

Curriculum vitae Prof. Dr. Svenja Taubner

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EDUCATION

- 2007 PhD in Psychology (Dr. phil.) (Title: "Insight to Violence: Changes of reflective functioning of adolescent violent offenders after a victim-offender-mediation")
Faculty of Human and Health Sciences, Department of Psychology, University of Bremen/ Institute for theoretical and applied Psychoanalysis, Germany
PhD Supervisors: Prof. Ellen Reinke/ Prof. Lorenz Böllinger
- 1998 Master in psychology (Diploma)
Faculty of Human and Health Sciences, Department of Psychology, University of Bremen/ Germany

CURRENT POSITION

- 2016 – Full Professor and Director/ Medical Faculty Ruprecht-Karls-University of Heidelberg/
Institute for Psychosocial Prevention/ Germany

PREVIOUS POSITIONS (all include Academic Teaching)

- 2013 – 2015 Full Professor for Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy/ Faculty for Humanities,
Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt/ Department of Psychology/ Austria
- 2010 – 2013 Junior-Professor/ International Psychoanalytic University Berlin/ Germany
- 2008 – 2013 Research Assistant/ Faculty of Human Sciences, University of Kassel/ Department of
Psychology/ Germany
- 2007 – 2008 Research Assistant/ University Clinic, University of Ulm/ Clinic for Psychosomatic
Medicine/ Germany
- 2002 – 2007 Research Assistant/ Faculty of Human and Health Sciences, University of Bremen/
Department of Psychology/ Germany

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018 – 2019 Fellowship at the Marsilius Kolleg Institute of Advanced Study, Heidelberg, Germany
- Apr. 2017 Guest Professor at the University of Oslo, Medical Faculty, Norway
- 2015 Award: "Hamburg Price Personality Disorders" (10.000€)
- 2013 Paperprice of the American Psychoanalytic Association (500\$)
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SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

- 2015 – 2020 International Reviewer for PhD students and Postdocs (2 in Denmark, 2 in Switzerland,
3 in Austria, 1 in Lithuania, 1 in Belgium)
- 2016 – 2020 4 Postdocs/ 6 PhD/ 10 Master Students/ Medical Faculty/ Ruprecht-Karls University
of Heidelberg/ Institute for Psychosocial Prevention/ Germany

2013 – 2015 25 Master Students/ Faculty for Humanities, Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt/
Department of Psychology/ Austria

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2017-2021 Working Group Leader of the COST Action TREATme (CA16102)
2021 Local Host and Program Chair, 5th International Conference on Mentalization-based
Treatment in Heidelberg, Germany
2021 Local Committee, 52nd Annual International Meeting of the Society for
Psychotherapy Research (SPR) in Heidelberg, Germany
2019 Program Chair of the European & UK Chapters Meeting of the Society for
Psychotherapy Research (SPR) in Krakow, Poland
2015 Local Host of the European Chapter Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy
Research (SPR) in Klagenfurt, Austria

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2019 – Head of the Ethics Board for Boundary Violations of the Centre for Psychosocial
Medicine, Medical Faculty/ Ruprecht-Karls University of Heidelberg/ Germany
2018 – Chapter President of the European Chapter of the Society for Psychotherapy Research,
Member of the Executive Council of the SPR
2018 - Member of the Board of the European Society for Research on Personality Disorders
2013 – 2015 Head of the Psychology Department, Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt, Austria

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

2019 - Academic Editor for PlosOne
2019 – National Scientific Advisory Board for Psychotherapy (Wissenschaftlicher Beirat
Psychotherapie), National Chamber for Psychotherapy, Germany
2018 – Board Member of the European Society on the Study of Personality Disorders (ESSPD)
2017 - Reviewer for the national Institute for pharmaceutical and medical Exams (IMPP)
2013 – Editor for two German Scientific Journals (Praxis der Kinderpsychologie und
Kinderpsychiatrie & Psychotherapeut)
2016 – 2020 Member of the Research Network sponsored by the German Research Foundation
on Mentalization in Education
2016 – 2018 Editor-in-Chief Journal Mental Health & Prevention
2014 – 2017 Early Career Counselor in the Steering Group of the “Special Interest Section for
Trainee Development”, Society for Psychotherapy Research

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

German Society for Psychology (DGPs), Society for Psychotherapy Research (SPR)

CAREER BREAKS

Maternal leave beginning Sept. 2012
Part-time Clinical Training to become a licensed psychotherapist with Approbation
(2003-2010) at a state-licensed Institute in Bremen, Germany

Description

Between my master's degree in psychology in 1998 and starting my scientific career in 2003, I have worked with Antisocial Youth initiating Victim-Offender-Mediation which has inspired my scientific goals ever since. Thus, learning in depth from needs and motivations of violent adolescents, I have devoted my research efforts to investigate the role of mentalization to understand and treat severe offending in adolescence within a frame of developmental psychopathology and to prevent childhood maltreatment which is strongly prevalent in antisocial youth. In the past three years I have established a research institute at the University Hospital of Heidelberg with an outpatient department focusing on regulatory disorders in infancy and family psychotherapy for conduct disordered adolescents. I have complimented our therapeutic services with a mentalization-based parenting program for the German Psychiatry to prevent child maltreatment in families with mentally ill parents that is currently tested in an RCT in two University Hospitals (Heidelberg & Charité Berlin) financed by the German Ministry of Research. Furthermore, we have developed a training for clinicians how to detect child maltreatment and initiate treatment for medical staff within a trial on the effectiveness of a family intervention for mentally ill parents (CHIMPS) financed by the German Innovationfonds.

10 selected Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

- 1 Zettl, Max, Volkert, Jana, Vögele, Claus, Kubera, Katharina & **Taubner, Svenja** (2019). The relationship between DSM-5 level of personality functioning and reflective functioning. Personality Disorders: Theory, Research and Treatment. DOI: 10.1037/per0000356 IF(current): 4.68 IF(5 year): 4.81
- 2 Cropp, Carola, **Taubner, Svenja**, Salzer, Simone & Streeck-Fischer, Annette (2019). Psychodynamic Psychotherapy with Severely Disturbed Adolescents: Changes in Reflective Functioning. Journal of Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy. DOI: 10.1080/15289168.2019.1643212 IF(current): 0.57
- 3 Fuchs, Nikolas Fabian & **Taubner, Svenja** (2019). Exploring the interplay of attachment style and attachment-related mood on short-term change in mentalization: A pilot study. Personality and Individual Differences 144, 94-99. IF(current): 1.99 IF(5 year): 2.42
- 4 Volkert, Jana, Hauschild, Sophie & **Taubner, Svenja** (2019). Mentalization-Based Treatment for Personality Disorders: Efficacy, Effectiveness, and New Developments. Current Psychiatry Reports 21, 1-12. IF(current): 3.82 IF(5 year): 4.40
- 5 Talia, Alessandro, Miller-Bottome, Madeleine, Katznelson, Hannah, Pedersen, Signe H., Steele, Howard, Schröder, Paul, Origlieri, Amy, Scharff, Fredrik B., Giovanardi, Guido, Andersson, Mart, Lingiardi, Vittorio, Safran, Jeremy D., Lunn, Susanne, Poulsen, Stig & **Taubner, Svenja** (2018): Mentalizing in the presence of another: Measuring reflective functioning and attachment in the therapy process. Psychotherapy Research, DOI: 10.1080/10503307.2017.1417651 IF(current): 2.79 IF(5 year): 3.47
- 6 Talia, Alessandro, Muzi, Laura, Linigiardi & **Taubner, Svenja** (2018). How to be a secure base: therapists' attachment representations and their link to attunement in psychotherapy. Attachment & Human Development. DOI: 10.1080/14616734.2018.1534247 IF(current): 2.22 IF(5 year): 3.27
- 7 **Taubner, Svenja**, Zimmermann, Laura, Ramberg, Axel & Schröder, Paul (2016). Mentalization mediates the relationship between early maltreatment and potential for violence in adolescence. Psychopathology 49 (4). 236-246. DOI: 10.1159/000448053 IF(current): 1.82
- 8 **Taubner, Svenja**, White, Lars, Zimmermann, Johannes, Fonagy, Peter & Nolte, Tobias (2013). Attachment-related mentalization moderates the relationship between psychopathic traits and aggression in adolescence. Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology. DOI 10.1007/s10802-013-9736-x IF (current): 3.41 IF(5 year): 4.40
- 9 Buchheim, Anna, Viviani, Roberto, Kessler, Henrik, Kächele, Horst, Cierpka, Manfred, Roth, Gerhard, George, Carol, Kernberg, Otto, Bruns, Georg & **Taubner, Svenja** (2012) Changes in

Prefrontal-Limbic Function in Major Depression after 15 months of Long-Term Psychotherapy. *PLoS ONE* 7(3): e33745. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0033745 IF (current): 2.78 IF(5 year): 3.34

- 10 Wiswede, Daniel, **Taubner, Svenja**, Münte, Thomas, Roth, Gerhard, Strüber, Daniel, Wahl, Klaus & Krämer, Ulrike (2011). Neurophysiological Correlates of Laboratory-Induced Aggression in Young Men with and without a History of Violence. *PLoS ONE* 6(7): e22599. IF (current): 2.78 IF(5 year): 3.34

Invited Presentations (Selection)

- 29.11.2019 *Epic Fail – how to deal with therapeutic mistakes from a mentalization perspective*. Invited Keynote, DGPPN International Psychiatry Congress, Berlin, Germany, 27.-30.11.19
- 04.07.2019 *Mechanisms of change in Psychotherapy Research*. Invited Plenary-Talk at the International Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 3.-6.7.2019
- 01.07.2019 *Mentalization-based treatment for adolescents with externalizing problem*. Invited Keynote, ESCAP (European Society for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry) International Congress, Vienna, Austria, 30.6.-2.7.2019
- 19.05.2019 *Mentalization-based treatment for aggressive behavior in adolescence*. Invited Workshop, The Future of Neuroscience, Attachment and Mentalizing: from research to clinical practice, Organizer UCL Psychoanalysis Unit, London, 18.-19.5.2019
- 25.08.2018 *Mentalization-based programs for mentally ill parents*. Invited Keynote, Meeting of the Latin American Chapter of the Society for Psychotherapy Research. Valparaiso/ Renaca, Chile, 23.-25.8.2018.
- 08.12.2017 *Mentalization-based treatment with adolescents with Conduct Disorder*. Invited Keynote, 4th International Conference on Mentalization-Based Treatment, London, UK, 07.-08.12.2017.

Awards

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Current Grants

Project Title	Funding source	Amount (Euros)	Period	Role of the PI
Understanding and breaking the intergenerational Cycle of abuse (UBICA) – a RCT on the efficacy of a mentalization-based parenting program for parents with psychiatric illness	Germany Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)	108,256	2019-2023	Co-PI of the subproject
START – Evaluation of a mentalization-based training for integrating refugee families in early day care	Germany Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)	293,082	2019-2022	PI of the subproject
Training for professionals to	Innovations-	88,000	2020-	Co-PI of the subproject

recognize professional help needs of children with mentally ill parents (CHIMPS)	fonds		2021	
Mentalization skills for professionals in early prevention – evaluation of a 1-day training program and development of a training manual	Federal Centre for Health Education (BzGA)	220,000	2017-2020	PI
Mentalization-based Treatment for Conduct Disorder – a feasibility trial	Hopp Foundation	167,000	2015-2020	PI