

Tobias Rothmund

Personal Data

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Qualifications and Career

Stages	Periods and Details	
Degree programme	1997–2004	Psychology, U Trier, Germany
Doctorate	2010	Suspicious Minds – Differential Effects of Virtual Aggression in Video Games on Trust and Cooperation. Supervisors: Mario Gollwitzer, Christoph Klimmt, U Koblenz-Landau, Germany

Stages of academic/professional career	
2018–	Professor (W2) (Psychology of Communication and Media Use), FSU, Germany
2014–2016	Interim Professor (Psychological Diagnostics, Evaluation, and Intervention), TU Darmstadt, Germany
2013–2018	Junior Professor (Political Psychology), Institute for Communication Psychology and Media Education (IKM), U Koblenz-Landau, Germany
2008–2012	Doctoral/Postdoctoral Researcher (Differential and Personality Psychology), Center for Methodology, Diagnostics and Evaluation, U Koblenz-Landau, Germany
2006–2009	Doctoral Researcher, DFG project: 'Reception and Effects of Violent Computer Games', U Koblenz-Landau, Germany

Activities in the Research System

2024–	Director at the Centre for Right-Wing Extremism Research, Democracy Education and Societal Integration (KomRex), FSU
2023–	Project Head, 'Sensitization towards Political Bias as a Challenge for Science Communication', funded by the BMBF
2023–	Director, Department of Communication Science, FSU
2021–2024	Principal Investigator, Network of Excellence for Training on Hate (NETHATE) (funded by the EU research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 under Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement no. 861047)
2020–2023	Board member, Centre for Right-Wing Extremism Research, Democracy Education and Societal Integration (KomRex), FSU
2018–2020	Associate Editor, <i>European Journal of Social Psychology</i> (EJSP)
2012	Visiting Scholar, NYU (USA)

- 2011–2016 Project Head (with Mario Gollwitzer), ‘Motivated Biases in the Reception of Scientific Knowledge (II): Mechanisms and Consequences’, subproject of DFG SPP 1409: ‘Science and the General Public: Understanding Fragile and Conflicting Evidence’, U Münster
- 2009–2012 Principal Investigator, VISCOM (funded by VolkswagenStiftung)

Scientific Results

Category A

- Ziemer, Carolin Theresa, and **Tobias Rothmund**. ‘Psychological Underpinnings of Misinformation Countermeasures: A Systematic Scoping Review’. *Journal of Media Psychology: Theories, Methods, and Applications*, 2024 (online first). – <https://doi.org/10.1027/1864-1105/a000407>.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, Fahima Farkhari, Carolin-Theresa Ziemer and Flávio Azevedo. ‘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), 2022, 437–457. – <https://doi.org/10.1177/09636625211068131>.
- Van Bavel, Jay J., Aleksandra Cichoka, et int, **Tobias Rothmund**, et int, Paulo S. Boggio. ‘National Identity Predicts Public Health Support during a Global Pandemic’. *Nature Communications* 13(517), 2022, 1–14. – <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-27668-9>.
- Bromme, Laurits, **Tobias Rothmund** and Flávio Azevedo. ‘Mapping Political Trust and Involvement in the Personality Space – A Meta-Analysis and New Evidence’. *Journal of Personality* 90(6), 2022, 846–872. – <https://doi.org/10.1111/jopy.12700>.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, Laurits Bromme and Flávio Azevedo. ‘Justice for the People? How Justice Sensitivity Can Foster and Impair Support for Populist Radical-Right Parties and Politicians in the United States and in Germany’. *Political Psychology* 41(3), 2020, 479–497. – <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12632>.
- Azevedo, Flávio, John T. Jost, **Tobias Rothmund** and Joanna Sterling. ‘Neoliberal Ideology and the Justification of Inequality in Capitalist Societies: Why Social and Economic Dimensions of Ideology Are Intertwined’. *Journal of Social Issues* 75(1), 2019, 49–88. – <https://doi.org/10.1111/josi.12310>.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, Christoph Klimmt and Mario Gollwitzer. ‘Low Temporal Stability of Excessive Video Game Use in German Adolescents’. *Journal of Media Psychology* 30(2), 2018, 53–65. – <https://doi.org/10.1027/1864-1105/a000177>.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, Anna Baumert and Axel Zinkernagel. ‘The German “Wutbürger” – How Justice Sensitivity Accounts for Individual Differences in Political Engagement’. *Social Justice Research* 27(1), 2014, 24–44. – <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11211-014-0202-x>.
- Maier, Michaela, **Tobias Rothmund**, et int, John C. Besley. ‘Informal Learning through Science Media Usage’. *Educational Psychologist* 49(2), 2014, 86–103. – <https://doi.org/10.1080/00461520.2014.916215>.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, Mario Gollwitzer and Christoph Klimmt. ‘Of Virtual Victims and Victimized Virtues: Differential Effects of Experienced Aggression in Video Games on Social Cooperation’. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* 37(1), 2011, 107–119. – <https://doi.org/10.1177/0146167210391103>.

Category B

- **Rothmund, Tobias**, and Eva Walther, eds. *Psychologie der Rechtsradikalisierung – Perspektiven, Theorien, Prävention*. Stuttgart, Kohlhammer, 2024.
- Imhoff, Roland, Pia Lamberty, **Tobias Rothmund**, et int, Stefan Schulz-Hardt. 'FAQs zu Verschwörungstheorien und Verschwörungsmentalität'. *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie*, 2022. – <https://www.dgps.de/schwerpunkte/task-force-verschwoerungstheorien/>.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, and Carolin-Theresa Ziemer. 'Zur Psychologie der Unterstützung rechts-populistischer Parteien und PolitikerInnen'. In *Rechtsextremismus, Demokratiebildung, gesellschaftliche Integration*, ed. by Andreas Beelmann and Danny Michelsen. Wiesbaden, Springer VS, 2022, 103–125. – https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-35564-7_6.
- Halmburger, Anna, **Tobias Rothmund**, Anna Baumert and Jürgen Maier. 'Trust in Politicians: Understanding and Measuring the Perceived Trustworthiness of Specific Politicians and Politicians in General as Multidimensional Constructs'. In *Wahrnehmung – Persönlichkeit – Einstellungen. Wahlen und politische Einstellungen*, ed. by Evelyn Bytzek, Markus Steinbrecher and Ulrich Rosar. Wiesbaden, Springer VS, 2019, 235–302. – https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-21216-2_8.
- Stier, Sebastian, Arnim Bleier, et int, **Tobias Rothmund**, et int, Steffen Staab. 'Systematically Monitoring Social Media: The Case of the German Federal Election 2017'. *GESIS Papers* 4, 2018. – <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/5zpm9>.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, Julia C. Becker and John T. Jost. 'The Psychology of Social Justice in Political Thought and Action'. In *Handbook of Social Justice Theory and Research*, ed. by Clara Sabbagh and Manfred Schmitt. New York, Springer, 2016, 275–293. – https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4939-3216-0_15.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, and Kai Arzheimer. 'Politische Ideologien'. In *Politische Psychologie: Handbuch für Studium und Wissenschaft*, ed. by Sonja Zmerli and Ofer Feldman. Baden-Baden, Nomos, 2015, 123–143. – <https://doi.org/10.5771/9783845250946-123>.
- Baumert, Anna, **Tobias Rothmund**, et int, Manfred Schmitt. 'Justice as a Moral Motive: Belief in a Just World and Justice Sensitivity as Potential Indicators of the Justice Motive'. In *Handbook of Moral Motivation*, ed. by Karin Heinrichs, Fritz Oser and Terence Lovat (book series: *Moral Development and Citizenship Education* 1). Rotterdam, Sense Publishers, 2013, 159–179. – https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-6209-275-4_10.
- **Rothmund, Tobias**, Mario Gollwitzer, Anna Baumert and Manfred Schmitt. 'The Psychological Functions of Justice in Mass Media'. In *Media and the Moral Mind*, ed. by Ron Tamborini. London and New York, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, 2012, 170–197.

Academic Distinctions

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| 2020 | Invited member of #FactoryWissKomm of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to develop action perspectives for science communication |
| 2018 | Transfer Award for Science Communication on the topic of 'Alternative Facts', U Koblenz-Landau |
| 2011, 2013, 2014 | Best Teaching Award, U Koblenz-Landau |