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Research and Teaching Interests

Social justice, identity and climate politics

Public discourse and political communication

Social and environmental psychology

Philosophy of science and public understanding of science

Education

University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2017 - 2021

Amsterdam School of Communication Research, PhD

· obtained the Dutch “University Teaching Qualification (BKO)” in 2019¹

University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2015-17

Research Master Social Science, MSc (cum laude)

University of Copenhagen, Denmark 2014-15

Sociology, BSc (no degree received)

University of Roskilde, Denmark 2013-14

Global Studies, MSc (no degree received)

University of Vienna, Austria 2009-12

Economics, BSc (with distinction)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Tschötschel, R. Past the tipping point: Climate change and and the public sphere in Germany and the United States (Doctoral dissertation). University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. <https://hdl.handle.net/11245.1/3765fbc1-36a1-4e3b-a949-d42e4e9d0322>

Tschötschel, R., Schuck, A., Schwinges, A., & Wonneberger, A. (2021). Climate change policy support, behaviour change, and their drivers largely unaffected by consensus messages in Germany. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 76, 101655. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvp.2021.101655>

Finset, A., Bosworth, H., Butow, P., Gulbrandsen, P., Hulsman, R. L., Pieterse, A. H., Street, R., Tschoetschel, R., & Weert, J. van. (2020). Effective health communication – a key factor in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. *Patient Education and Counseling*, 103(5), 873–876. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pec.2020.03.027>

¹ See https://www.universiteitenvannederland.nl/en_GB/utg

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- Jacobs, T., & Tschötschel, R. (2019). Topic models meet discourse analysis: a quantitative tool for a qualitative approach. *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13645579.2019.1576317>
- Blok, A., & Tschötschel, R. (2015). World port cities as cosmopolitan risk community: Mapping urban climate policy experiments in Europe and East Asia. *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*, 34(4), 717–736. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0263774x15614673>

Other Publications

- Tschötschel, R. (2021, Sept 28). Nicht mehr übers Ob – es ist höchste Zeit, über das Wie im Klimaschutz zu sprechen. *klimafakten.de*. <https://www.klimafakten.de/meldung/nicht-mehr-uebers-ob-es-ist-hoechste-zeit-ueber-das-wie-im-klimaschutz-zu-sprechen>
- Tschötschel, R. (2021). Polarisation vs consensus-building: How US and German news media portray climate change as a feature of political identities. Preprint published on SocArXiv. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/r5zdc>
- Tschötschel, R. & Jacobs, T. (2021). Bringing agency back in: the missing link between identity, knowledge, and mediated discourse. Preprint published on SocArXiv. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/k87cd>
- Tschötschel, R. (2020, April 28). Why we need to talk less about climate science. *communicatingcommunication.com*. <https://www.communicatingcommunication.com/single-post/2020/04/28/why-we-need-to-talk-less-about-climate-science-and-focus-on-politics-instead>

Teaching

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| University of Amsterdam , Phd Candidate | 2017 - 2021 |
| tutorials in “Political Communication and Journalism” and “Philosophy of Science & Methodology”. Internship, bachelor and master thesis supervision | |
| University of Amsterdam , Junior Lecturer | 2015 - 2017 |
| tutorial/seminar development and teaching in research methods, economics, rhetoric, “Solidarity”, and “Societal Challenges” for students in the “Politics, Philosophy, Law, and Economics” bachelor programme | |
| Roskilde University , Instructor | 2013 - 2014 |
| teaching “Globalisation, Welfare and Inequality” for bachelor students in the Global Studies programme | |
| University of Vienna , Teaching Assistant | 2010 |
| teaching “Analysis” for statistics and economics students | |

Workshops & Presentations

- “When it gets political: strategies for taking part in public controversies”. Workshop (Chair/facilitation) at the Forum Wissenschaftskommunikation, organised by “Wissenschaft im Dialog”, the German organisation for science communication of the scientific community. October 2021.

- “Between a rock and a hard place: science, politics and the future of climate change communication”. Featured Roundtable (Chair) at the European Consortium for Political Research general conference, September 2021 (virtual conference).
- “Immutable Gateways? The Negligible Effects of Climate Change Consensus Messages in Germany”. Paper presentation at the International Communication Association annual conference, May 2021 (virtual conference).
- “(De-)Politicising Knowledge: A key factor in managing Crises”. Presentation at the European Communication Research and Education Association Political Science section interim conference. Bucharest, Romania (virtual conference), March 2021.
- “Identity polarisation in German and US online climate change news”. Paper presented at International Communication Association (ICA), Gold Coast, Australia. May 2020.
- “The good, the bad and the ugly: Patterns of controversy and consensus in German, Canadian, and US climate change news. Paper presented at the IECA Bi-Annual Conference on Communication and Environment, Vancouver, Canada, June 2019.
- “Co-constructing identity and knowledge through communication: The case of climate change”. Paper presented at ECREA Philosophy of Communication Section Workshop. Tel Aviv, Israel. September 2019.
- “Patterns of controversy in US, Canadian, and German online climate change news”. Paper presented at the ECREA Bi-Annual Conference, Lugano, Switzerland, November 2018.
- “To grow or not to grow? Studying economic discourse with topic models”. Paper presentation at the “PoliticoGenetmaal”. Leiden, Netherlands. June 2017
- “Poverty indicators in European Union macro-economic governance”. Short presentation at the Centre for Sustainable Development Studies conference “Critical perspectives on governance by sustainable development goals”. Amsterdam, Netherlands. June 2016

University Service & Administrative Work

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| University of Amsterdam | 2017-2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · organisation and moderation of webinar “How to solve climate change by 2030” (with Laura Burgers) · participation as lecturer in the Amsterdam School of Communication Research’s “Election Roadshow”, informing high school students about (online) political campaigning, social media, and misinformation · co-organisation and facilitation of public symposium “Discussing Climate Change with Future Generations” (with Laura Burgers and Chantal Mak) | |
| University of Vienna | 2010 - 2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · student representative in the Academic Senate | |
| University of Vienna, student council economics | 2010 - 2012 |

Software and Technical Skills

Qualitative analysis using ATLAS.ti

Statistical programming in R, SPSS, and Stata

Software development in Python, including use of the Django web framework

Remote server and project administration: Linux, Docker, Git

Languages

German, native language

English, near-native

Danish, near-native

French, intermediate proficiency

Dutch, intermediate proficiency

Non-academic Work

Dance Instruction, freelance 2018 - 2020

Journalism, freelance 2014 - 2015

Software development, freelance 2008 - 2012

Academic References

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