

**EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PERSONALITY PSYCHOLOGY
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SUMMER SCHOOL

on

META-ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH SYNTHESIS IN PERSONALITY PSYCHOLOGY

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Call for Applications

Aims:

Many research areas have produced (and are producing) a wealth of results. Thus, a considerable amount of available data exists with often confusing and conflicting findings. This makes it difficult to look at the “big picture” and to draw satisfactory conclusions. A solution for this problem is meta-analysis, namely the quantitative integration of previous study results in order to summarize scientific knowledge on a specific issue.

The Summer School provides an ideal educational opportunity where much can be learnt about the process of research synthesis, the involved statistical analyses, and potential pitfalls. We will cover both basic and advanced topics including the following:

- An introduction to meta-analysis: What is meta-analysis and why do meta-analysis
- The stage of problem formulation: The way from a research question to an appropriate meta-analytic problem definition
- The stage of data collection and evaluation: How to find relevant studies and how to code them
- The stage of data analysis I: The long way from study results to study effect sizes and to mean effect sizes (e.g., how to choose the appropriate statistical model, the use of correction formulas)
- The stage of data analysis II: Advanced data analysis (e.g., meta-analytic structural equation modelling)
- Critical issues in meta-analysis (e.g., publication bias)

Because we want to adapt key issues to the prior knowledge of the participants, the detailed program will be prepared after application.

The Summer School aims to promote a broad understanding for research synthesis and will be taught in intensive mode through lectures, seminar discussions, and practical exercises. Participants can analyze and discuss own data or can learn and practice the techniques on available data from the faculty members.

In addition to providing participants with the opportunity to further their knowledge on meta-analysis, the Summer School is intended to establish strong networks with academics and other students in the area. This will be facilitated by the fact that all faculty members and participants will spend their time under the same roof in Castle Oppurg.

Faculty is selected such that each member has considerable experience with meta-analysis.

Faculty members are presented in alphabetical order:

Andreas Beelmann (University of Jena, Germany)

S. Natasha Beretvas (University of Texas at Austin, USA)

Andy Field (University of Sussex, UK)

Kristin Mitte (University of Jena, Germany)

Deniz S. Ones (University of Minnesota, USA)

Ralf Schulze (University of Wuppertal, Germany)

Location:

The Summer School will be located at the magnificent Castle Oppurg, a baroque castle near Jena (<http://schloss-oppurg.cjd.de/public/3082/bilder/index.php>). Jena lies in the east of Germany. It is located directly at the Saale River and it is surrounded by limestone hills up to 400m high making it a beautiful hiking area. Jena itself is also historically interesting, as a city with a 450 year old university, battle fields of the Napoleon war or as the city in which

the famous Zeiss microscope was developed. It is an ideal starting point for excursions to UNESCO World Heritage Site Weimar (20km), Saalfeld Fairy Grottoes (50km, the “most colourful grottoes in the world” Guinness Book of Records), Dresden (190km), and Berlin (250km). The organizers will arrange shuttle buses from Jena to Castle Oppurg, for the collective arrival and departure of participants.

Applications:

The Summer School is primarily addressed to PhD students coming from different mainly European countries but exceptionally also applications of more senior researchers interested in learning more about the topic will be considered. Prior specialized knowledge is not necessary but applicants are kindly requested to provide information about their level of knowledge of meta-analytical methods and their expectations on the Summer School. There are 25 places available.

Because the Summer School is financially supported by the European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP) and the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences (ISSID) there is no registration fee for Ph.D. students and they only have to cover the costs for travel, accommodation, and meal expenses. Postdoctoral researchers have to cover a small registration fee of 100 Euros. A limited number of participants from lower HDI countries (rank below 50) will receive a scholarship of 150 Euros.

Double rooms for the whole period in Castle Oppurg cost 319 Euros per person, including all meals (but no refreshments).

Deadline for application is 15 April 2009.

Participants will receive a summer school certificate of attendance.

Applicants are requested to send an application (including a short CV) by E-Mail, fax, or post to:

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