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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psychological underpinnings of violent extremism; Misogyny, mass violence, and suicidality; Incel psychology and violence; Public reactions to terrorism; Emotional programs underlying intergroup aggression

EMPLOYMENT

- 2023- Assistant Teaching Professor, University of Rhode Island, Department of Psychology
- 2023- Associate, Harvard University, Department of Psychology
- 2018-23 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Department of Psychology
Faculty Sponsors: Steven Pinker, Matthew Nock; Max Krasnow (2018-2021; left the Department)

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D. in Political Science (Political Psychology), Aarhus University, Denmark
Dissertation: Of Friends and Foes: How human coalitional psychology shapes public reactions to terrorism
Faculty Advisors: R. Sloothus, L. Lindekilde, M. Bang Petersen (removed & replaced in May 2017)
- 2014 M.A. Political Science (summa cum laude), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- 2011 M.Sc. Neuropsychology, Maastricht University, Netherlands
- 2011 B.A. Arts and Culture (cum laude), Maastricht University
- 2010 B.Sc. Psychology, Maastricht University
Semester Abroad – Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (Spring 2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Publications

- Lindner, M. (2023). The sense in senseless violence: Male reproductive strategy and the modern sexual marketplace as contributors to violent extremism. Forthcoming in *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology*.
- Lindner, M. (2023). Evaluating competing hypotheses in incel research. Forthcoming in *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology*.
- Lindner, M. & Krasnow, M. (2022) Indirect intergroup bargaining: An evolutionary psychological theory of microaggression. *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, 8, 478–492.
- Kennair, L.E.O., Lindner, M., Larsen, S., & Hagen, K. *Anxiety and phobias*. Forthcoming in The Oxford Handbook of Evolution and the Emotions. (Eds. Al-Shawaf & Shackelford).
- MacInnis, B., Miller, J., Krosnick, J.A., Lindner, M., Below, C. (2021) Candidate name order effects in New Hampshire: Evidence from primaries and general elections with party column ballots. *PLOS One* 16(3), e0248049.
- Lindner, M. (2020). Review: Sex, Power, and Partisanship: How evolutionary science makes sense of our political divide. *Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture*, 4(2), 141-144.
- Lindner, M. (2018). Public reactions to male versus female terrorism: Experimental evidence for the Male Warrior Hypothesis. *Evolutionary Psychology*, 16(2), 1-12.
- Lindner, M. (2018). Memory (mis-)matches: Accurate and biased recall of terror suspects. *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, 5(2), 213-219.
- Lindner, M. (2018). Of Friends and Foes: How Human Coalitional Psychology Shapes Public Reactions to

Terrorism: Ph.D. Dissertation. *Politika*.

Kennair, L.E.O. & **Lindner, M.** (2017). The evolutionary psychology of fears and phobias. In T.K. Shackelford & V.A. Weekes-Shackelford (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*.

Canetti, D. & **Lindner, M.** (2014). *Exposure to political violence and political behavior: Psychological mechanisms for transformation*. In K.J. Reynolds & N.R. Branscombe (Eds.). *The Psychology of Change: Life Contexts, Experiences, and Identities*. New York: Psychology Press.

Pre-Prints/Manuscripts Under Review

Lindner, M. (2023). The sense in senseless violence: Male reproductive strategy and the modern sexual marketplace as contributors to violent extremism. [10.31234/osf.io/bj3gy](https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/bj3gy)

Lindner, M. (2022). Alone together and angry: Misogynistic extremism as coalitional bargaining for sexual access. DOI: [10.31234/osf.io/pve8u](https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/pve8u)

Manuscripts in Preparation

Lindner, M. Mandemic: Mass shootings and suicide as divergent behavioral strategies in response to proximate mating motives.

Lindner, M., & Nock, M. Mapping incel grievances across critical stages of development.

Mogilski, J. & **Lindner, M.** Risk-taking and Dark Triad relate to willingness to engage in types of non-monogamy.

Lindner, M. Group-based insults increase anger and support for intergroup violence: Experimental Evidence from the US and Mexico.

Lindner, M. & Krasnow, M. The evolutionary psychology of microaggression: Experimental evidence.

Lindner, M., (& Bang Petersen, M; pending). Citizens' intuitions about "terrorism": Intergroup bias and its political implications.

Lindner, M. Of Friends and Foes: Human coalitional psychology shapes public reactions to terrorism.

Lindner, M. & Krasnow, M. The roots of intergroup aggression lie in the logic of bargaining: From microaggressions to hate crime to terrorism.

Bannon, B., **Lindner, M.,** & Krosnick, J. A. (revising for resubmission). News media priming: Priming effects, projection, or both? Working Paper.

Laustsen, L., **Lindner, M.,** and Bang Petersen, M. When reality and predispositions collide: Outgroup perceptions following a terrorist attack. Working Paper.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conference Talks

Lindner, M. The Sense in Senseless Violence: Male Reproductive Strategy and the Modern Sexual Marketplace as Contributors to Violent Extremism. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA (2023).

Lindner, M. Alone together and angry: Misogynistic terrorism as intergroup bargaining for sexual access. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Virtually Everywhere (2022); canceled participation due to unforeseen circumstances

Lindner, M. & Krasnow, M. The roots of intergroup aggression lie in the logic of bargaining: From microaggressions to hate crime to terrorism. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Boston, MA (2019)

Lindner, M. & Krasnow, M. Indirect intergroup bargaining: An evolutionary psychological theory of microaggression. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Boston, MA (2019)

Lindner, M. Memory (mis-)matches: Accurate and biased recall of terror suspects. *Human Behavior and Evolution Society*, Amsterdam NL (2018)

Lindner, M. Citizens' intuitions about "terrorism": Intergroup bias and its political implications.

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2018); American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (2016)
- Human Behavior and Evolution Society in Vancouver, BC (2016); Poster

Lindner, M. Does coalitional affiliation override race in shaping punishment of terror-suspects? An experimental study. Junior Scholar Symposium, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2018)

Lindner, M. Tolerance in times of terror: Can political elites shape public opinion in the aftermath of terrorism?

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2018)
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2017; declined)

Lindner, M. Public reactions to male versus female terrorism: Experimental evidence for the Male Warrior Hypothesis.

- Political Psychology Pre-Conference, American Political Science Association in San Francisco, CA (2017)
- Human Behavior and Evolution Society in Boise, ID (2017)

Laustsen, L., **Lindner, M.**, and Bang Petersen, M. When reality and predispositions collide: Outgroup perceptions following a terrorist attack. Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL (2016)

Invited Talks

MIT, Media Lab's Center for Constructive Communication, 2023

University of California (Fullerton), Center for the Study of Human Nature, 2022

Boston University, Morality Lab, 2019

New York University, Social Justice Lab, 2019

Stanford University, Political Psychology Research Group, 2017, 2018

Harvard, Working Group on Political Psychology, 2017

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

2016 Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University

2016 Workshop in Political Psychology, University of Southern Denmark

2013-2014 Research Assistant, Political Psychology, University of Haifa

2014 Fieldwork: Research on effects of exposure to terrorism in Gaza-bordering communities during the 2014 Israel-Gaza Conflict (Operation Protective Edge)

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Harvard Extension School

Responsibilities included designing the syllabus, choosing course materials, leading class discussions, grading all assignments, administering exams, and advising students.

- Psychology of Good and Evil (TBA)
- Psychology of Terrorism and Intergroup Conflict (Fall 2022)

Instructor, Aarhus University, Denmark

Responsibilities included designing the syllabus, choosing course materials, leading class discussions, grading all assignments, administering exams, and advising students.

- MA Seminar: The Political Psychology of Terrorism and Intergroup Conflict (Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities included leading class discussions, grading all assignments, and advising students.

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- Psychological Science (Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019; with Steven Pinker)
- Introduction to Psychological Science (Fall 2020; with Dan Gilbert)
- Evolution and Cognition (Spring 2019; with Max Krasnow; helped grading weekly assignments/final papers)

Maastricht University, Netherlands

- Advanced Statistics, 2014-15
- Logic, 2014-15
- Computational Neuroscience, 2014-15
- Social Psychology, 2009-11
- Biological Psychology, 2009-11
- Psychopathology, 2009-11
- Consciousness, 2009-11
- Critical Thinking, 2009-11

Mentoring Experience

- FRESH group, Harvard (2021-2022). Mentored research assistants from various labs in the Department of Psychology.
- PPREP - Prospective Ph.D. & RA Event in Psychology, Harvard (2020). Helped students from historically minoritized groups with their applications to graduate programs in psychology.

SELECTED AWARDS & GRANTS

Grants & Fellowships

Psychology Research Innovation Fund (Talley Fund), Harvard University (\$65,000), 2022
 Psychology Research Innovation Fund (Talley Fund), Harvard University (\$54,000), 2022
 Mind Brain Behavior Initiative, Harvard University (\$67,000), 2020-2022
 International Postdoc Grant, Independent Research Fund Denmark (\$200,000), 2017-2021
 Aarhus University Research Foundation (\$17,500), 2017
 Interacting Minds Centre, Aarhus University (\$12,000), 2017
 Summer Institute in Political Psychology at Stanford (Aarhus University, \$10,000), 2016
 Golda Meir Fellowship, Brain Sciences ELSC/ICNC, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2011

Academic Recognition

Postdoctoral Award, Human Behavior and Evolution Society, 2023
 Best Dissertation Award, International Society for Political Psychology, 2019
 Top 3% Award, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, 2008
 German National Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes), 2010-14

- The *Studienstiftung* is Germany's most prestigious scholarship foundation, awarding scholarships to fewer than 0.5% of German students.

Teaching Recognition

Dean's Commendation for Distinguished Teaching Performance (Harvard DCE), Fall 2022
 Certificate of Distinction, Derek Bok Teaching Center (Harvard), 2021, 2020, 2019

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Associate Editor, Research & Politics, 2022-present

Editorial Board Member, Men and Masculinities, 2023-24

Ad-hoc reviewer for

- Perspectives on Psychological Science
- Terrorism and Political Violence

- Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes
- Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease
- Men and Masculinities
- Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences
- Aggressive Behavior
- Psychology, Crime and Law

Professional Memberships:

Human Evolution and Behavior, International Society for Political Psychology, American Political Science Association

Other

2023- **Voluntary Crisis Counselor**, Crisis Text Line (supporting individuals in crisis)

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (full professional proficiency), Dutch (full professional proficiency – NT2 certified - 2007), Hebrew (full professional proficiency (Ptor certified – 2013), Arabic (intermediate)