

OLGA POLUEKTOVA

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social psychology, health psychology, gender, reproductive rights, appraisal theory, emotion, causal attribution, attitude formation and change

METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

Systematic reviews, secondary data analysis, experiments, randomised controlled trials, surveys, regression modelling including multi-level models

EDUCATION

April 2022

Ph.D. in Psychology

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (Bremen, Germany)

Thesis: “A Social-Cognitive Approach to the Socioeconomic Gap in Achievement: The Effects of Growing up in Economically Challenging Environment on Self-Efficacy, Problem-Focused Coping Potential and Attribution of Success and Failure”.
Supervisors: Arvid Kappas, Sonja Drobic, Craig Smith

June 2015

MSc. in Applied Social Psychology (*with distinction*)

Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)

Thesis: “The relationship between poverty and individual psychological characteristics”. Supervisors: Maria Efremova, Seger Breugelmans

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

July 2021 – June 2024

Postdoctoral research fellow at the Behavioural Research Unit, Economic and Social Research Institute (Dublin, Ireland).

Research projects:

- “Motivating shopping around for financial products: A randomised controlled trial of a boost intervention”. With Deirdre Robertson, Shane Timmons and Pete Lunn. Link to the working paper: <https://www.esri.ie/publications/a-behaviourally-informed-app-can-encourage-switching-of-financial-products>
- “The effects of information materials and of comprehension on the willingness to participate in cervical screening”. With Deirdre Robertson and Pete Lunn. Link to the journal article: <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjhp.12727>
- “Eco-labels as predictors of sustainable clothes choices”. With Shane Timmons and Pete Lunn.

- “Primacy effects in the formation of environmental attitudes”. With Hannah Julienne, Deirdre Robertson, Aoife Braiden and Pete Lunn. Link to the journal article: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvp.2024.102248>.
- “Consumer satisfaction when faced with complex choices”. With Martina Barjaková and Pete Lunn. Link to the working paper: <https://www.esri.ie/publications/testing-a-behaviourally-informed-product-comparison-tool-for-private-health-insurance>).
- “Behavioural economics and antibiotics prescription decisions”. Link to the journal article: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jacamr/dlad043>.
- “Attitudes and social activity during Covid-19 pandemic in Ireland”. With Pete Lunn, Shane Timmons, Deirdre Robertson, Hannah Julienne, Ciaran Lavin. Link to the journal publication: <https://doi.org/10.1017/bpp.2024.9>

February 2017 – July 2020

Doctoral research fellow at Jacobs University Bremen (Bremen, Germany).

Research project:

“Socio-cognitive approach to socioeconomic gap in achievement”. Under the supervision of Arvid Kappas, Sonja Drobic and Craig Smith. Link to the journal article: <https://doi.org/10.1177/17540739231164367>. Link to the doctoral thesis: <http://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:gbv:579-opus-1010142>.

September 2015 – January 2017

Research assistant at the International Laboratory for Sociocultural Research, Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia).

Research project:

Psychological effects of living in poverty. Under the supervision of Maria Efremova and Seger Breugelmans. Link to the commentary: <https://research.tilburguniversity.edu/en/publications/the-elusive-constellations-of-poverty>. Link to the journal article: <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijop.12845>.

VISITING POSITIONS

<i>April 2023 – today</i>	Visiting Fellow at the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland)
<i>November 2019 – March 2020</i>	Visiting Fellow at the School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom)

AWARDS AND FUNDING

2020	DAAD STIBET: Stipend for doctoral students in Germany (€5,000)
2016	“Talent Pool” Award for young researchers of the Higher School of Economics (€2,000)
2016	Funding for participation in the Summer School on social research on hard-to-survey samples within the “Inclusive Growth Research Infrastructure Diffusion” project (€800)
2016	Funding from the Higher School of Economics to organise a workshop on ethics in psychological research (€1,000)

2016 Funding from the Higher School of Economics for the participation at the 31st International Congress of Psychology a Yokohama, Japan (€1,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

1. **Poluektova, O.**, Robertson D., Papadopoulos A., Lunn P.D. (2024). Trust in cervical screening and attributions of blame for interval cancers following a national controversy. *British Journal of Health Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjhp.12727>
2. **Poluektova, O.**, Julianne, H., Robertson, D. A., Braiden, A. K., & Lunn, P. D. (2024). Primacy effects in the formation of environmental attitudes: The case of mineral exploration. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 102248. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvp.2024.102248>
3. Lunn, P.D., Timmons, S., Robertson D.A., Julianne H., Lavin C., Barjaková, M., **Poluektova O.**, et al. (2024). Behavioural evidence to inform the COVID-19 pandemic response: Ireland's Social Activity Measure (SAM). *Behavioural Public Policy*, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1017/bpp.2024.9>
4. **Poluektova, O.**, Robertson, D. A., Rafferty, A., Cunney, R., & Lunn, P. D. (2023). A scoping review and behavioural analysis of factors underlying overuse of antimicrobials. *JAC-Antimicrobial Resistance*, 5(3), dlad043, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jacamr/dlad043>
5. **Poluektova, O.**, Kappas, A., & Smith, C. A. (2023). Using Bandura's self-efficacy theory to explain individual differences in the appraisal of problem-focused coping potential. *Emotion Review*, 15(4), 302-312. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17540739231164367>
6. **Poluektova, O.**, Efremova, M., & Breugelmans, S. M. (2022). Psychological patterns of poverty in Russia: Relationships among socioeconomic conditions, motivation, self-regulation and well-being. *International Journal of Psychology*, 57(5), 660-675. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijop.12845>
7. Breugelmans, S. M., Plantinga, A., Zeelenberg, M., **Poluektova, O.**, & Efremova, M. (2018). The elusive constellations of poverty. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 40, 18-19. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X17000899>
8. Grigoryan, L, Khaptsova, A., & **Poluektova, O.** (2018). The challenges of adapting a questionnaire to a new cultural context: The case of studying group-based guilt and shame in Russia. *Cultural-Historical Psychology*, 14(1), 98-106. <https://doi.org/10.17759/chp.201814011> 1

Articles under review

1. **Poluektova, O.**, Kappas A., Smith C.A. The role of socioeconomic background in the psychological response to challenge (draft available on request).
2. **Poluektova, O.**, Robertson D.A, Lunn P.D. Reducing blame for false results in population-based health screening: The roles of stereotypes of medical scientists and control perceptions. (draft available on request).
3. **Poluektova, O.**, Robertson D.A, Lunn P.D. The impact of an official cervical screening information leaflet on comprehension and participation intentions. (draft available on request).
4. **Poluektova, O.**, Barjaková, M., and Lunn, P.D. Enhancing consumer satisfaction in complex decision-making through a sequential elimination approach: The case of private health insurance. (<https://www.esri.ie/publications/testing-a-behaviourally-informed-product-comparison-tool-for-private-health-insurance>).

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND ROUNDTABLES

- 2024 European roundtable on the role of behaviour for net-zero. Online. (*participant*)
- 2023 “Trust in cervical screening and attributions of blame for interval cancers following a national screening controversy”. 37th Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society. Bremen, Germany. (*talk, presenter*)
- 2023 “Social and psychological factors underlying antimicrobial prescription decisions”. 37th Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society. Bremen, Germany. (*poster*)
- 2023 “Trust in cervical screening and attributions of blame for interval cancers following a national screening controversy”. IAREP-SABE 47th International Conference. Nice, France. (*talk, presenter*)
- 2022 “Testing a behaviourally informed product comparison tool for private health insurance”. 15th Annual Economics and Psychology Conference. Dublin, Ireland. (*talk, presenter*)
- 2021 “A Scoping review and behavioural analysis of non-clinical factors underlying antibiotic overprescription”. 14th Annual Economics and Psychology Conference. Dublin, Ireland. (*talk, presenter*)
- 2019 “Mechanism underlying the effects of family income on students’ educational expectations”. Growing Up in Ireland: 11th Annual Research Conference. Dublin, Ireland. (*talk, presenter*)
- 2016 “Poverty and Psychology”. 31st International Congress of Psychology. Yokohama, Japan. (*talk, presenter*)
- 2016 “Individual Psychological Characteristics of People Living in Poverty”. 17th April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development. Moscow, Russia. (*talk, presenter*)

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “Environmental attitudes formation”. Behavioural Science and Policy Group Weekly Seminar, University College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2021 “Behaviour, attitudes and communication: Information sharing and public understanding in the mining sector”. PACIFIC symposium, University of Grenoble, France.
- 2020 “Self-Efficacy and educational expectations of students from low-income families”. Department of Social Work, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 2023 Facilitating Q&A session to inform the Irish health insurance regulator (*Health Insurance Authority*) about the development of a comparison tool for private health insurance.
- 2023 Presenting the results of a research on health insurance choices to the marketing team of an Irish health insurance company (*VHI Health Insurance Ireland*).
- 2023 Participating in a round table with researchers and policymakers on communicating uncertainty involved in cervical screening.
- 2019 Organising a workshop on doing social science research for high school students, as part of the University of Bremen *Summer Academy*.

TEACHING

2019/2020 (<i>fall semester</i>)	<p>“Academic and Professional Skills”</p> <p>Jacobs University (Bremen, Germany)</p> <p><u>Level:</u> Bachelor</p> <p><u>Role:</u> Lecturer</p> <p><u>Language of instruction:</u> English</p>
2016/2017 (<i>fall semester</i>)	<p>“Advanced Social Psychology”</p> <p>Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)</p> <p><u>Level:</u> Masters</p> <p><u>Role:</u> Co-lecturer</p> <p><u>Language of instruction:</u> English</p>
2016/2017 (<i>fall semester</i>)	<p>“Cross-Cultural Psychology”</p> <p>Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)</p> <p><u>Level:</u> Masters</p> <p><u>Role:</u> Co-lecturer</p> <p><u>Language of instruction:</u> English</p>
2016/2017	<p>“Economic Psychology Research Seminar”</p> <p>Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)</p> <p><u>Level:</u> Masters</p> <p><u>Role:</u> Co-lecturer</p> <p><u>Language of instruction:</u> English</p>
2016/2017 (<i>spring semester</i>)	<p>“Social Influence”</p> <p>Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)</p> <p><u>Level:</u> Masters</p> <p><u>Role:</u> Co-lecturer</p> <p><u>Language of instruction:</u> English</p>

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2022	“Coding in JavaScript”. Online course on Udemy.
2022	“Data visualisation in R”. ESRI, Dublin, Ireland.
2021	“R programming”. Online course on DataCamp.

- 2016 “Working with hard-to-survey samples”. Summer School. INGRID, Leuven, Belgium.
- 2016 “Cross-cultural research designs”. Summer School. Higher School of Economics, Russia.
- 2016 “Cross-cultural data analysis”. Summer School. Higher School of Economics, Russia.

LANGUAGES

Russian – native

English – C2

Italian – C2 (Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera, 2024)

COMPUTER SKILLS

R (full professional capacity)

SPSS (full professional capacity)

Stata (independent user)

JavaScript (independent user)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Italian Association of Psychology

European Society for Health Psychology

International Association for Research in Economic Psychology

UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab

AD-HOC REVIEW ACTIVITY

Frontiers in Psychology

BMJ Open

JAC – Antimicrobial Resistance