

Sophia Brown

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Education

October 2015 – present, PhD in Psychology, University of Somewhere

“Dispositional motivational orientations and choices”

Funding: BRC Full Studentship

Supervisors: Professor E Eminent, Dr V Clever

This thesis examined dispositional motivational orientations, generic to various types of human choice such as pro-social and intrinsic motivation. The results demonstrated that: similar motivations affect individual choices in both situations; these motivations in a coherent fashion are linked to biological motivational traits of approach and avoidance; individual choices in two different situations are consistent between each other. The findings contribute to the understanding of basic mechanisms underlying individual motivation.

Research Skills and Techniques

SPSS

MATLAB

LISREL programming Confirmatory Factor Analysis, Structural Equation Modelling

CEFA programming Comprehensive Exploratory Factor Analysis

Z-Tree programming the design of the experiment and running behavioural experiments

September 2014 – September 2015, MSc in Applied Psychology University of Nowhere

“Opportunities, Motivation and Choice”

Supervisor: Dr H Tudor

Awarded distinction and best thesis prize

September 2011 – July 2014 BSc Psychology University of Nowhere

First Class Honours

Awarded best student prize in final year

Summer research placement at University of Berkeley, California

Publications

Brown S, co-authors names “What makes people cooperate? Individual differences in BAS/BIS predict strategic reciprocation in a public goods game”. *Personality and Individual Differences*. July 2018

First author, Brown S “The role of anxiety in behavioural strategies of high school students during leaderless group discussion”. *Journal of Psychology*,

Submitted for Review

Brown S “A model of proximal motivation within the context of degree choice”. *International Journal of Learning and Educational Development*

Conference Presentations

2018 Names. What Makes People Cooperate? Individual Differences in BAS/BIS Predict Strategic Reciprocation in a Public Goods Game. *British Society for the Psychology of Individual Differences*, Inaugural Conference, Edinburgh, UK

2018 Names. Individual differences in approach and avoidance motivation underlying degree choice motivation among students of British universities. *International Society for the Study of Individual Differences meeting*, Barcelona, Spain

Previous research experience

July 2014 – September 2014 Learning Research Institute, Temporary Project Assistant

Research duties: assisting an investigation into individual differences in leadership, which included coordinating testing schedules, administrating of a variety of psychological tests personality questionnaires, cognitive abilities tests, semi-structured interviews.

Awards

2017 University of Nottingham, Building Experience and Skill Travel Scholarship, visit to the lab of Professor N Smith, Centre for Neural Science, International University. Conducted behavioural experiment on individual differences in reinforcement learning. The results of this study are under preparation for a publication.

2016 University of Nottingham, Travel Prize, visit to the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences 2016 meeting in Boston, USA

Teaching

Oct 2016 – May 2017 University of Nottingham, School of Psychology

Demonstrator 1st and 2nd year *Practical Methods in Psychology* module, marked practical reports and provided feedback for students

Seminar Tutor led seminars for 2nd year *Social and Developmental Psychology* and *Cognitive Psychology* modules, tutorials for subsidiary students for *Individual in Society* module, marked examination essays

Additional Academic Experience

Stats Helpdesk Provision of support for 1st and 2nd year psychology students

Research Assistant Young Scientist Week, general assistance to the organizers of the Week and psychological testing

Postgraduate Representative School Equality and Diversity Committee 2017 -2018

Professional Association Membership

British Society for the Psychology of Individual Differences – a founding member.

Professional Development Courses

Research Techniques

Advanced Structural Equation Modelling: University Of Nottingham short course programme

Behavioural Experimentation Workshop: UCL summer workshop 2017

Teaching Courses

How Students Learn: University of Nottingham 2015

Teaching Practical Classes: University of Nottingham 2015

Marking and Assessment: University of Nottingham 2016

Media Courses

Writing Press Releases: University of Nottingham 2017

Presenting Your Research Effectively: School of Psychology Research Workshop 2017

Language skills

German (intermediate level), French (beginning level).

References