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Dear early career researchers and JuWis,

we hope that you are both physically and mentally healthy while dealing with the current situation as well as possible, despite the challenges and difficult circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic that we have been and still keep facing.

We are the early career researchers' representatives in the Austrian Society of Psychology ("Österreichische Gesellschaft für Psychologie", ÖGP, www.oegps.at) and we are reaching out to you in order to introduce ourselves and provide you with some updates about us and our activities.

Who are the JuWis?

JuWis (abbreviation of the German word "Jungwissenschaftler*innen") are early career researchers in psychology who are either PhD students or postdocs who completed their PhD no longer than 6 years ago.

What do JuWis representatives do?

The JuWis representatives communicate the interests of the JuWis in the ÖGP. They ...

- support networking and information exchange among JuWis and communicate their interests at their respective universities as well as across universities;
- form a link between JuWis at different universities in Austria as well as between the JuWis and the ÖGP board (<https://www.oegps.at/>);
- organize activities that JuWis can benefit from, including summer schools, writing retreats, and activities during the biannual ÖGP conference;
- discuss current topics that affect the work situation of JuWis in Austria;

Recent activities:

- *6th ÖGP JuWis Summer School and Writing Retreat*: Our Summer School 2021 took place from July 5th to 9th in Spital am Pyhrn. PhD students and postdocs (in total 27 participants) attended keynotes held by Prof. Judith Glück (President of the ÖGP, University of Klagenfurt), Prof. Bettina Kubicek (University of Graz), and Ass.-Prof. Matthew Pelowski (University of Vienna). They worked on their scientific writing skills in a workshop led by Ass.-Prof. Mathias Benedek (University of Graz), got PhD-thesis mentoring in small groups and individual mentoring with free choice of topics. All of them had secluded writing opportunities, held or participated in lightning talks, and had lots of time for networking, sports, and fun. As JuWis representatives we are amazed by the brilliant people we had the chance to encounter during this event!
- *Corona Funds*: We received many applications for our ÖGP JuWis Corona funds funded by the ÖGP (total amount of 5000 Euro). Applicants were selected carefully, so that the funds were distributed among JuWis most in need due to the pandemic.

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- *JuWis representatives as part of the ÖGP board:* In September 2020, the ÖGP members voted to have a JuWis representative as a member of the ÖGP steering board. Thus, the JuWis are now directly and officially represented in the society's board. Our current representatives' speaker in the board is Hanna Mües (University of Vienna).
 - *Paper on the situation of early career researchers in psychology in Austria (doi: 10.1026/0033-3042/a000507):* As part of a special issue of the German Journal *Psychologische Rundschau*, we conducted a study and published a paper on the situation of young scientists in Austria. Thank you to all those who participated in our survey! You can find the paper and more details here: <https://osf.io/g9xqj/>

Upcoming activities:

- *ÖGP Conference 2022 in Klagenfurt:* We are in the midst of our preparations for JuWis events at the upcoming conference including mentoring sessions, an interactive workshop, and some great social events. We will send out more information on these events soon and hope to meet you there!

Please also take a look at our new ÖGP website where you can find more details on current activities and events (www.oegps.at/juwis). If you are not yet a member of the ÖGP and are interested in becoming one, you can find more information using the following link: www.oegps.at/mitgliedschaft.

Feel free to contact us if you have any input, questions, feedback or concerns.

All the best,

Your JuWis representatives

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