

CURRICULUM VITAE

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associate senior researcher at

- University of Geneva, Switzerland
- Technische Universität Dresden, Germany
- Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George-Mason University, Virginia, USA.
- Université de Liège, Belgium.

one child (born 2016)



RESEARCH TOPICS

- Understanding the role of emotions in conflict resolution and promoting conflict resolution through interventions.
- Studying the role of emotions in the promotion of healthy ageing through non-pharmacological interventions (meditation training, foreign language learning, and health education).
- Key methods: affective and social neuroscience and psychology, computational neuroscience, biopsychology, psychophysiology, randomized controlled trials, economy.

I have been analyzing structural and functional neuroimaging data (MRI, fMRI) and psychobiological signals using dynamic models since my diploma thesis in psychology in 2006. In 2007 I did my master in neuroscience at University College London. My doctoral research at the University of Zurich (**summa cum laude**) has been seminal in showing distinct functional brain plasticity, as well as distinct patterns of affective changes and increases in prosocial behaviour after different emotion trainings. In 2014, I was awarded the Early Career Award by the Society for Social Neuroscience in Washington, DC. After working at the Max-Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig I held a **Marie-Curie/ Bridge post-doctoral fellowship** at the University of Geneva (2013-2014). Here, I studied neural and psychobiological functions related to anger and punishment. This work inspired me to start a research focus on “The role of emotions in conflict resolution” at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Affective Sciences, University of Geneva in 2015. Since 2016, I am also leading the work package “Emotion” in the Horizon 2020 project Medit-Ageing. In both research focuses, my team and I study the dynamics and plasticity of emotions, social behaviour, brain functions, and social interactions using interdisciplinary methods. After being part time maître assistante (Oberassistentin/ senior researcher and lecturer; 2016-2020) at the University of Geneva, I was full time **guest professor** in psychology at Technische Universität Dresden from 2020-2021. In addition to my academic work, I am currently self-employed as a consultant and trainer. In this function I promote the implementation of scientific insights to facilitate social interactions in companies and organizations across Europe (e.g. United Nations, Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Max Planck Society).

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POSITIONS

- Since 01/2022* Self-employed (consulting, training, and meditation).
- 09/2020-12/2021* Eleonore-Trefftz Guest Professor, Faculty of Psychology, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany.
- 09/2019-08/2020* Maître Assistante (senior researcher, lecturer, and group leader), School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 08/2016-08/2019* Maître Assistante (senior researcher, lecturer, and group leader), Psychology, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 10/2016-02/2017* Maternity leave (I worked part-time from 03/2017-08/2020).
- 01/2015-07/2016* Post-doctoral researcher, Psychology with Prof. David Sander, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 01/2013-01/2015* Marie-Curie/Bridge postdoctoral fellow, Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, Medicine and Psychology with Prof. David Sander and Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 09/2012-12/2012* Postdoctoral researcher with Prof. Tania Singer, Max-Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany.
- 09/2010-09/2012* Assistant researcher with Prof. Tania Singer, Max-Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany.
- 10/2007-9/2010* Assistant researcher with Prof. Tania Singer, Institute of Empirical Economics (Director: Prof. Ernst Fehr), University of Zurich, Switzerland.

RANKINGS FOR PROFESSORSHIPS

2. place for W2 Professorship Social Neuroscience, University of Jena, Germany (procedure concluded in 2019).

EDUCATION

- since 2021* Pursuing my habilitation in psychology, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany.
- 2013* PhD in psychology (summa cum laude), University of Zurich, Switzerland; supervisors: Prof. Lutz Jäncke, Prof. Tania Singer.
- 2006-2007* MSc in neuroscience, University College London, UK. Supervisor: Dr. Beau Lotto, Institute of Ophthalmology.
- 2006-2006* Diplomarbeit (comparable to a master's thesis, grade: very good), psychology, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany. Supervisors: Prof. Gerd Vossel, Matthias Gamer.
- 2005* Vordiplom (comparable to a BA, grade: very good), psychology, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.
- 2003* Abitur (final high school examination, grade: very good), Wiesbaden, Germany.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2021-2023* Training as a Mindfulness Meditation Teacher, The Awareness Training Institute and the Greater Good Science Center, University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- 2020-2022* Advanced Master Program on the Treatment of Trauma, the National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine, USA.
- 2020* Mediation training "Mediating and Facilitating Large Group, Multi-Stakeholder, Consensus Building Processes" with Kenneth Cloke, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2016* Mediation master class "Difficult Mediations" with Kenneth Cloke, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2007 - 2010* Graduate of the Doctoral School of the Neuroscience Center Zurich, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2007 - 2010* Yearly participation to courses on SPM (Statistical Parametric Mapping) for the analysis of neuroimaging data at the University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2004 - 2007* As a scholar of the "Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes" (German National Academic Foundation) participation in i) a summer school on "Mathematical Modelling of Neural Functions" with Prof. Dr. Karl Friston (University College London, UK) and Dr. Klaas Enno Stephan (University College London, UK), ii) a language course in English (UK) and iii) courses of lectures on neuroscience.

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THIRD PARTY FUNDING, PRIZES, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 10/2021-09/2025* Fonds National Suisse de la Recherche Scientific “Mindfulness-Based Intervention to reduce stress and improve prosocial skills for health-care students: a translational RCT integrating clinical, neuroimaging and biomedical outcomes” (CHF 632’000; grant number: 32003B_205111/1; Role: partner)
- 01/2016-03/2022* European Commission, Horizon 2020 “Medit-Ageing” (project ID: 667696; total grant volume: EUR 6’992’006; my workpackage “Emotion”: EUR 860’375).
- 07/2017-07/2022* Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Network “Understanding Others – Integration of Social Cognitive and Affective Processes” (with Dr. Dana Schneider, EUR 35’291; project ID: 387279900).
- 09/2020 – 12/2021* Eleonore-Trefftz guest Professorship, Technische Universität Dresden (about 100’000 EUR).
- 12/2018-01/2020* Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs for the project “The impact of teaching humanitarian values on international conflict resolution” (CHF 20’000)
- 08/2018-12/2018* Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, “The impact of mediation on couple conflict” (with Prof. David Sander, CHF 20’000)
- 07/2018-12/2018* Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, “The impact of sleep deprivation on couple conflict” (with Prof. David Sander, CHF 20’000)
- 07/2016-08/2017* National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) “The Role of Emotions in Conflict Resolution” with Prof. David Sander (CHF 77’000).
- 11/2015-08/2017* National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) “Affective and Social Signals in Mediation” (CHF 5’000).
- 2014* Early Career Award, Society for Social Neuroscience (Washington, DC, USA).
- 2013* Evens Science Prize “Upregulating the neural substrates of empathy via neurofeedback” with Prof. John Gruzelier, Prof. David Sander and Dr. Tomas Ros (EUR 30’000).
- 01/2013-01/2015* Marie Curie/Bridge postdoctoral fellowship for the University of Geneva, Switzerland (about CHF 250’000).
- 10/2008-10/2009* Research Funding, University of Zurich, “Neural Foundations of Empathy Learning” (Forschungskredit No 53990601; CHF 43’776).

10/2008-09/2010 Research Funding, Neuroscience Center Zurich, “Neural foundations of empathy training”, (EUR 142’800) with Prof. Tania Singer.

2004 - 09/2007 Scholar of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes).

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

03/2020 Workshop “Understanding others” – online event.

11/2019 Public conference “Brain Health Across the Lifespan” (co-organizers: Lifebrain & German Brain Council), Berlin, Germany.

11/2019 Medit-Ageing consortium meeting in Berlin, Germany.

09/2019 Workshop “Understanding others”, Erfurt, Germany.

07/2019 Symposium “Interdisciplinary Perspective on Compassion and the effects of Compassion Training”, International Society for Research on Emotion, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

09/2018 Workshop “Approches scientifiques sur le rôle des émotions dans les conflits”, Geneva, Switzerland.

10/2017 International Workshop “Understanding Others – Integration of Social Cognitive and Affective Processes”, Jena, Germany (with Dr. Dana Schneider).

03/2017 Symposium “The role of Theory of Mind and Empathy in Human Interactions from a Psychological and Neuroscientific Perspective”, International Convention of Psychological Science, Vienna, Austria (with Dr. Dana Schneider).

02/2016 Workshop with Prof. Eran Halperin, Prof. Simon Hug and Maud Roure (Interpeace): “The role of emotions in conflict resolution”, Geneva, Switzerland.

10/2015 Workshop “How Can Neurobiology and Affective Sciences Contribute to Conflict Resolution?”, Geneva Peace Week, Switzerland.

10/2015 Two workshops “What does neuroscience tell us about human conflict?”, conference “conflict matters”, Brussels, Belgium (with Francois Bogacz and Jeremy Lack).

07/2015 Symposium “The Role of Emotions in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution”, International Society for Research on Emotion, Geneva, Switzerland.

07/2015 Workshop “Applying affective sciences to conflict resolution and peacebuilding – bridging research and practice”, International Society for Research on Emotion, Geneva, Switzerland (with Francois Bogacz and Jeremy Lack).

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- 04/2012* Symposium “Neural Substrates of Compassion” at the International Symposia for Contemplative Studies, in Denver, USA.
- 01/2006-3/2006* Assisted for conference “Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psychologen” (Conference on Experimental Psychology), in Mainz, Germany.

TEACHING

- 2022* Summer School “Mindfulness for mediators“, Achtsamkeitsakademie, Tirol, Austria.
- 2022* Course “Trauma-sensitive teaching and training“, Pädagogische Hochschule Zug, Switzerland.
- 2022* Course “Impact of humanitarian value training on intergroup helping“, Pädagogische Hochschule Zug, Switzerland.
- 2022* Course “Emotional Intelligence“, Pädagogische Hochschule Zug, Switzerland.
- 2022* Block lecture “Gelingende soziale Interaktionen“, Akademie für Neurowissenschaftliche Bildung, Köln, Deutschland.
- 2021 & 2022* Course “Plasticity of the social brain and meditation“, Université de Lyon, France.
- 2020 - 2022* Courses “Impact of meditation on the brain development“, High School for Management, Geneva, Switzerland.
- spring 2021* Summer School Mindfulness – from Neurobiology to Psychotherapy, Universität Würzburg, Germany.
- spring 2021* Seminar “Achtsamkeitsmeditation” (Mindfulness Meditation), master in clinical psychology and psychotherapy, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany.
- 2020 & 2021* Guest Lecture “Healthy Ageing”, bachelor in psychology, University of Jena, Germany.
- autumn 2020* Co-organization of the colloquium “Aktuelle klinisch-psychologische Forschungsfragen“, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany (with Prof. Philipp Kanske).
- autumn 2019* Seminar and tutorial “Emotions and Conflict Resolution”, master in political sciences and social sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

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- autumn 2019* Lecture series and tutorial “Emotions, Individual behavior and Collective Actions”, bachelor in social sciences and psychology, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 03/2017* Single Lecture “Involvement of the social brain in cooperation and competition”, biology and psychology, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 04/2016* Course “Empathie et Compassion”, Haute école de travail social et de la santé, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2016 & 2017* Seminar “Emotions et conflits”, master in psychology, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2016 - 2018* Course “Neuroscience and Conflict Resolution”, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland.
- 2014; 2 x 2016* Course “Compassion and Neuroscience”, Diplôme Universitaire de Médecine Méditation et Neurosciences, University of Strasbourg, France.
- 10/2015* Single Lecture “Influence of emotions on cognition and decision-making”, master in Psychology, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- autumn 2015* Block Lectures “Empathie Training” (Empathy Training), Institut für Psychologie-Transfer, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2015- 2019* Block Lectures “Gehirn und Verhalten” (Brain and Behavior), Institut für Psychologie-Transfer, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2014, 2016, 2017* Single Lecture “Compassion et Empathie”, bachelor in Psychology, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 08/2014* Summer Research Institute of Mind and Life Europe “Training Compassion - Effects on Subjective Experience, Prosocial Behavior and Brain Function”, Fraueninsel, Chiemsee, Germany.
- 11/2013* Block Lectures “Training: Mitgefühl und Empathie aus neuropsychologischer Perspektive” (Training compassion and empathy from a neuropsychological perspective), Institut für Psychologie-Transfer, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2008 & 2009* Seminar “Social Neuroscience”, graduate students from all disciplines, University of Zurich, Switzerland (with Romana Snozzi).

SUPERVISIONS**Post-doctoral researchers** (University of Geneva, Switzerland)

- Since 2022* Dr. Patricia Cernadas Curotto (Psychology; with with Prof. Eran Halperin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, and Prof. David Sander).
- 2019-2021* Dr. Yacila Deza-Araujo (Neuroscience; with Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier).

PhD studentsUniversity of Geneva, Switzerland

- 2016-2022* Patricia Cernadas Curotto (Psychology): “Testing compassion as a new emotion regulation strategy for promoting conflict resolution” (with Prof. Eran Halperin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, and Prof. David Sander).
- 2016-06/2022* Sebastian Baez Lugo (Neuroscience): “Physiological and Neuroscientific Basis of Emotion Regulation in Elderly” (with Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier).
- Since 2020* Marco Schlosser (Psychology): “Meditation and Individual Differences” (with Prof. Natalie Marchant, University College London and Prof. Matthias Kliegel).

Technische Universität Dresden (Germany)

- Since 2021* Francois Bogacz (Psychology): “Improving conflict resolution in mediation” (with Prof. Philipp Kanske).

Master StudentsTechnische Universität Dresden (Germany)

- 2022* Flora Hähnel (Psychology, with Prof. Philipp Kanske).
- 2022* Nicole Fichtner (Psychology, with Prof. Philipp Kanske).
- 2021-2022* Ylenia D’Elia (Psychology).

University College London (UK)

- 2020* Freya Koutsoubelis (Psychology; with Dr. Natalie Marchant, UCL, UK).

University of Jena (Germany)

- 2019-2020* Natalie Pfaff (Psychology; with Prof. Stefan Schweinberger, University of Jena, Germany).

University of Geneva (Switzerland)

- 2020-2022* Ynès Buoamoud (Psychology; with Prof. Didier Grandjean).
- 2017-2020* Christel Maradan (Neuroscience; with Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier and Sebastian Baez Lugo).
- 2017-2019* Benjamin Boaz Feldman (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander and Patricia Cernadas Curotto).
- 2017-2019* Clara Bordas (Medicine; with Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier and Sebastian Baez Lugo).
- 2017-2019* Silvia De Cataldo (Medicine; with Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier and Sebastian Baez Lugo).
- 2017-2019* Gladys Balthasar (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander and Patricia Cernadas Curotto).

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- 2017-2019 Caroline Miron-Lapointe (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander and Patricia Cernadas Curotto).
- 2017-2019 Julia Sachs (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander and Sebastian Baez Lugo).
- 2016-2019 Matthieu Vétois (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander).
- 2016-2018 Niloufar Pouyan (Neuroscience; with Prof. Christine Mohr, University of Lausanne).
- 2016-2018 Halima Rafi (Neuroscience; with Prof. David Sander).
- 2015-2017 Linda Amrar (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander).
- 2014-2016 Milica Garic (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander).
- 2014-2016 Lucien Gyger (Neuroscience; with Prof. David Sander).
- 2013-2015 Alexandra Anastaze (Psychology; with Prof. David Sander).

University of Zurich (Switzerland)

2010-2011 Etna Engeli (Psychology; with Prof. Tania Singer).

In addition supervision of more than 45 Bachelor students and Master students in internships.

Research Assistants

University of Zurich (Switzerland)

Sabine Wahler (2009).

University of Geneva (Switzerland)

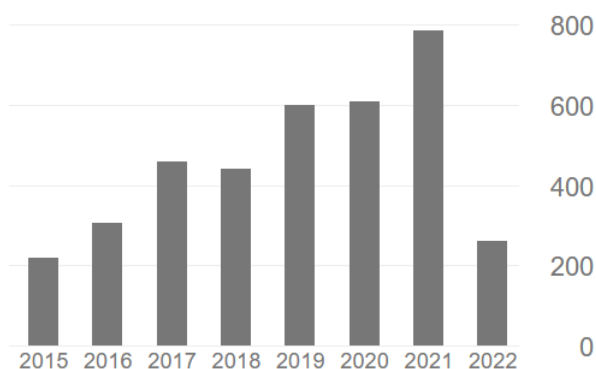
Patricia Cernadas Curotto (2016-2017), Matthieu Vétois (2016-2017), Tiffany Martin (2018), Hélène Maurer (2018), Halima Rafi (2019), Cora Aguirre (2018-2020), Emna el May (2018-2020), Marco Schlosser (2020), Christel Maradan (2020).

Technische Universität Dresden (Germany)

Julia Stietz (2021-2022).

PUBLICATIONS

	Alle	Seit 2017
Zitate	4075	3178
h-index	20	20
i10-index	22	22



Citations and h-Index according to google scholar.

Peer Reviewed (IF = Impact Factor; OA = Open Access)**2022**

- Demnitz-King, H., Gonneaud, J., **Klimecki, O.M.**, Chocat, A., Collette, F., Dautricourt, S., Jessen, F., Krolak-Salmon, P., Lutz, A., Morse, R., Molinuevo, J.L., Poisnel, G., Touron, E., Wirth, M., Walker, Z., Chételat, G., Marchant, N.L., & The Medit-Ageing Research Group (2022). The Association between Self-reflection and Cognition and Brain Health in Cognitively Unimpaired Older Adults. *Neurology*. [IF 9.91]
- Schwarz, C., Benson, G. S., Antonenko, D., Horn, N., Köbe, T., **Klimecki, O.**, Sommer, W., Wirth, M., & Flöel, A. (2022). Negative affective burden is associated with higher resting-state functional connectivity in subjective cognitive decline. *Scientific Reports*, 12(1), 6212. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-10179-y> [IF 4.01]
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2021

- Cernadas Curotto, P., Sterpenich, V., Sander, D., Favez, N., Rimmele, U., & **Klimecki, O.** (2021). Quarreling after a sleepless night: preliminary evidence of the impact of sleep deprivation on interpersonal conflict. *Affective Science*. <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-360462/v1>
- Demnitz-King, H., Chocat, A., Collette, F., Dautricourt, S., Gonneaud, J., Jessen, F., **Klimecki, O.M.**, Krolak Salmon, P., Lutz, A., Molinuevo, J.L., Poisnel, G., Touron, E., Walker, Z., Chételat, G., Marchant, N.L., the Alzheimer's Disease Neuromiaging Initiative, & the Medit-Ageing Research group (2021). Self-reflection is associated with markers of Alzheimer's disease in cognitively unimpaired older adults. *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, 17, S6. [IF 21.57] <https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.053678>
- Deza-Araujo, Y., Baez, S., Vuilleumier, P., Chocat, A., Chételat, G., Poisnel, G., & **Klimecki, O.M.** (2021). Whole blood serotonin levels are related to lower activity in Socio-Affective Brain Regions in Healthy Elderly. *Biological Psychology*, 160, 108051. [IF 2.63; OA]

- Lutz, A., Chételat, G., Collette, F., **Klimecki, O.**, Marchant, N., & Gonneaud, J. (2021) The protective effect of mindfulness and compassion meditation practices on ageing: hypothesis, mechanistic model, and experimental implementation. *Ageing Research Reviews*. [IF 10.90; OA]
- Marchant, N., Barnhofer, T., Wirth, M., Coueron, R., Lutz, A, ..., Chételat, G., Jessen, F. & **Klimecki O.M.** (2021). The SCD-Well Randomized Controlled Trial: Effects of a Mindfulness-Based Intervention Versus Health Education On Mental Health in Patients with Subjective Cognitive Decline. *Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics*. [IF 13.44; OA]
- Ourry, V., Marchant, N.M., Schild, A.-K., Coll-Padros, N., **Klimecki, O.M.**, Krolak-Salmon, P., Goldet, K., Reyrolle, L., Bachelet, R., Sannemann, L., Meiberth, D., Demnitz-King, H., Whitfield, T., Botton, M., Lebahar, J., Gonneaud, J., de Flores, R., Molinuevo, J.L., Jessen, F., Vivien, D., De La Sayette, V., Valenzuela, M.J., Rauchs, G., Wirth, M., Chetelat, G., Arenaza-Urquijo, E.M. (2021). Harmonization and between-country differences of the Lifetime of Experiences Questionnaire in older adults. *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fnagi.2021.740005> [IF 5.75; OA]
- Schlosser, M., Pfaff, N, Schweinberger, S.R. Marchant, N., & **Klimecki, O.** (2021). The psychometric properties of the Compassionate Love Scale and the validation of the English and German 7-item Compassion for Others Scale (COS-7). *Current Psychology*. [IF 2.05; OA]
- Touron, E., Moulinet, I., Kuhn, E., Sherif, S., Ourry, V., Landeau, B., Mézenge, F., Vivien, D., **Klimecki, O.M.**, Poisnel, G., Marchant, N.L., Chetelat, G., & the Medit-Ageing Research Group (2021). Depressive symptoms in cognitively unimpaired older adults are associated with decreased structural and functional integrity in the limbic network. *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, 17, S6. [IF 21.57]
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- Whitfield, T., Barnhofer, T., Acabchuk, R., ..., **Klimecki, O.**, ...Lazar, S., Vago, D., & Marchant, N. (2021). The effect of mindfulness-based programs on cognitive function in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Neuropsychology Review*. [IF 4.89]

2020

- Bogacz, F., Pun, T., & **Klimecki, O. M.** (2020). Mediators have a beneficial impact on conflict resolution in romantic couples. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, 7: 131. [OA]
- Klimecki, O.**, Vétois, M., & Sander, D. (2020). The impact of empathy and perspective-taking instructions on proponents and opponents of immigration. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, 7: 91. [OA]
- Rafi, H., Bogacz, F., Sander, D., & **Klimecki, O.M.** (2020). Impact of Couple Conflict and Mediation on How Romantic Partners Are Seen: an fMRI study. *Cortex*, 130, 302-317. [IF 4.28]
- André, C., ..., **Klimecki, O.** ..., Chételat, G., & Rauchs, G. (2020). Association of sleep-disordered breathing with gray matter volume, perfusion, glucose metabolism and β -amyloid deposition in older adults. *JAMA Neurology*. [IF 12.32; OA]

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2019

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2018

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- Chételat, G, Lutz, A, **Klimecki, O**, Frison, E., Asselineau, J, Schlosser, M, Arenaza-Urquijo, EM, Mézenge, F, Kuhn, E, Moulinet, I, Touron, E, Dautricourt, S, André, C, Palix, C, Ourry, V, Felisatti, F, Gonneaud, J, Landeau, B, Rauchs, G, Chocat, A, Quillard, A, Ferrand Devouge, E, Vuilleumier, P, de La Sayette, V, Vivien, D, Collette, F, Poinsel, G, Marchant, NL, and the Medit-Ageing Research Group. Effects of an 18-month meditation training on regional brain volume and perfusion in older adults: The Age-Well randomized, single-blind, controlled trial of the Medit-Ageing European project. *Revised and resubmitted, JAMA Neurology*.
- Engert, V., **Klimecki, O.**, & Kanske, P., Spreading Positive Change: Societal Benefits of Meditation. *Revised and resubmitted, Psychological Review*.
- Gorska, G., Berkovich-Ohana, A., **Klimecki, O.**, Trautwein, F.-M. Situational Assessment of Empathy and Compassion: Predicting prosociality using a video-based task. *Under consideration, Scientific Reports*.
- Lehmann, K., Böckler, **Klimecki, O.**, Müller-Liebmann, C., & Kanske, P. Feeling with or thinking as: How empathy and mentalizing shape prosociality. *Under consideration, Scientific Reports*.
- Requier, F., Hendy, A.S., Schlosser, M., Demnitz-King, H., Whitfield, T., Chételat, G., **Klimecki, O.**, Lutz, A., Marchant, N.L., Collette, F., & the Medit-Ageing Research Group. Association between meditative capacities and cognitive functions in healthy older adults naïve to meditation practice. *Under consideration, Mindfulness*.
- Schlosser, M, Demnitz-King, H, Barnhofer, T, Collette, F, Gonneaud, J, Chételat, G, Jessen, F, Kliegel, M, **Klimecki, OM**, Lutz, A, Marchant, NL & The Medit-Ageing Research Group. Minimal effects of a mindfulness-based intervention and a health self-management programme on psychological well-being in older adults with subjective cognitive decline: Secondary data analyses from the SCD-Well randomised clinical trial. *Under consideration, Aging & Mental Health*.
- Touron, E., Moulinet, I., Kuhn, E., Sherif, S., Ourry, V., Landeau, B., Mézenge, F., Vivien, D., **Klimecki, O.M.**, Poinsel, G., Marchant, N.L., Chételat, G., for the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, and the Medit-Ageing Research Group. Depressive symptoms in cognitively unimpaired older adults are associated with decreased structural and functional integrity in the limbic network. *In revision, Molecular Psychiatry*.

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EDITORIAL SERVICES

Editor for Scientific Reports.

Ad hoc reviewer for **journals** such as: Acta Psychologica; British Journal of Psychology; Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience; Emotion; NeuroImage; Neuron; Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews; Scientific Reports; Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (SCAN); Social Neuroscience; PLoS One.

Ad hoc reviewer for **funding agencies**: United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation, Varela Grant (Mind and Life Institute, USA), Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung (FWF, Austria), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, Germany).

OTHER FUNCTIONS

2022: Expert for Science et Jeunesse/ Jugend forscht, Switzerland.

2017: Academic in Residence at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.

2016: Member of the Steering Group “Rewiring the Brain for Peace”, Alliance for Peacebuilding.

KEYNOTE LECTURES, INVITED TALKS AND SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS**2022**

- Planck Academy Days, Sustainable Working and Leadership Culture, Resilience: People Management at Max-Planck-Society, Berlin, Germany.
- The Neuroscience of Empathy and Compassion conference, Lund, Sweden.
- Psychosomatic conference, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Practices influencing empathy & compassion - contemplation, art, music, dance, University of Lund, Sweden.
- Think Tank of Humanitarian Education, Swiss Government and International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Bern, Switzerland.
- Universität Jena, Germany.

2021

- Jahrestagung Centrum für Demografie und Diversität (CDD), Technische Universität Dresden, Germany.
- Envisioning the Future: Building Peace through Neuroscience, George Mason University, USA.
- Conference on Empathy, Liège, Belgium.
- Université de Liège, Belgium.
- German National Academic Foundation, Germany.
- Universität Dresden, Germany.
- Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, USA.
- Sanford Institute for Empathy and Compassion, San Diego, California, USA.
- Association for Conflict Resolution, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

2020

- Public keynote on Meditation, Würzburg, Germany.
- Jahrestagung der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Theologie der Spiritualität, Würzburg, Germany.
- United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Talk at the Webinar series „Mediating and Facilitating Large Group, Multi-Stakeholder, Consensus Building Processes“ with Kenneth Cloke.
- Charlotte Bühler Kolloquium, Dresden, Germany.

2019

- 33rd Red Cross and Red Crescent International Conference, Geneva, Switzerland (with Emna El May and Cora Aguirre).
- Novartis, Basel, Switzerland.
- Red Cross Museum, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Semaine du Cerveau (Brain Week), University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- Semaine du Cerveau (Brain Week), Marseille, France.

2018

- Public conference: Philanthropy, Geneva, Switzerland.
- The 1st International Conference on Innovations in Conflict Resolution and Mediation, Tel Aviv, Israel (with Jeremy Lack and Patricia Cernadas Curotto).
- University Hospital, Grenoble, France.
- Geneva Aging Series, Montreux, Switzerland.
- Nuit des images, Musée de L'Elysée, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Workshop "The Science of Mindfulness, a dialogue with Dr. Richard Davidson", Bern, Switzerland.

- International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland.
- University of Liège, Belgium.
- Basel Peace Forum, Basel, Switzerland (with Patricia Cernadas Curotto & Carole Varone).
- Mediator Breakfast of the Chambre Suisse de Médiation Commerciale, Geneva, Switzerland (with Patricia Cernadas Curotto).

2017

- Colloquium, University Hospital Geneva, Switzerland.
- Haus am Dom, Frankfurt, Germany.
- Institute of Medical Psychology and for the Sozietät Jaspers, University Hospital Heidelberg, Germany.
- Landau Peace Lecture, University of Koblenz-Landau, Landau, Germany.
- Colloquium, University Hospital Geneva, Switzerland.
- International Convention of Psychological Science, Vienna, Austria.
- English Speaking Cancer Association, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Semaine du Cerveau (Brain Week), University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- "festival du film vert", Rolle, Switzerland.

2016

- Ernst-Abbe Hochschule Jena, Germany.
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland.
- University of Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Haute école de travail social et de la santé, Lausanne, Switzerland.

2015

- Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Mediator Breakfast of the Chambre Suisse de Médiation Commerciale, Geneva, Switzerland.
- conflict matters, Brussels, Belgium.
- Brain and Behavior Lab Research Day, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- Conference of the International Society for Research on Emotion, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Colloquium, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- Psychosomatic Colloquium, University of Freiburg, Germany.
- Studium Generale on the Evolution of Cooperation, University of Mainz, Germany.
- 28. Jahrestagung des Symposiums Friedenspsychologie, Marburg, Germany.
- Interpeace, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Centre of Research of the Brain & Spine Institute, Hôpital de la Salpêtrière, Paris, France.
- University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- Colloquium Social Psychology and Social Neuroscience, University of Bern, Switzerland.

2014

- Early career award talk, Society for Social Neuroscience meeting, Washington, DC, USA.
- Person Perception Workshop, Jena, Germany.
- Workshop of Interpersonal Accuracy, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
- Das soziale Gehirn, Fürth, Germany.
- Red Cross Exhibition "Trop Humain", Geneva, Switzerland.
- Bundesgeschäftsführertagung der Waldorfschulen, Berlin, Germany.
- Association Neuchâteloise d'Accueil et d'Action Psychiatrique, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

2013

- Research Seminar in Person Perception in Jena, Germany.
- Conference on “Humanitarian Workers: Personal Ethics, Psychology, and Lifestyle”, Oxford, UK.
- ach so verstehen wir, Münster, Germany.
- Biannual Congress of the Swiss Psychological Society, Basel, Switzerland.
- Psychologie und Gehirn, Würzburg, Germany.
- Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Klinische Neurophysiologie und funktionelle Bildgebung, Leipzig, Germany.
- Brain Awareness Week, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Bavelier Lab, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- Alpine Brain Imaging Meeting, Champéry, Switzerland.

2012 and 2011

- Empathy and Compassion in Society Conference, London, UK.
- Youth Gathering of the Empathy and Compassion in Society Conference, London, UK.
- Science Slam during the Long Night of Science, Leipzig, Germany. (Winning presentation)
- International Symposia for Contemplative Studies, Denver, USA.
- Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psychologen (Conference on Experimental Psychology), Mannheim, Germany.
- Workshop "How to Train Compassion", Berlin, Germany.

MEDIA COVERAGE

In national and international radio, print and television, including *arte*, *BBC*, *coop Magazin*, *DIE ZEIT*, *Dimanche Matin*, *Dutch Television: VPRO Backlight*, *Sciences et Avenir*, *Spiegel*, *Stern*, *SWR2*, *The Independent*, *emotion*, *Le Temps*, *Gehirn und Geist*, *Radio Télévision Suisse (RTS)*, *New Scientist*.