

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Research Positions

From 03/2024	Scientist Psychoacoustics & Noise Effects Empa Dübendorf Laboratory for Acoustics / Noise Control
03/2022 – 03/2024	PostDoc Psychoacoustics & Noise Effects Empa Dübendorf Laboratory for Acoustics / Noise Control
10/2018 – 12/2021	PhD Fellow University of Vienna Department of Cognition, Emotion, and Methods in Psychology
02/2016 – 08/2016	Research Assistant Heinrich-Heine University Institute of Language and Information
11/2014 – 05/2015	Research Assistant University of Bielefeld Faculty of Linguistics and Literary Studies

Education

10/2018 – 11/2021	PhD Cognitive Psychology (Dr. rer. nat.) University of Vienna Grade: 1 (excellent), graduated with honors. Supervisor: Ulrich Ansorge Thesis: <i>Color me your color: A cross-cultural investigation into implicit associations between color and valence</i>
10/2013 – 09/2015	M.A. Linguistics University of Bielefeld Grade: 1.3. Supervisor: Annett Jorschick Thesis: <i>Colour Me Intrigued: Do Colours Activate Emotional Word Meaning?</i>
10/2010 – 07/2013	B.A. English & Scandinavian Studies Humboldt-University of Berlin Grade: 1.4. Supervisor: Sophie Repp Thesis: <i>Understanding Idioms and Metaphors. How Do We Process Non-Literal Language?</i>

Teaching & Co-Supervision

Summer 2021	Psycholinguistics Master Seminar Psychology University of Vienna
Winter 2019	Programming psychological experiments in Python Master Seminar Psychology University of Vienna (Co-Teacher)
Master's Theses	Psychology ('The red-anger congruence effect: Metaphor congruency or polarity correspondence?'), Psycholinguistics ('Testing for concealed language knowledge using brightness- valence response congruence')
Bachelor's Thesis	Psychology ('Bilingual Cognition and the Distance to Language')

Grants

01/2020, 12/2020	Research scholarship, University of Vienna (€1,800)
07/2020	JUWI COVID-19 Fellowship, University of Vienna (€1,187)
10/2018	ÖAW-DOC; Co-PI with Ulrich Ansorge, University of Vienna (€115,500)

Research Stays, Awards, & Accomplishments

- Scholarship 'Levande litteratur' 2012, Malungs Folkhögskola (SV)
- Young Academics Award 2015 (3rd place) in the Social Sciences, Bielefeld University
- Research stay at the Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg (SV), August 2019
- Research stay at the Department of Psychology, University of Macau (MO), September 2019
- Research stay at the School of Psychology, Shaanxi Normal University (CN), October 2019
- German (native), English (fluent), Swedish (fluent), Japanese (conversational)
- Experienced in R, PsychoPy, JavaScript, SPSS, E-Prime, OpenSesame, PRAAT, MS Office

Publications & Conference Contributions

- Kawai, C.** & Ansorge, U. (2024). Rating pictures on different sides of the globe – A juxtaposition of Chinese and US American emotional evaluations. In S. Reichl & U. Smit (Eds.), # *YouthMediaLife & Friends: Interdisciplinary research into young people's mediatised life-worlds / Interdisziplinäre Forschung zu mediatisierten Lebenswelten Jugendlicher* (pp. 265–278). V&R unipress.
<https://d-nb.info/1311620133/34#page=266>.
- Kawai, C.**, Georgiou, F., Pieren, R., Tobias, S., & Schäffer, B. (2023). Comparing the restorative effects of urban with green spaces: A laboratory study in VR. *14th ICBEN Congress on Noise as a Public Health Problem*, 1–11. <https://www.dora.lib4ri.ch/empa/islandora/object/empa%3A35110>.
- Georgiou, F., **Kawai, C.**, Pieren, R., & Schäffer, B. (2022). Laboratory setup for assessing physiological stress buildup and recovery associated with noise annoyance using virtual reality and ambisonic loudspeaker reproduction. *Proceedings of the 24th International Congress on Acoustics. 24th International Congress on Acoustics*, Gyeongju, South Korea.
<https://www.dora.lib4ri.ch/empa/islandora/object/empa%3A31883>
- Kawai, C.**, Zhang, Y., Lukács, G., Chu, W., Zheng, C., Gao, C., Gozli, D., Wang, Y., & Ansorge, U. (2023). The good, the bad, and the red: implicit color-valence associations across cultures. *Psychological Research*, 87(3), 704–724. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00426-022-01697-5>.
- Georgiou, F., **Kawai, C.**, Pieren, R., & Schäffer, B. (2022). Laboratory setup for assessing physiological stress buildup and recovery associated with noise annoyance using virtual reality and ambisonic loudspeaker reproduction. *Proceedings of the 24th International Congress on Acoustics. 24th International Congress on Acoustics*, Gyeongju, South Korea.
- Lukács, G., **Kawai, C.**, Ansorge, U., & Fekete, A. (2021). Detecting concealed language knowledge via response times. *Applied Linguistics Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/applirev-2020-0130>.
- Kawai, C.**, Lukács, G., & Ansorge, U. (2021). A new type of pictorial database: The Bicolor Affective Silhouettes and Shapes (BASS). *Behavior Research Methods*. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13428-021-01569-7>.
- Kawai, C.**, Lukács, G., & Ansorge, U. (2020). Polarity influences implicit associations between colour and emotion. *Acta Psychologica*, 209, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2020.103143>.
- Kawai, C.**, Lukács, G., & Ansorge, U. (2019, April 15–17). *Polarity-induced interactions between colour and emotion* [Paper presentation]. 61st Conference of Experimental Psychologists (TEAP), London, UK.
<https://easychair.org/smart-program/TEAP2019/2019-04-16.html>.

Projects & Interests

- **Main areas of research:** Psychoacoustics, physiological research methods, colour systems, language, cross-culture comparisons, BASS - Silhouette Database (<https://gasparl.github.io/BASS/>)
- **Projects in lie detection:** detecting knowledge of a foreign language via response times, exploring different dimensions of filler items in the response time concealed information test, field study for a novel smartphone-based concealed information test