

Publications & Presentations

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2020). Can accepting criticism be an effective impression management strategy for public figures? A comparison with denials and a counterattack. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*. Advance online publication. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01973533.2020.1754824>

Dieckmann, J., Steffens, C. M., & **Methner, N.** (2018). Back to the roots: When diversity evokes increased group-based conventionalism. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, 21(2), 351-367. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1368430216670245>

Berthold, A., Leicht, C., **Methner, N.**, & Gaum, P. (2013). Seeing the world with the eyes of the outgroup—The impact of perspective taking on the prototypicality of the ingroup relative to the outgroup. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 49, 1034-1041. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2013.07.007>

Book chapters

Bruckmüller, S., & **Methner, N.** (2018). The “Big Two” in citizens’ perceptions of politicians. In A. E. Abele & B. Wojciszke (Eds.), *Agency and communion in social psychology* (pp. 154–166). London: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203703663-13>

Steffens, M. C., Niedlich, C., Kachel, S., & **Methner, N.** (2016). Impression formation of applicants differing in sexual orientation: An attempt to integrate theoretical models and a review of the empirical evidence. In F. Earley (Ed.), *Sexual orientation: Perceptions, discrimination and acceptance* (pp. 51-80). New York: Nova Science publishers.

Conference Contributions and Talks

2019

Methner, N. (2019, September). *Puzzling trust: Should we conceptualize trust as a social attitude?*. Poster presented at the 17th Meeting of the Social Psychology Section, Cologne, Germany.

2018

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2018, November). *How defensive political communication affects citizens’ perceptions of and trust in political leaders*. Blitz presentation at the EASP Meeting on Polarization, Populism, Political Alienation: Causes and Consequences of Social Diversity and Inequality, Landau, Germany.

Methner, N., & Bruckmüller, S. (2018, July). *Puzzling trust: Trust as a social attitude?*. Poster presented at the Summer School 2018 of the European Association of Social Psychology, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2018, June). *How respectful responses to criticism affect citizens’ perceptions of and trust in political leaders*. Paper presented at the EASP Meeting on Understanding and Transforming Challenging Relationships, San Sebastian, Spain.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2018, Mai). *To err is human? The perception of politicians’ defenses and the role of (dis-)respectful communication*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the interdisciplinary research focus “Communication, Media and Policy”, Dannenfels, Germany.

2017

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2017, September). *Surprisingly honest: How responses to criticism affect the social perception of politicians*. Paper presented at the 19th ESCON Transfer of Knowledge Conference, Gdansk, Poland.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2017, July). *Politicians' means of dealing with criticism: Is honesty the best policy?*. Blitz presentation at the 16th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), Granada, Spain.

Methner, N. (Chair). (2017, June). *Untrustworthy Leaders, Distrusting Citizens? Explaining Differences in Political Trust*. Symposium conducted at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2017, June). *Politicians' means of dealing with criticism: Is honesty the best policy?*. In N. Methner (Chair), *Untrustworthy Leaders, Distrusting Citizens? Explaining Differences in Political Trust*. Symposium conducted at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2017, March). *Politicians' means of dealing with criticism: Is honesty the best policy?*. Invited talk at the University of Zurich, Social Psychology, Zurich, Switzerland.

2016

Ehrke, F., & **Methner, N.** (Chairs). (2016, September). *Politics and Trust: Determinants and Correlates of Trust in Political Actors*. Symposium conducted at the 50th Conference of the German Society for Psychology, Leipzig, Germany.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2016, September). *Reacting to criticism of the political opposition: Is honesty the best policy?*. In F. Ehrke & N. Methner (Chairs), *Politics and Trust: Determinants and Correlates of Trust in Political Actors*. Symposium conducted at the 50th Conference of the German Society for Psychology, Leipzig, Germany.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2016, September). *A social psychological perspective on trust in and distrust of politicians*. Paper presented at the doctoral workshop of the Social Psychology Section, Hamburg, Germany.

Methner, N., & Ehrke, F. (Chairs). (2016, June). *Political Trust (Part 2): Determinants of Political (Dis-) Trust and Cynicism* (Chairs). Symposium conducted at the 29th Conference of the German Peace Psychology Association, Landau, Germany.

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M.C. (2016, June). *Reacting to criticism of the political opposition: Is honesty the best policy?*. In N. Methner & F. Ehrke (Chairs), *Political Trust (Part 2): Determinants of Political (Dis-) Trust and Cynicism*. Symposium conducted at the 29th Conference of the German Peace Psychology Association, Landau, Germany.

2015

Methner, N., Bruckmüller, S., & Steffens, M. C. (2015, November). *How to sweeten bitter relationships: Reparation of political trust*. Paper presented at the Late Autumn School on "Trust and Distrust in a Digitized World", Münster, Germany.

Methner, N., Nägler, L. A., & Kessler, T. (2015, September). *Giving and getting recognition: The effects of recognition in face-to-face interactions*. In L. A. Nägler & T. Kessler (Chairs), *The importance of respect for social life*. Symposium conducted at the 15th Meeting of the Social Psychology Section, Potsdam, Germany.