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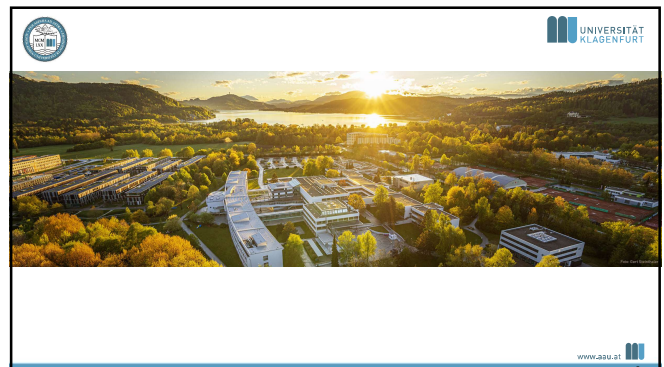
# The Department of Psychology in Klagenfurt

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### Fact Sheet:

- Seven (sub)departments, 6 full professors / 10 tenured faculty, organized in 9 research groups
- Students (BA/MA): 892 (in 2019/20), 56% Non-Austrians
- Thematic Doctoral Programme: „Health and Sustainability Communication and Management (HSCM)“
- Behavioral Lab with 8 Computer Stations (Eprime, OpenSesame)
- Psychtherapeutic Ambulance

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### Research Groups / Labs: Basic Ψ

1. **Affective Processes** - Head: Stephan Dickert  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/affective-processes-lab/>  
Main Topics: emotions in judgments and decision making, charitable giving, humanitarian aid, risk perception
2. **Social Interaction** - Head: Nilüfer Aydin  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/affective-processes-lab-2/>  
Main Topics: antecedents and consequences of social exclusion, stereotyping, social categorization, and pro/anti-social behavior

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### Research Groups / Labs: Basic Ψ


3. **Wisdom** - Head: Judith Glück  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/wisdom-lab/>  
Main Topics: life-span development of wisdom, manifestation of wisdom, construct validity of wisdom measures, MORE Life Experience Model
4. **Cognitive Processes** - Head: Bartosz Gula  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/cognitive-processes-lab/>  
Main Topics: cognitive models of judgment and decision making (DDM, MPT mods), cognitive biases, aids to every-day decision making


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**Research Groups / Labs: Applied  $\Psi$**  


5. *Psychodynamics/Psychotherapy* - Head: Sylke Andreas  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/psychodynamics-and-psychotherapy/>  
 Main Topics: process research in therapy effectiveness, mentalization, inter-session experiences of patients and relation to therapy outcome 


6. *Family and Health* - Head: Heather Foran  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/cognitive-processes-lab/>  
 Main Topics: understanding environmental risk factors and causes, family maltreatment, development of measures and interventions for screening, prevention, treatment, and implementation 


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**Research Groups / Labs: Applied  $\Psi$**  

7. *Behavioral Health* - Head: Brigitte Jenull  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/behavioral-health-lab/>  
 Main Topics: risk factors facilitating overweight, community level interventions, resilience and health in children of mentally ill parents, tertiary prevention in elderly 

8. *Mental Health* - Head: Sven Rabung (Dep. Head)  
<https://www.aau.at/psychologie/cognitive-processes-lab/>  
 Main Topics: metaanalyses and evidence synthesis, mental health assessment and promotion, process-outcome research 

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**Research Labs: ... in progress ...** 

9. *Individual Differences* - Head: Marcus Mund  
 Main Topics: loneliness across the life-span, relationship effects on personality, personality-relationship transactions 

10. *Qualitative Research Methods* - Head: Heidi Siller  
 Main Topics: ground theory, mixed methods, gender roles in medicine, psychological violence in medical contexts 


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**Research Profile:** 

*Meaningful Lives: Psychological Approaches to the Individual and Societal Challenges of the 21st Century*


**Goal:**  
 Investigate ways to improve the lives of people and how a meaningful life can be lived when faced with major societal challenges (populism, aging, climate change, digitalization)

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**Meaningful Lives: Subtopics** 


- Understanding factors and conditions that foster and hinder meaningful lives and prosocial behavior
  - good relationships within couples,
  - health-related behavior
  - economic decision making and risk perception
- Interventions for improving people's lives
  - psychotherapy research
  - stress reduction
  - coping with social exclusion
  - judgment and decision-making

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**Meaningful Lives: Subtopics** 



- Utilizing benefits and mastering the challenges of today's digital lives
  - benefits and challenges of digitalization in online psychotherapy
  - behavioral health apps and websites
  - quality of online psychological information and digital aids
- Methodological self-reflection: Ecological validity and state-of-the-art research designs and methodologies
  - valid measurement, especially complex and multifaceted constructs
  - qualitative and participatory research
  - integrative reviews and meta-analyses
  - data vs. process modelling

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**Meaningful Lives: Collaborative Research Questions/Projects between Labs**

- A randomised controlled trial of internet-delivered psychodynamic treatment via videoconferencing for patients with depression
- Developing and testing digital parenting interventions
- Multidimensional Assessment of Psychosocial Health
- Social exclusion and aggression towards minority groups
- The use of augmented reality to assess mentalization in patients with mental disorders
- Characteristics and predictors of wise decision-making



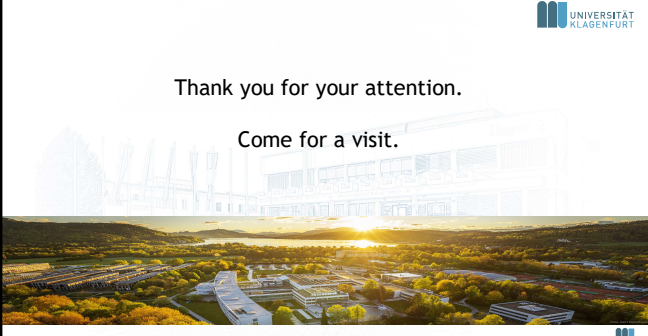


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