College: Non-stipendiary Research Fellowship

2024 - 2027

• University of Surrey: Doctoral Scholarship

2018-present

• DAAD: stipend for a research visit at Cambridge University

2021 - 2022

• Ludwigsburg University of Education: Research Grant (10.000 €)

2018

• DAAD: stipend for a semester abroad at Monash University

2015 - 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- Abel, L., Schulz, E., & Nelson, J. (2023). Subjective probability is modulated by emotions. *Under review*.
- Özel, E., Nelson, J. D., Abel, L., & Martignon, L. (2021). Playing entropy mastermind can foster children's information-theoretical intuitions. *Frontiers in Education*, 6, 148.
- Abel, L. (2020). Digital learning games for mathematics and computer science education: The need for preregistered RCTs, standardized methodology, and advanced technology. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 2127.
- Abel, L., Schulz, E., Hofer, M., & Nelson, J. D. (2020). Emotion, entropy evaluations and subjective uncertainty. In S. Denison, M. Mack, Y. Xu, & B. Armstrong (Eds.), Proceedings of the 42nd annual meeting of the cognitive science society: Cogsci virtual 2020: Developing a mind: Learning in humans, animals, and machines.
- Abel, L., Özel, E., Martignon, L., & Nelson, J. D. (2019). Wie man Intuitionen im Umgang mit Entropie anhand einfacher Spiele bei Kindern fördern kann (A. Frank, S. Krauss, & K. Binder, Eds.), 121–124.
- Schulz, E., Abel, L., Hofer, M., & Nelson, J. D. (2019). Exploring the space of human exploration using entropy mastermind. In A. K. Goel, C. M. Seifert, & C. Freksa (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 41th annual meeting of the cognitive science society: Cogsci 2019: Creativity + cognition + computation* (pp. 2762–2768). Montreal, Quebec: Cognitive Science Society.