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Current Position

Oct 2019 – Dec 2024 Research assistant at the Division of Personality and Social Psychology, Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany

Activities in Research Projects

July 2021 – Aug 2024 Project IDiNA (Intelligent digitalization of the energy supply to optimize grid operation and increase acceptance) at the Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Change

June 2020 – May 2023 Project Carbon Price (Analysis of the short and long-term effects of different carbon price variants on society and the economy) at the Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Change

Education

April 2020 – Dec 2024 PhD student at the Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg (Dissertation submitted on May 30, 2024: *„Alltagsentscheidungen unter Unsicherheit am Beispiel der Umweltpolitikakzeptanz“* [“Everyday decisions under uncertainty using the example of environmental policy acceptance”])

Oct 2017 – Sep 2019 Master of Science (Psychology), final grade 1.3 (excellent; with honors), Technical University Braunschweig, Germany, Master’s Thesis: *„We don’t belong with lizard people. Belonging uncertainty and conspiracy beliefs in Eastern and Western Germany“*

Oct 2014 – Aug 2017 Bachelor of Science (Psychology), final grade 1.4 (excellent), Technical University Braunschweig, Germany, Bachelor’s Thesis: *„Sprachstilanpassung in Konfliktgesprächen: Veränderungen der Korrelate von Sprachstilanpassung in unterschiedlichen Gesprächskontexten“* [“Language style matching in controversies: Changes in the correlates of language style matching in different conversation contexts”]

July 2014 Abitur (High school diploma), final grade 1.2 (excellent), Gymnasium am Kattenberge, Buchholz i.d.N., Germany

Publications

Gerdes, R., & Kaiser, F. G. (2024). How nonresponse bias distorts conclusions on people's preferences for environmental policies (Manuscript in preparation).

Gerdes, R., Adler, M., Bershadskyy, D., & Kaiser, F. G. (2024). Predicting consumer decisions with a personal reason and product-specific costs (Manuscript in preparation).

Gerdes, R., Bückner, J. K., & Kaiser, F. G. (2024). Carbon taxation approval and context-specific costs: A general explanation (Manuscript submitted for publication).

Bolte, S., Klackl, J., **Gerdes, R.**, Hansen, J., Jonas, E., & Uhl-Hädicke, I. (2024). Does being skeptical also mean acting dismissively? Influences on climate change skepticism and oppositional behavior regarding carbon pricing (Manuscript submitted for publication).

Gerdes, R., & Kaiser, F. G. (2024). Die Kluft zwischen Dringlichkeit und Umsetzbarkeit der Klimapolitik – am Beispiel des CO₂-Preises [The gap between urgency and feasibility of climate policy – using the example of carbon pricing]. *In-Mind, Heft 1*, Beitrag 4. <https://de.in-mind.org/article/die-kluft-zwischen-dringlichkeit-und-umsetzbarkeit-der-klimapolitik-am-beispiel-des-co2>

Gerdes, R., Bauske, E., & Kaiser, F. G. (2023). A general explanation for environmental policy support: An example using carbon taxation approval in Germany. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 90, 102066. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvp.2023.102066>

Kaiser, F. G., **Gerdes, R.**, & König, F. (2023). Supporting and expressing support for environmental policies. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 87, 101997. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvp.2023.101997>

Review activities

2024	Journal of Environmental Psychology Acta Psychologica BMC Psychology
2023	Umweltpsychologie (renamed: Environmental Psychology Open)
2022	PloS one Mitigation and Adaption Strategies for Global Change

Conference contributions

Gerdes, R., Adler, M., & Kaiser, F. G. (September 16-19, 2024). Consumer decisions as a function of environmental attitude and product-specific costs and yields. 53rd Congress of the German Psychological Society (DGPs)/15th ÖGP Conference, Vienna, Austria. <https://dgps2024.univie.ac.at/home-news/>

Kaiser, F. G., & **Gerdes, R. (September 16-19, 2024).** Identifying people's environmental attitudes in their support for environmental policies. 53rd Congress of the German Psychological Society (DGPs)/15th ÖGP Conference, Vienna, Austria. <https://dgps2024.univie.ac.at/home-news/>

Gerdes, R., & Kaiser, F. G. (June 20-23, 2023). How nonresponse bias distorts findings on pro-environmental behavior and attitudes. International Conference on Environmental Psychology, Aarhus, Denmark. <https://icep2023.au.dk/>

Gerdes, R., & Kaiser, F. G. (March 9-11, 2023). People's approval of an environmental policy rather than their preference for it: Carbon taxation as an example. International Convention of Psychological Science, Brussels, Belgium. <https://www.psychologicalscience.org/conventions/icps-2023>

Gerdes, R., Bauske, E., & Kaiser, F. G. (September 10-15, 2022). Acceptance of environmental policies: A function of environmental commitment and the policy's design. 52nd Congress of the German Psychological Society (DGPs), Hildesheim, Germany. <https://www.uni-hildesheim.de/dgps2022/>

Gerdes, R., & Bauske, E. (March 10-11, 2022). Decreasing COVID-19 policy support: Do attitudes or behavioral costs matter? 24 Hours of Political Psychology, Chemnitz, Germany.

Gerdes, R., König, F., & Kaiser, F. G. (October 5-8, 2021). How to bridge the acceptability-acceptance gap in environmental policy research. International Conference on Environmental Psychology, Syrakus, Italien. <https://icep2021.com/>

Chaired Symposia

Adler, M., & **Gerdes, R.** (September 16-19, 2024). Sustainable nutrition choices – Why we choose what we eat. 53rd Congress of the German Psychological Society (DGPs)/15th ÖGP Conference, Vienna, Austria. <https://dgps2024.univie.ac.at/home-news/>

Gerdes, R., & Kaiser, F. G. (June 20-23, 2023). Assessing pro-environmental behavior and environmental attitudes. International Conference on Environmental Psychology, Aarhus, Denmark. <https://icep2023.au.dk/>

Gerdes, R., & Bauske, E. (September 10-15, 2022). Acceptance of environmental policies and sustainable technologies. 52nd Congress of the German Psychological Society (DGPs), Hildesheim, Germany. <https://www.uni-hildesheim.de/dgps2022/>

Grants

Oct 2023 – March 2024	Wildfire Ready Quick Response Research and Data Publication, Natural Hazard Center: „ <i>Motivated Reasoning and Burn Ban Decisions by County Commissioners</i> ” Jose, E. (State University of New York at Buffalo, U.S.), Lammers, W. (KU Leuven, Belgium), & Gerdes, R. (Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany), https://hazards.colorado.edu/research/weather-ready-research/funded-proposals (7.500\$)
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Scholarships and Further Training

July – August 2022	International Rationality Summer Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany
Oct 2020 – April 2022	COMETiN 7 (Coaching and career program for excellent female junior scientists), Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany
February 2020	International Winter School „Impact Assessment of European Climate Policy“, TU Bergakademie Freiberg and Forschungszentrum Jülich
February – April 2019	Erasmus+ Higher Education Scholarship, Political Psychology Lab, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

Membership	German Psychological Society (DGPs)
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