Curriculum Vitae

Personal Data

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Qualifications and Career

Stages	Periods and Details	
Degree programme	2011–2016	Psychology, UMS, Germany
Doctorate	2022	Dissertation, Psychology and Neuroscience, "The Neural Correlates of the Development, Progression, and Outcome of Major Depressive Disorder - Insights from Diffusion Tensor Imaging", UMS, Germany
Stages of academic/ professional career	2024–present	Postdoc, research group leader "Transition Research in Affective Disorders" (TRIAD) at the Institute for Translational Psychiatry, UMS, Germany
	2020–present	Postdoc at the Institute for Translational Neuroscience, UMS, Germany, affiliated with the DFG CRC 1451
	2022–present	Additional qualification in child and adolescent psychotherapy (CBT), German Society for Behavioral Therapy (DGVT), Münster, Germany
	2022–present	PhD-student in medical science, UMS, Germany; doctoral programme was finished in 01/2025; thesis in progress
	2021–2023	Psychotherapist, Institute Outpatient Clinic, UMS, Germany
	2017–2018	Clinical psychologist, UKM, Münster, Germany
	2016–2022	Clinical psychologist, Psychotherapy Ambulance Münster, Germany
	2016–2021	Postgraduate Training in cognitive behavioural psychotherapy, IPP Münster, Germany
	2015–2023	Research scientist, Institute for Translational Psychiatry, UMS (DFG-funded research group FOR 2107), Germany

Supplementary Career Information

First-generation academic. Pandemic related downtime in 2020-2021 (Psychotherapist licensure exam postponed for 6 months. Recruitment for the doctorate interrupted for 3 months).

Engagement in the Research System

- Member of the IMF-Committee of the Medical Faculty, University of Münster, Germany.

- Membership in the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP)

- Membership in the German Society for Psychology (DGPS), interest group "Clinical Biopsychology" and interest group "Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology and Psychotherapy"

Supervision of Researchers in Early Career Phases

- Regular contributions to multidisciplinary training for national and international undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students, offering lectures, practical courses and seminars on different topics. Since 2016, supervision of bachelor, master and 9 MD students. Since 2020 co-supervision of 3 PhD students. Since 2024 full-supervision of 3 PhD students. For this work the applicant received the Young Mentor Award of the German Society for Psychology (DGPS) in 2023.

Scientific Results

Contributions: [1]Conceptualization/Methodology, [2]Analysis, [3]Investigation, [4]Funding Acquisition, [5]Writing

Category A (10 selected publications out of 103)

Kraus A, …, **Hahn T**, Lange S, **Kircher T**, **Nenadić I**, **Straube B**, **Jamalabadi H**, **Alexander N**, **Jansen A**, **Stein F**, …, **Meinert S***[1,2,3,4,5] **(*equal contribution)**, **Dannlowski U***: Brain structural correlates of an impending initial major depressive episode. Neuropsychopharmacol 2025. DOI: 10.1038/s41386-025-02075-6

Flinkenflügel K*, **Meinert S***[1,2,3,4,5] **(*equal contribution)**, …, **Stein F**, **Brosch K**, **Leehr EJ**, …, **Hahn T**, …, **Jamalabadi H**, **Straube B**, **Alexander N**, **Jansen A**, **Nenadić I**, …, **Kircher T**, **Dannlowski U**: Associations between white matter microstructure and cognitive decline in major depressive disorder versus controls in Germany: a prospective case-control cohort study. Lancet Psychiatry 2024; 11(11):P899-909. DOI: 10.1016/S2215-0366(24)00291-8

Thiel K*, Lemke H*, …, **Hahn T**, **Förster K**, **Kanske P**, …, **Forstner AJ**, **Stein F**, …, **Straube B**, **Alexander N**, **Jamalabadi H**, **Jansen A**, …, **Pfennig A**, **Bauer M**, **Nenadić I**, **Kircher T**, **Meinert S***[1,2,3,5] **(*equal contribution)**, **Dannlowski U***: White and gray matter alterations in bipolar I and bipolar II disorder subtypes compared with healthy controls – exploring associations with disease course and polygenic risk. Neuropsychol 2024; 49:814-823. DOI: 10.1038/s41386-024-01812-7

Flinkenflügel K, **Meinert S**[1,2,3,5], **Stein F**, …, **Hahn T**, **Leehr EJ**, **Dohm K**, **Bauer J**, **Jamalabadi H**, **Straube B**, **Alexander N**, **Jansen A**, **Nenadić I**, **Krug A**, **Kircher T**, **Dannlowski U**: Negative stressful life events and social support are associated with white matter integrity in depressed patients and healthy controls participants: A diffusion tensor imaging study. Biol Psychiatry 2023; 94(8):650- 660. DOI: 10.1016/j.biopsych.2023.03.022

Goltermann J*, **Meinert S***[1,2,3,5] **(*equal contribution)**, …, **Hahn T**, …, **Stein F**, **Pfarr JK**, **Krug A**, **Nenadić I**, **Kircher T**, **Opel N**, **Dannlowski U**: Temporal stability and state-dependence of retrospective self-reports of childhood maltreatment in healthy and depressed adults. Psychol Assess 2023; 35(1):12-22. DOI: 10.1037/pas0001175

Meinert S[1,2,3,5], …, **Stein F**, …, **Nenadić I**, **Krug A**, **Leehr EJ**, **Hahn T**, …, **Kircher T**, **Dannlowski U**: Association of brain white matter microstructure with cognitive performance in major depressive disorder and healthy controls: A diffusion-tensor imaging study. Mol Psychiatry 2022; 27(2):1103- 1110. DOI: 10.1038/s41380-021-01330-8

Meinert S[1,2,3,5], **Leehr EJ**, Grotegerd D, Repple J, **Förster K**, …, **Stein F**, …, **Nenadić I**, **Jansen A**, **Hahn T**, …, **Kircher T**, **Dannlowski U**: White matter fiber microstructure is associated with prior hospitalizations rather than acute symptomatology in major depressive disorder. Psychol Med 2022; 52(6):1166-1174. DOI: 10.1017/S0033291720002950

Opel N, …, **Leehr EJ**, Böhnlein J, **Förster K**, Meinert S[3,5], …, **Hahn T**, …, **Dannlowski U**: Mediation of the influence of childhood maltreatment on depression relapse by cortical structure: A 2-year longitudinal observational study. Lancet Psychiatry 2019; 3(9):318-326. DOI: 10.1016/S2215- 0366(19)30044-6

Repple J*, **Meinert S***[1,2,3,5] **(*equal contribution)**, …, **Förster K**, …, **Hahn T**, Enneking V, **Leehr EJ**, …, **Dannlowski U**: Influence of electroconvulsive therapy on white matter structure in a diffusion tensor imaging study. Psychol Med 2020; 50(5):849-86. DOI: 10.1017/S0033291719000758

Meinert S[1,2,3,5], Repple J, **Nenadić I**, Krug A, **Jansen A**, Grotegerd D, **Förster K**, …, **Stein F**, …, **Leehr EJ**, …, **Hahn T**, **Kircher T**, **Dannlowski U**: Reduced fractional anisotropy in depressed patients due to childhood maltreatment rather than diagnosis. Neuropsychopharmacol 2019; 44:2065-2072. DOI: 10.1038/s41386-019-0472-y

Category B

Dataset: 10kin1 day initiative

Van Den Heuvel MP, …, **Dannlowski U**, …, **Meinert S**[3], …, De Lange SC: 10kin1day: A bottom-up neuroimaging initiative. Front Neurology 2019; 10:425. DOI: 10.3389/fneur.2019.00425

Flinkenflügel K, Gruber M, **Meinert S**[1,3,5], …, **Stein F**, …, **Hahn T**, **Leehr EJ**, …, **Forstner A,** Nöthen MM, **Jamalabadi H**, **Straube B**, **Alexander N**, **Jansen A**, …, **Nenadić I**, van den Heuvel MP, **Kircher T**, Repple J, **Dannlowski U**: Structural brain network connectivity mediates the association between polygenic score for tumor necrosis factor-α and processing speed in acute depression. OSF Preprints. DOI: 10.31219/osf.io/5b6ek

Science communication

[Interview with DGPs](#), [First Place at the ECNP Got Talent](#)

Academic Distinctions

2025	Publication prize 2025 of the Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung
2024	Oral presentation abstract price of the DGPPN congress 2024
2024	Invited speaker ("ECNP's Got Talent") and travel accommodations for the ECNP congress
2024	ECNP Workshop for early Career Scientists, Congress travel scholarship
2023	Hans-Heimann Promotionspreis for outstanding dissertations together with Udo Dannlowski, German Society for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Psychosomatics and Neurology (DGPPN), Berlin, Germany
2023	ECNP Excellence Award
2023	DGPS Young Mentor Award
2023	SOBP Travel Fellowship Award
2019	Invited speaker ("New findings symposium") and travel accommodations for the ECNP congress
2019	ECNP Workshop for early Career Scientists, Congress travel scholarship
2018	Congress travel scholarship, DGBP

Other Information

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