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Professional History

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| 2015–present | Full professor (W2, for 5 years) for Comparative Developmental Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin, Department of Education and Psychology |
| 2009–2015 | Assistant professor for Evolutionary Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin, Cluster Languages of Emotion, Department of Education and Psychology |
| 2008–2009 | Research position at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology |
| 2005–2008 | Senior lecturer, Department of Psychology, University of Portsmouth, UK |
| 2001–2004 | PhD position, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology |
| 1999 | Student assistant, Yerkes Primate Center, Field Station, Atlanta, USA |
| 1999–2001 | Student assistant, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology |
| 1998–1999 | Student assistant and academic tutor (Zoology), University of Leipzig |

Education

- 2007–2008 The Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (PGCLTHE), University of Portsmouth
- 2001–2005 PhD (Biology), Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology, Leipzig and University of Leipzig
- 1995–2001 Diploma (Biology), Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology and University of Leipzig
- 1995 A-level Städtisches Gymnasium Mittweida

Awards

- 2018 Selected member of “AcademiaNet: Leading Women in Science”
- 2016 Price for “Best teaching” in Psychology, FU Berlin
- 2015 Honorable mention for proposal “Study in the field – excursion with students to Chimfunshi, Zambia”, teaching award FU Berlin
- 2011 - 2012 Selected participant of the “ProFiL Program” (Professionalization of Women in Research and Teaching: Mentoring - Training - Networking)
- 1998 – 2001 Fellowship Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

Reviewer

Animal Behaviour, Animal Cognition, American Journal of Primatology, Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology, Biological Theory, Cognition, Current Anthropology, Current Biology, Developmental Psychobiology, European Journal of Developmental Psychology, International Journal of Primatology, Journal of Comparative Psychology, Neuron, PLOS One, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Scientific Reports, Trends in Cognitive Science

Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation, Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina/Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, ERC, Leakey Foundation, Schweizerischer Nationalfonds

Editorial Board “Interdisziplinäre Anthropologie” and “Frontiers in Psychology” (Comparative Psychology)

Publications

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

1. **Liebal, K.** & Oña, L. (2018). Mind the gap – moving beyond the dichotomy between intentional gestures and emotional facial and vocal signals of nonhuman primates. In Arbib, M., *How the Brain Got Language. Towards a New Road Map*, 19:1/2, pp. 121–135
2. Kopp, K. S., & **Liebal, K.** (2018). Conflict resolution in socially housed Sumatran orangutans (*Pongo abelii*). *PeerJ*, 6, e5303.
3. **Liebal, K.**, & Oña, L. (2018). Different Approaches to Meaning in Primate Gestural and Vocal Communication. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 9, 478.
4. **Liebal, K.**, Schneider, C., & Errson-Lembeck, M. (2018). How primates acquire their gestures: evaluating current theories and evidence. *Animal Cognition*, 1-14.
5. Halina, M., **Liebal, K.**, & Tomasello, Michael (2018). The goal of ape pointing. *PLoS ONE* 13(4); pe0195182.
6. **Liebal, K.**, & Haun, D. B. M. (2018). Why cross-cultural psychology is incomplete without comparative and developmental perspectives. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 49(5), 751-763.
7. Lubrich, O., Stodulka, T., & **Liebal, K.** (2018). Affekte im Feld-Ein blinder Fleck der Forschung?, *Interdisziplinäre Anthropologie*, 179-197.
8. Faria, R. Triant, D., Perdomo-Sabogal, A., Overduin, B., Bleidorn, C., Bermudez Santana, C.I., Langenberger, D., Dall'Olio, G. M., Indrischek, H., Aerts, J., Engelhardt, J., Engelken, J. Liebal, K., Fasold, M., Robb, S., Grath, S., Rohit Raj Kolora, S., Carvalho, T., Salzburger, W., Jovanovic, V., Nowick, K. (2018). Introducing evolutionary biologists to the analysis of big data: guidelines to organize extended bioinformatics training courses. *Evolution Education & Outreach*, 11:8. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12052-018-0080-z>
9. Gretscher, H., Tempelmann, S., Haun, D. B., **Liebal, K.**, & Kaminski, J. (2017). Prelinguistic human infants and great apes show different communicative strategies in a triadic request situation. *PLoS ONE*, 12(4), e0175227.
10. **Liebal, K.** (2017). What is a gesture? A lesson from comparative gesture research. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 40.
11. **Liebal, K.**, & Rossano, F. (2017). The give and take of food sharing in Sumatran orangutans, *Pongo abelii*, and chimpanzees, *Pan troglodytes*. *Animal Behaviour*, 133, 91-100.
12. Pritsch, C., Telkemeyer, S., Mühlenbeck, C., & **Liebal, K.** (2017). Perception of facial expressions reveals selective affect-biased attention in humans and orangutans. *Scientific Reports*, 7.
13. Schneider, C., **Liebal, K.**, & Call, J. (2017). “Giving” and “responding” differences in gestural communication between nonhuman great ape mothers and infants. *Developmental Psychobiology*, 59(3), 303-313.
14. Ullrich, R., Mittelbach, M., & **Liebal, K.** (2017). Scala naturae: the impact of historical values on current ‘evolution of language’ discourse. *Journal of Language Evolution*.

15. Mühlenbeck, C., Jacobsen, T., Pritsch, C., & **Liebal, K.** (2017). Cultural and species differences in gazing patterns for marked and decorated objects: a comparative eye-tracking study. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 8, 6.
16. Damerius, L. A Forss, S., Kosonen, Z.K., Willems, E.P., Burkart, J.M., Call, J., Galdikas, B.M.F., **Liebal, K.**, Haun, D.B.M., and van Schaik, C.P. (2017). Orientation toward humans predicts cognitive performance in orang-utans. *Scientific Reports* 7: 40052.
17. Kopp, K. S., & **Liebal, K.** (2016). Here you are!—Selective and active food sharing within and between groups in captive Sumatran orangutans (*Pongo abelii*). *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*, 1-15.
18. Mühlenbeck, C., **Liebal, K.**, Pritsch, C., & Jacobsen, T. (2016). Differences in the visual perception of symmetric patterns in orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*) and two human cultural groups: a comparative eye-tracking study. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 7.
19. Scheider, L., Waller, B. M., Oña, L., Burrows, A. M., & **Liebal, K.** (2016). Social use of facial expressions in hylobatids. *PloS One*, 11(3), e0151733.
20. **Liebal, K.** (2016). The ontogeny of great ape gesture-not a simple story. Comment on "Towards a Computational Comparative Neuroprimatology: Framing the language-ready brain" by Michael A. Arbib. *Physics of Life Reviews*, 16, 85-87.
21. Townsend, S. W., Koski, S. E., Byrne, R. W., Slocombe, K. E., Bickel, B., Boeckle, M., . . . , **Liebal, K.**, . . . , Gaunet, F. (2016). Exorcising Grice's ghost: an empirical approach to studying intentional communication in animals. *Biological Reviews*.
22. Lubrich, O. & **Liebal, K.** (2016). King Kong in the mist: Travel, knowledge, and emotion. *KulturPoetik*. 16 (1), 49-63
23. Koelsch, S., Jacobs, A. M., Menninghaus, W., **Liebal, K.**, Klann-Delius, G., von Scheve, C., & Gebauer, G. (2015). The quartet theory of human emotions: an integrative and neurofunctional model. *Physics of Life Reviews*.
24. Mühlenbeck, C., **Liebal, K.**, Pritsch, C., & Jacobsen, T. (2015). Colour preference in combination with dissonant and consonant sounds: a comparative eye-tracking study with orangutans *PLOS ONE*, 9(1), e84299.
25. **Liebal, K.**, Vaish, A., Haun, D., & Tomasello, M. (2014). Does sympathy motivate prosocial behaviour in great apes? *PLOS ONE*, 9(1), e84299.
26. Scheider, L., **Liebal, K.**, Oña, L., Burrows, A., & Waller, B. (2014). A comparison of facial expression properties in five hylobatid species. *American Journal of Primatology*. DOI: 10.1002/ajp.22255
27. Reddy, V., **Liebal, K.**, Hicks, K., Jonnalagadda, S., & Chintalapuri, B. (2013). The emergent practice of infant compliance: an exploration in two cultures. *Developmental Psychology*, 49(9), 1754-1762.
28. Waller, B.M., Warmelink, L., **Liebal, K.**, Micheletta, J., & Slocombe, K.E. (2013). Pseudoreplication: A widespread problem in primate communication research. *Animal Behaviour*, 86(2), 483-488.
29. Luëf, E. M., **Liebal, K.** (2013). Development of a communicative gesture in gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*). *Interaction Studies*, 14(1), 44-61.
30. Tempelmann, S., Kaminski, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2013). When apes point the finger - Three great ape species fail to use a conspecific's imperative pointing gesture. *Interaction Studies*, 14(1), 7-23.

31. Waller, B., **Liebal, K.**, Burrows, A., & Slocombe, K. (2013). How can a multimodal approach to primate communication help us understand the evolution of communication? *Evolutionary Psychology*, 11(3), 538-549.
32. **Liebal, K.**, & Haun, D. (2012). The importance of Comparative Psychology for Developmental Science. *International Journal for Developmental Science*, 6(1), 21-23.
33. **Liebal, K.** & Kaminski, J. (2012). Gibbons (*Hylobates pileatus*, *H. moloch*, *H. lar*, *Symphalangus syndactylus*) follow human gaze, but do not take the visual perspective of others. *Animal Cognition*, 15(6), 1211-1216.
34. Gretscher, H., Haun, D., **Liebal, K.**, & Kaminski, J. (2012). Orangutans rely on orientation cues and egocentric rules when judging others' perspectives in a competitive food task. *Animal Behaviour*, 84(2), 323–331.
35. Waller, B.M., Lembeck, M., Kuchenbuch, P., Burrows, A.M., & **Liebal, K.** (2012). GibbonFACS: A muscle-based facial movement coding system for the monogamous small apes. *International Journal of Primatology*, 33(4), 809-821.
36. Schneider, C., Call, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2012). What role do mothers play in the gestural acquisition of *Pan paniscus* and *Pan troglodytes*? *International Journal of Primatology*, 33, 246–262.
37. Schneider, C., Call, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2012). Onset and early use of gestural communication in nonhuman great apes. *American Journal of Primatology*, 74(2), 102-113.
38. Luëf, E. M., & **Liebal, K.** (2012). Infant-directed communication in lowland gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*): Do older animals scaffold competence in infants. *American Journal of Primatology*, 74(9), 841-852.
39. **Liebal, K.** & Call, J. (2012). The origins of nonhuman primates' manual gestures. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 367(1585), 118-128.
40. Slocombe, K., Waller, B., & **Liebal, K.** (2011). The language void: the need for multimodality. *Animal Behaviour*, 81, 919–924.
41. Tempelmann, S., Kaminski, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2011). Focus on the essential: all great apes know when others are being attentive. *Animal Cognition*, 14, 433–439.
42. Burrows, A. M., Diogo, R., Waller, B. M., Bonar, C. J., & **Liebal, K.** (2011). Evolution of the muscles of facial expression in a monogamous ape: Evaluating the relative influences of ecological and phylogenetic factors in Hylobatids. *The Anatomical Record: Advances in Integrative Anatomy and Evolutionary Biology*, 294(4), 645–663.
43. **Liebal, K.**, Reddy, V., Hicks, K., Jonnalagadda, S., & Chintalapuri, B. (2011). Socialization goals and parental directives in infancy: The theory and the practice. *Journal of Cognitive Education and Psychology*, 10(1), 113-131.
44. Schneider, C., Call, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2010). Do bonobos say NO by shaking their head? *Primates*, 51(3), 199-202.
45. Arbib, M., **Liebal, K.** & Pika, S. (2008). Primate vocalization, gesture and the evolution of human language. *Current Anthropology*, 49 (6): 1064-1065.
46. **Liebal K.**, Pika S., Tomasello M. (2006). Gestural communication of orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus*). *Gesture*, 6 (1), 1-38.

47. Pika, S., **Liebal, K.**, Tomasello M (2005). Gestural communication in subadult bonobos (*Pan paniscus*): Repertoire and use. *American Journal of Primatology*, 65 (1), 39-61.
48. **Liebal, K.**, Pika, S., Call, J., Tomasello, M. (2004). To move or not to move: how apes alter the attentional state of others. *Interaction Studies*, 5(2), 199-219.
49. **Liebal, K.**, Call, J., Tomasello, M. (2004). The use of gesture sequences in chimpanzees. *American Journal of Primatology*, 64(4), 377-396.
50. **Liebal, K.**, Pika, S., Tomasello, M. (2004). Social communication in siamangs (*Symphalangus syndactylus*): use of gestures and facial expressions. *Primates*, 45(1): 41-57.
51. Pika, S., **Liebal, K.**, & Tomasello, M. (2003). Gestural communication in young gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*): gestural repertoire, learning, and use. *American Journal of Primatology*, 60(3), 95-111.

Books

52. **Liebal, K.**, Lubrich, O. & Stodulka, T. (2019). *Emotionen im Feld*. transcript-verlag.
53. **Liebal, K.**, Waller, B., Burrows, A. Slocombe, K. (2013). *Primate Communication. A Multimodal Approach*. Cambridge University Press.
54. Pika, S., & **Liebal K.** (eds.) (2012). *Developments in Primate Gesture Research*. John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia.
55. **Liebal, K.**, Müller, C., & Pika, S. (eds) (2007). *Gestural communication in nonhuman and human primates*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia.

Book chapter

56. Ullrich R. & **Liebal, K.** (2018). Times change, values change: Criteria for attributing language in species comparative research. In E. Luef & M. M. Marin (Eds.), *The talking species: Perspectives on the evolutionary, neuronal, and cultural foundations of language*. Graz: Unipress Graz-Verlag.
57. Liebal, K. (2018). What gestures can and can not tell us about language evolution. In: Boë, L.-J., Fagot, J., Perrier, P. & Schwartz, J.-L. (eds.). *Origins of Human Language: Continuities and Discontinuities with Nonhuman Primates*.
58. **Liebal, K.** (2018). Primate Communication. In J. Vonk & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behavior* (pp. 1-10). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
59. **Liebal, K.** (2018). What gestures of nonhuman primates can (and cannot) tell us about language evolution. In Boë, L.-J., Fagot, J., Perrier, P. & Schwartz, J.-L., *Origins of Human Language: Continuities and Discontinuities with Nonhuman Primates*. Peter Lang.
60. Lubrich, O., **Liebal, K.** (2018) „Gorillas im Zwielficht“, in: Wunsch, M., Böhnert, M., Köchy, K. (eds.), *Philosophie der Tierforschung*, Vol. 3: Milieus und Akteure, pp. 299-324.
61. Hawkes, K., Chisholm J.S., Fairbanks, L. A., Johow, J., Kalcher-Sommersguter, E., **Liebal, K.**, Myowa, M., Sommer, V., Thierry, B., Finlay, B. (2017). Primate Infancies: Causes and

- consequences of varying care. In Keller, H. & Bard, K. (ed.) *The Cultural Nature of Attachment. Contextualizing Relationships and Development*, pp.69-108. Strüngmann Forum Reports, vol. 22, J. Lupp (series ed.), Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
62. **Liebal, K.** (2016). Communication and cognition of small apes. In Reichard, U., H. Hirai, & Barelli, C. (Hrsg.) *Evolution of Gibbons and Siamang. Phylogeny, Morphology, and Cognition*. Springer, 311-345.
63. **Liebal, K.** (2016). Gestural communication. In Fuentes (ed.) *The International Encyclopedia of Primatology*, 1-2, Wiley-Blackwell, 10.1002/9781119179313.wbprim0334
64. Rossano, F., **Liebal, K.** (2014). In Drew, P. & Couper-Kuhlen, E. Requesting behaviour in orang-utans. *Requesting in Social Interaction*. John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia.
65. **Liebal, K.** (2014). Emotionale Kommunikation nicht-menschlicher Primaten. In: Gebauer, G & Edler, M. (eds.) *Sprachen der Emotion*. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag
66. **Liebal, K.** (2014). The psychology of gestures and gesture-like movements in non-human primates. In Müller, C., Cienki, A., Fricke, E., Ladewig, S.H., McNeill, D., & Tessendorf, S. (eds.) *Body – Language – Communication: An international handbook on multimodality in human interaction*. Volume 1. Handbooks of Linguistics and Communication Science. Berlin, New York: De Gruyter Mouton.
67. Cross, I., Fitch, W. T., Aboitiz, F., Iriki, A., Jarvis, E.D., Lewis, J., **Liebal, K.**, Merker, B., Stout, D., & Trehub, S. E. (2013). Culture and evolution. In Arbib, M. A. (ed.) *Language, music, and the brain: A mysterious relationship*, pp. 541 – 562. Strüngmann Forum Reports, vol. 10, J. Lupp (series ed.), Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
68. Koelsch, S., Jacobs, A. M., Menninghaus, W., **Liebal, K.**, Klann-Delius, G., von Scheve, C., et al. (2013). Ein neurofunktionales Modell von Emotionen. In: E. Schröger & S. Koelsch (Eds.), *Affektive und Kognitive Neurowissenschaft* (Vol. 5 - Kognition, pp. 343-362). Göttingen, Bern, Toronto, Seattle: Hofgreve - Verlag für Psychologie.
69. Tempelmann, S. & **Liebal, K.** (2012). Spontaneous use of gesture sequences in orangutans: A case for strategy? In: Pika, S., & Liebal K. (Eds). *Developments in Primate Gesture Research*. John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia, 73 – 91.
70. Hopkins, W.D., Pika, S., **Liebal, K.**, Bania, A., Meguerditchian, A., Gardner, M., & Schapiro S.J. (2012). Handedness for manual gestures in great apes: A meta-analysis. In: Pika, S., & Liebal K. (Eds). *Developments in Primate Gesture Research*. John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia, 93 – 111.
71. **Liebal, K.** (2007). Gestural communication in siamangs. In: Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (Eds). *The Gestural Communication of Apes and Monkeys*. Mahwah, New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
72. **Liebal, K.** (2007). Gestural communication in orangutans. In: Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (Eds). *The Gestural Communication of Apes and Monkeys*, pp. 69-98, Mahwah, New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
73. Pika, S., **Liebal, K.**, Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (2007). The gestural communication of apes. In: Liebal, K., Müller, C. & Pika, S. (Eds), *Gestural Communication in Nonhuman and Human Primates*, pp. 35–45, John Benjamins Publishing Company: Amsterdam/Philadelphia.

Academic administration

Since 09/2016	Mentor for PhD students at Max-Planck-Institutes (Minerva-FemmeNet)
Since 09/2014	Board member ProFiL-Netzwerkverein e.V. (Professionalisierung von Frauen in Forschung und Lehre)
Since 04/2014	Liaison officer (Vertrauensdozentin) for the Berlin scholarship holders of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
Since 04/2013	Member of the Ethics Committee, Department of Education and Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin
Since 03/2012	Mentor for PhD students of the Berlin School of Mind and Brain
2012 - 2013	Contact person for student exchange (ERASMUS) between University of Portsmouth, UK, and Freie Universität Berlin
11/2010-10/2012	Deputy coordinator of Area A of the cluster Languages of Emotion
Since 07/2011	Board member of the „Marie Schlei Award“, Department Education and Psychology
Since 04/2009	Member (deputy) of the examination board (Bachelor) of the Department Education and Psychology

Invited presentations (examples from the last 5 years)

07/2017	Mind the gap – intentional gestures and emotional facial expressions of nonhuman primates? Workshop How the brain got language?, organized by Michael Arbib, La Jolla
06/2016	Origins of human language. Lessons learned from comparative research. What is the role of emotion in language evolution?, organized by Richard Moore, Berlin School of Mind an Brain
04/2016	Contextualizing attachment – the nature of human attachment. Invited scholar at the Ernst Strüngmann Forum, Frankfurt Institut for Advanced Studies (FIAS), Frankfurt/Main.
03/2015	Measuring intentionality in great ape gestural communication. CEU Budapest
11/2014	Affe(kt). Emotionen in der Primatologie, WWU Münster, Ringvorlesung “Emotionen in den Wissenschaften” des Zentrums für Wissenschaftstheorie (ZfW)
10/2014	Kommunikation und Kognition nichtmenschlicher Primaten. Forum Scientiarum, Universität Tübingen
06/2014	Flexibility in great ape gestural communication: the role of the audience and social context. Nijmegen Gesture Center Spring Workshop, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistic, The Netherlands.

- 03/2014 Primatenkommunikation. Invited speaker at the "Studienkolleg Evolutionäre Anthropologie", Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, Hannover.
- 11/2013 Science and family? Graduate School of the Berlin School of Mind and Brain.
- 10/2013 Vereinbarkeit von Familie und Beruf. Graduiertenkolleg Universität Göttingen
- 09/2013 Ethical concerns in research with great apes. Invited discussant after the presentation of the documentary "Unter Menschen", Urania Berlin
- 07/2013 Primatenkommunikation. Wuppertaler Zoogespräche, Wuppertal
- 06/2013 Was macht den Menschen zum Menschen – und wen interessiert's? Research Academy, University Leipzig
- 05/2013 Kommunikation von Menschenaffen. Evolutionäre Humanisten Berlin-Brandenburg e.V., Berlin
- 08/2013 Gesture and Language Evolution. Invited symposium at the conference of the Cognitive Science Society
- 04/2013 Communicating without words: a closer look at our primate cousins. Cognitive Science Forum, University of Haifa, Israel.
- 01/2013 Does sympathy motivate prosocial behavior in great apes? Symposium "Empathy – A neurobiological based capacity and its cultural and conceptual history". Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung (ZfL), Berlin.

Conference organization

- 04/2018 Is there a unified concept of prosociality? Building a conceptual roadmap for future research, FU Berlin, together with colleagues from the University of Zürich, Switzerland
- 04/2018 What Is Compositional about Language, and Can We Find Compositionality in the Communication of Other Species, together with Linda Oña and Wendy Sandler, Evolang Conference 2018 in Torun, Poland
- 09/2016 Understanding the human mind: The value of a comparative perspective, 50th conference of the German Psychological Association
- 11/2015 Why c(omp)are? Research across species and cultures to understand the human mind, FU Berlin and Universität Leipzig (with Daniel Haun)
- 10/2014 Implementing culture into developmental research. Workshop between FU Berlin and Hebrew University Israel
- 08/2012 Primate communication: A multimodal approach
Symposium with Bridget Waller, Katie Slocombe, Anne Burrows, International Society of Primatology, Cancun, Mexico
- 02/2012 Expressive Facial and Body Actions in Humans and Apes. Workshop with Wendy Sandler, University of Haifa, Cluster Languages of Emotion, Freie Universität Berlin

- 09/2011 Evolutionary and Comparative Psychology: How does a comparative approach contribute to Developmental Psychology?
Symposium, Conference of the Section Developmental Psychology, German Society of Psychology, Erfurt, Germany
- 09/2010 Symposium Vergleichende Psychologie - Neue Implikationen für die Humanforschung, with Jana Uher, Freie Universität Berlin
47. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs), Bremen,
- 07/2010 4th Conference of the International Society of Gesture Studies, Frankfurt/Oder, with Cornelia Müller, Ellen Fricke, Hedda Lausberg
- 07/2010 Workshop on Current Developments in Primate Gesture Research, Frankfurt/Oder, with Simone Pika, University of Manchester
- 09/2007 Gestural and vocal expression of emotions, BPS Research Seminars, with Joerg Zinken and Kim Bard, University of Portsmouth and Susanne Kaiser, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- 03/2004 Gestural communication in nonhuman and human primates, workshop at the MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, with Cornelia Müller, Freie Universität Berlin

Media coverage

- 09/2016 Wolfskinder. Terra X (ZDF, arte)
- 09/2016 Schimpansen studieren in der Savanne. Tagesspiegel
- 01/2016 Sind sie denn nicht wie wir? Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung
- 11/2015 Was ist der Mensch? Beitrag zur Tagung „Why c(omp)are“?, Deutschlandfunk
- 05/2015 Affen & Intelligenz. Radio Bayern
- 02/2014 Einzigartig menschlich? rbb
- 07/2013 „Menschen und Affen reden ein wenig aneinander vorbei“. FUNDiert
- 12/2012 In Sambia Schimpansen studieren, Tagesspiegel
- 09/2012 Wenn Forscher von Gefühlen beeinflusst werden. Wissenschaft DRS 2, Schweiz
- 09/2012 Das eigene Herz in der Forschung. Deutschlandfunk
Emotionen des Forschers, Deutschlandradio
- 06/2012 Great apes tailor nonvocal communication for infants. News National Geographic
Gorilla communication: mums use 'baby talk' gestures. BBC
Gorillas have their own kind of baby talk. New Scientist

- 08/2012 Mitgefühl bei Menschenaffen. Deutschlandradio Wissen, Hörsaal
Die Emotionen der Forscher. Freie Universität Berlin.
Die Emotionen der Forscher. Tagesspiegel
- 2011 Was macht uns Menschen zu Menschen? Impulse, Volkswagen-Stiftung.
- 11/2010 Eine schöne Verwandtschaft - Von Menschen und Menschenaffen. WDR
- 2010 Ohne Worte – über die Sprache der Hände. Impulse, Volkswagen-Stiftung
- 05/2010 Bonobo chimps filmed shaking their head to 'say no'. BBC Earth News
- 10/2009 Der Orang-Utan in uns. Zeit online
Keine Fremdsprache: Wie sich Affen untereinander verständigen. campus.leben,
Menschenaffen, Plaudertaschen – Kommunikation der Primaten. ARD
- 2008 Extraordinary Animals Pansy. BBC and others