

FAHIMA FARKHARI

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 02/2025 – present **Project manager and Counsellor**
TU Dortmund University
Section: Psychological Student Counselling
Project aimed at improving the mental health of international students
Supervisors: Dr. Heidrun Olsen, Dr. Irene Szymanski, Ellen Wiese
- 10/2021 – present **Research Associate and Doctoral Student**
University of Münster, Department of Psychology
Section: Psychological Assessment and Personality Psychology
Thesis Title: *Psychological and social consequences of right-wing authoritarianism – Exploring individual- and context-level moderators*
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Mitja Back, Prof. Dr. Bernd Schlipphak
- Associated Doctoral Member**
University of Münster, Cluster of Excellence Religion and Politics
Section: Graduate School
Mentor: Prof. Dr. Christel Gärtner
- 11/2019 – 09/2021 **Research Associate and Doctoral Student**
Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Department of Communication Science
Section: Communication and Media Psychology
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Tobias Rothmund
- 01/2018 – 10/2019 **Research Assistant**
GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim
Section: Survey Design and Methodology
Supervisors: Dr. Clemens Lechner, Dr. Désirée Nießen
- 08/2018 – 12/2018 **Research Assistant**
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
Section: The European Political Systems and their Integration
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, Dr. Christiane Grill
- 07/2017 – 12/2017 **Research Intern**
GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim
Section: Survey Design and Methodology
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Daniel Danner, Dr. Désirée Nießen
- 03/2017 – 08/2017 **Research Assistant**
Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden
Section: Migration and Mobility
Supervisor: PD Dr. Heiko Rüger

EDUCATION

- 09/2015 – 10/2019 **M.Sc. in Psychology**, University of Mannheim
Thesis Title: *A Comparison of Measurement Approaches of Politically Motivated Selective Exposure in Political Everyday Conversations*
- 09/2016 – 01/2017 Semester abroad, Queen's University Belfast
- 09/2017 – 01/2019 **Master studies in Political Science**, University of Mannheim
- 10/2011 – 09/2015 **B.Sc. in Psychology**, University of Koblenz-Landau
- 09/2014 – 01/2015 Semester abroad, Autonomous University of Madrid

PUBLICATIONS

- Azevedo, F., Pavlović, T., Rêgo, G. G., Ay, F. C.; Gjoneska, B.; Etienne, T.; ... **Farkhari, F.**; ... Sampaio, W. M. (2023). Social and Moral Psychology of COVID-19 Across 69 Countries. *Scientific Data*, 10, Article 272. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-023-02080-8>
- Bläsi, J., Frenken, M., **Farkhari, F.**, & Kazarovytska, F. (in press): Commemorating or Closing? A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Perpetrator Memory in Germany. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*.
- Farkhari, F.**, Scharbert, J., Kroencke, L., Schwarzer, C., Koch, J. F., Van Zalk, M. H. W., Schlipphak, B., & Back, M. D. (2025). Right-wing authoritarianism and perceptions that minoritized groups pose a threat: The moderating roles of individual- and country-level religiosity and marginalization. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 64, Article e12830. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12830>
- Farkhari, F.**, Schlipphak, B., & Back, M. D. (2022). Individual-level predictors of conspiracy mentality in Germany and Poland. *Politics & Governance*, 10(4), 203-215. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v10i4.5865>
- Pavlović, T., Azevedo, F., De, K., Riaño-Moreno, J. C., Maglić, M., Gkinopoulos, T., ... **Farkhari, F.**, ... Keudel, O. (2022). Predicting attitudinal and behavioral responses to COVID-19 pandemic using machine learning. *PNAS Nexus*, 1(3), Article pgac093. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgac093>
- Rothmund, T., **Farkhari, F.**, Ziemer, C. T., & Azevedo, F. (2022). Psychological underpinnings of pandemic denial-patterns of disagreement with scientific experts in the German public during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Public Understanding of Science*, 31(4), 437-457. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2F09636625211068131>
- Van Bavel, J. J.; Cichocka, A.; Capraro, V.; Sjästad, H.; Nezlek, J. B.; Pavlović, T.; ... **Farkhari, F.**; ... Boggio, P. S. (2022). National identity predicts public health support during a global pandemic. *Nature Communications*, 13, Article 15. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-27668-9>
- Ziemer, C., **Farkhari, F.**, & Rothmund, T. (2021). Was zeichnet Pandemieeugner*innen aus? – Eine Analyse politischer Einstellungen, kognitiver Stile und Mediennutzung [What characterizes pandemic deniers? – An Analysis of Political Attitudes, Cognitive Styles, and Media Use]. In Institut für Demokratie und Zivilgesellschaft (Ed.), *Wissen schafft Demokratie. Schwerpunkt Demokratiegefährdungen in der Coronakrise* (Vol. 2, pp. 28-41). <https://www.idz-jena.de/wsddet/wsd9-4>

FUNDING AND AWARDS

04/2025	Citizen Science Award of the University of Münster, participation as a Co-Curator in the project Homes Heimat: Postcolonialism, Narratives, Photography [Link]
07/2023	DAAD conference scholarship for the 8th Biennial Conference of the Association for Research in Personality, Evanston (USA) and the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Montréal (Canada)
04/2021	Nomination for the “Teaching in a Time of Pandemic Award” by the Student Representatives of Communication Science, FSU Jena
03/2021	Winner of the Three Minute Thesis Competition, FSU Jena [Link]
01/2013 – 07/2018	Scholarship of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

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MEDIA AND OUTREACH

- 07/2025 Video on daily life as research associate and PhD student in psychology [[Link](#)]
02/2025 PsyPost article covering my research on right-wing authoritarianism [[Link](#)]
12/2024 Video on my research in political psychology [[Link](#)]

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses in Personality and Ability Assessment, Goal-Oriented Diagnostic Interviewing, Aspects of Integral Counselling, Causes and Forms of Deviant Behaviour, Intergroup Communication, and Differential Communication Psychology at the University of Münster, FH Münster University of Applied Sciences, University of Applied Sciences for Police and Public Administration in North Rhine-Westphalia, and Friedrich Schiller University Jena;
Psychoeducational courses at TU Dortmund University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selection)

- Farkhari, F., Schwarzer, C., Scharbert, J., Kroencke, L., Kuper, N., & Back, M. D. (2023, September 27). Affective and attitudinal trajectories during the U.S. presidential elections 2020 - the role of political ideology [Conference presentation]. 17th Meeting of the Section Differential Psychology and Psychological Assessment of the German Psychological Society, Salzburg, Austria.
- Farkhari, F., Scharbert, J., Kroencke, L., Schlipphak, B., & Back, M. D. (2023, July 22). Right-wing authoritarianism and threat perceptions towards ethnic minorities across countries: The role of religiosity and marginalization [Conference presentation]. 8th Biennial Conference of the Association for Research in Personality, Evanston, USA.
- Farkhari, F., Scharbert, J., Kroencke, L., Schlipphak, B., & Back, M. D. (2023, July 10). Right-wing authoritarianism and threat perceptions towards ethnic minorities across countries: The role of religiosity and marginalization [Conference presentation]. Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Montréal, Canada.
- Farkhari, F., Schlipphak, B., & Back, M. D. (2022, September 14). *Feeling threatened by refugees and Muslims: The predictive role of political ideology, religiosity, and perceived societal marginalization* [Conference presentation]. Annual Congress of the German Psychological Society, Hildesheim, Germany.
- Farkhari, F., Schlipphak, B., & Back, M. D. (2022, February 17). *Feeling threatened by immigrants and Muslims: The predictive role of political ideology, religiosity, and perceived societal marginalization* [Poster presentation]. Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.
- Farkhari, F., Rothmund, T., Stier, S., & Breuer, J. (2021, July 11-12). *Do Liberals and Conservatives Differ in their Susceptibility to Politically Concordant Misinformation?* [Conference presentation]. Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

German Psychological Association (DGPs; Section Differential Psychology and Psychological Assessment; Section Social Psychology); International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)