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Expertise

Cognitive Neuroscience, Clinical Psychology
Neural and behavioral correlates of emotion regulation
Explicit and implicit cognitive biases and their implication in mental health and illness
Emotional processing in bipolar disorder and its neurobiological underpinnings

Vita

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| Since 04/2013 | Professor for Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology (W3) and Head of the corresponding Department, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz |
| 10/2011 – 03/2013 | Professor for Experimental Psychopathology and Neuroimaging (W3), Department of General Psychiatry, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg |
| 12/2008 – 09/2011 | DFG Emmy Noether research group leader, Department of Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience |
| 04/2007 – 11/2008 | Assistant Professor, Department of Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim |
| 03/2005 – 03/2007 | Postdoctoral researcher, CEA Service Hospitalier Frédéric Joliot, Research group “Neuroimaging in Psychiatry” |
| 02/2004 – 02/2005 | Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim (supervisor: H. Flor) |
| 04/2000 – 01/2004 | Doctoral student, Department of Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim |



Publications

- Wessa M, King AV, Meyer P, Frölich L, Flor H, Poupon C, Hoppstädter M, Linke J (2016) Impaired and preserved aspects of feedback learning in aMCI: contributions of structural connectivity. *Brain Struct Funct* 221(5):2831-46.
- Kanske P, Heissler J, Schönfelder S, Forneck J, Wessa M (2013) Neural correlates of emotional distractibility in bipolar disorder, unaffected relatives and individuals with hypomanic personality. *Am J Psychiatry* 170:1487-1496.
- Kanske P, Heissler J, Schönfelder S, Bongers A, Wessa M (2011) How to Regulate Emotion? Neural Networks for Reappraisal and Distraction. *Cereb Cortex* 21:1379-88.
- Linke J, King AV, Poupon C, Hennerici MG, Gass P, Wessa M (2013) Impaired anatomical connectivity and related executive functions: Differentiating vulnerability and disease marker in bipolar disorder. *Biol Psychiatry* 74:908-916.
- Wessa M, Linke J, Witt S, Nieratschker V, Esslinger C, Kirsch P, Grimm O, Hennerici MG, Gass A, King AV, Rietschel M (2010) The CACNA1C risk variant for bipolar disorder influences limbic activity. *Mol Psychiatry* 15:1126-1127.

Coordinating Functions

- Since 2016 Deputy spokesperson of CRC 1193
- Since 2014 Deputy Director of the ‚Gutenberg Council for Young Researchers‘ (Gutenberg Nachwuchskolleg), Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz

Awards, Grants and Honor

- 2007 Lilly Travel Fellowship for 7th International Conference on Bipolar Disorder
- 2008 – present DFG Emmy Noether research group (We3638/3-1)
- 2000 – 2003 Ph.D. Scholarship from the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes
- 1997 – 1999 Study Scholarship from the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes