

Dr. Emilija Meier-Faust

Academic Curriculum Vitae

German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) · Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)
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Born 20 July 1988 in Šiauliai, Lithuania · Updated August 2026

Research Interests

Personality · psychological assessment · socioeconomic background · social inequality · academic achievement · longitudinal data analysis · structural equation modelling (SEM) · multitrait-multimethod models (MTMM)

Education

- 2016–2021

Dr. rer. nat. in Psychology · Freie Universität Berlin
Berlin, Germany. Doctoral thesis: *Are we what others see? Parental perspective on offspring’s personality*. Supervised by Prof. Rainer Watermann and Prof. Oliver Lüdtke.
- 2013–2016

Master of Science in Psychology (1.7) · Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Berlin, Germany. Master’s thesis (1.5): *Personality trajectories in immigrants in Germany – Longitudinal analysis of data from the German Socio-Economic Panel*. Supervised by Prof. Denis Gerstorf.
- 2010–2013

Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Philosophy (1.6) · Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Berlin, Germany. Bachelor’s thesis (1.7): *Are narcissists stressed out by negative interactions? An examination of the link between narcissism and perceived stress*. Supervised by Prof. Matthias Ziegler.
- 2000–2008

Abitur (1.1) · Ursulinen-Gymnasium
Mannheim, Germany.

Work Experience

- 2022–present

Postdoctoral Researcher · German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)
Berlin, Germany. Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). Principal investigator (PI) for the SOEP subproject of the Bremen Initiative to Foster Early Childhood Development (BRISE).
- 2021–2022

Postdoctoral Researcher · Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Berlin, Germany. Institute for Educational Quality Improvement (IQB).
- 2016–2021

Doctoral Researcher · Freie Universität Berlin
Berlin, Germany. Research group Empirical Research in Education.
- 2014–2015

Research Assistant · Berlin School of Mind and Brain
Berlin, Germany. Research group Social Cognition.
- 2011–2014

Research Assistant · Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Berlin, Germany. Research group Engineering Psychology.

Teaching Experience

- Winter 2011/12

Tutorial for Psychology Freshmen · Bachelor’s Seminar
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Winter 2016/17; Summer 2018	Quantitative Research Methods I and II · Bachelor's Seminar Freie Universität Berlin.
Winter 2017/18– 2020/21	Research Planning and Publication · Master's Seminar Freie Universität Berlin.
Summer 2025; Summer 2026	Introduction to Quantitative Assessment Methods · Bachelor's Lecture Sigmund Freud PrivatUniversität Berlin.

Awards

2008	Scheffel Prize Best performance in German; Literary Society Karlsruhe.
2008	Franz Schnabel Medal Best performance in history; Upper-Rhenish Foundation for History and Culture.
2008	School Prize Best performance in English; Ursulinen-Gymnasium Mannheim.
2008	School Prize Recognition for a particularly strong overall Abitur performance; Ursulinen-Gymnasium Mannheim.
2019	Graduate Travel Award Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention; Portland, Oregon, USA.
2021	Graduate Registration Award Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Digital Convention.
2021	Nomination for the Departmental Teaching Award Department of Education and Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin (<i>Preis für beste Lehre am Fachbereich</i>).
2023	Diversity Travel Award Association for Research in Personality (ARP) Convention; Evanston, Illinois, USA.
2024	NEPS Publication Award Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories (LIfBi); Bamberg, Germany.

Funding

2019	USD 500 · Graduate Travel Award Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).
2019	EUR 1,179.73 · Research Stimulation Funding (Anreizmittel) Department of Education and Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin.
2019	EUR 714.73 · Research Stimulation Funding (Anreizmittel) Department of Education and Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin.
2021	EUR 400 · Research Stimulation Funding (Anreizmittel) Department of Psychology and Educational Research, Freie Universität Berlin.
2023	USD 500 · Diversity Travel Award Association for Research in Personality (ARP).
2024	EUR 1,000 · NEPS Publication Award Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories (LIfBi).

Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMBFSFJ). SOEP subproject of the Bremen Initiative to Foster Early Childhood Development (BRISE), grant number 01NV2001B; project period 1 March 2025–28 February 2029.

Publications

- 2022 **Meier-Faust, E.**
Are we what others see? Parental perspective on offspring's personality
 Doctoral dissertation, Freie Universität Berlin. doi:10.17169/refubium-33088
- 2024 **Meier-Faust, E. & Watermann, R.**
Perceiver effects within families: Socioeconomic background and parental perspective on elementary school students' personality
Journal of Personality Assessment, 106(4), 482–495. doi:10.1080/00223891.2023.2286449
- 2025 Möwisch, D., Wienke, A. S., **Meier-Faust, E.**, Mathes, B., & Attig, M.
Cumulative socioeconomic risk factors and infant temperament
 In J. Ziehm-Eicher, M. Hasselhorn, & H.-G. Roßbach (Eds.), *Kinder mit erhöhtem Risiko für Bildungsmisserfolg* (Edition ZfE, Vol. 20). Springer VS, Wiesbaden. doi:10.1007/978-3-658-48674-7_1
- 2026 Sielschott¹, S., Bröder¹, C., **Meier-Faust, E.**, & Watermann, R.
Wen erreichen Hochschulen mit einem Orientierungsstudium?
Zeitschrift für empirische Hochschulforschung, 9(1), 5–27. doi:10.3224/zehf.v9i1.02
- 2026 **Meier-Faust, E.**, Schulze, A., Martin, Y., Daniel, A., & Bergann, S.
Personality in the classroom: Interactions of parental SES and students' Big Five in predicting school performance
European Journal of Personality, 40(4), 755–775. Online first 2025. doi:10.1177/08902070251400510

Presentations

- Oct 2017 **Socioeconomic Status and Personality Development in Children**
 Second International National Educational Panel Study (NEPS) Conference · Poster presentation · Bamberg, Germany.
- Feb 2019 **Personality of Adolescents: MTMM Analyses of Self- and Parent Reports on the Big Five**
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention · Poster presentation · Portland, Oregon, USA.
- Feb 2019 **The Parental Perspective of Children's Personality – Validity and Social Background Effects**
 Conference of the German Society for Research on Education (GEBF) · Poster presentation · Cologne, Germany.
- Mar 2023 **Unequal Opportunities in High School – Interactions of Socioeconomic Background and Personality in Predicting School Performance**
 Conference of the German Society for Research on Education (GEBF) · Individual presentation · Essen, Germany.
- Apr 2023 **Unequal Opportunities in High School – Interactions of Socioeconomic Background and Personality in Predicting School Performance**
 Spring Conference of the Section “Sociology of Education” · Individual presentation · Halle, Germany.
- Jul 2023 **Perceiver Effects Within Families: Socioeconomic Background and Parental Perspective on Elementary School Students' Personality**
 Association for Research in Personality Conference · Poster presentation · Evanston, Illinois, USA.

- May 2024 **Same but Different? Measurement Invariance of a Big Five Short Scale Across Socioeconomic Background**
World Conference on Personality (WAPP) · Individual presentation · Willemstad, Curaçao.
- Sep 2024 **Same but Different? Measurement Invariance of a Big Five Short Scale Across Socioeconomic Background**
53rd Congress of the German Psychological Association (DGPs) · Individual presentation · Vienna, Austria.
- Sep 2024 **Rekrutierungsstrategien und Studienteilnahme junger Familien mit sozioökonomischen Herausforderungen**
53rd Congress of the German Psychological Association (DGPs) · Symposium presentation · Vienna, Austria.
- Sep 2024 **Recruitment Strategies and Study Participation of Young Families with Socio-Economic Challenges**
Third BRISE Conference on Early Childhood Development · Individual presentation · Berlin, Germany.
- Dec 2024 **LifBi Keynote Lecture: Perceiver Effects and Socioeconomic Background: How Parents Describe Their Offspring's Personality**
9th International NEPS Conference · Individual presentation · Bamberg, Germany.
- Mar 2026 **Personality in the Classroom – Effects on Grading across Social Backgrounds and Interplay with Competences**
Conference of the German Society for Research on Education (GEBF) · Individual presentation · Munich, Germany.
- Jul 2026 **Same but different? Measurement invariance of a Big Five Short Scale across Multiple Indicators of Socioeconomic Status**
16th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2026) · Individual presentation · Munich, Germany.
- Sep 2026 **Who Leaves and Why? Understanding Study Dropout in a Sample of Socioeconomically Underprivileged Families in Germany**
54th Congress of the German Psychological Association (DGPs) · Individual presentation · Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.

Academic Self-Administration

- 2023–2026 **Representative of Employees with Disabilities (Schwerbehindertenvertretung, SBV)**
German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Berlin, Germany.
- 2020–2021 **Member of the Search Committee for the Professorship in Education with a Special Focus on Early Childhood Education**
Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- 2019–2021 **Member of the Ethics Committee**
Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- 2019–2021 **Member of the Marie Schlei Prize Committee**
Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- 2013 **Member of the Evaluation Committee for the Junior Professorship in Occupational Psychology**
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany.

Languages

German native

English C2

Lithuanian native

French B2

Software and Programming

R proficient
Mplus proficient
SPSS proficient

Microsoft Office advanced
LaTeX intermediate