

# Mathilde Lea Editha Bechdorf

Curriculum Vitae as of March 20, 2026

## CONTACT

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## RESEARCH FIELD

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**Behavioral and Experimental Economics.** My research investigates what factors cause deep discontent to develop, and what factors amplify and mitigate it. More specifically, I use experimental methods to investigate how unfavorable outcomes lead to discontent, how voice mitigates this, and what role biased belief updating and humbugging could play in amplifying it.

## CURRENT POSITION

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Research Associate & PhD Candidate, University of Magdeburg	since 2022
Visiting Researcher, University of Melbourne	Feb–Apr 2026
<i>Hosts: Prof. Dr. Nisvan Erkal &amp; Dr. Max Grossmann</i>	

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Beyond the Contract: Fairness, Observability, and Discretionary Effort (*with Simon Halliday, Eugene Malthouse, and Anastasia Papadopoulou*); Writing up paper
- Giving a Voice – Increasing Individual Self-Expression to Enhance Group Welfare and the Resilience to System Disbelief; Writing up paper
- Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief (*with Karim Sadrieh*); Writing up paper
- Voluntary Cooperation in the Long Run; Writing up paper

## CONFERENCES

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- 2026** Reading Group of Prof. Nisvan Erkal, University of Melbourne: *Seen One, Seen Them All* (*with Max R. P. Grossmann and Karim Sadrieh*); PhD Student Brown Bag Seminar, University of Melbourne: *Giving a Voice: Can Self-Expression Prevent System Disbelief?*; Asia/Pacific Meeting of the Economic Science Association (ESA), Melbourne: *Giving a Voice: Increasing Individual Self-Expression to Enhance the Resilience to System Discontent* (upcoming)
- 2025** Behavioural and Experimental Economics (BEE) Meeting, Florence: *Giving a Voice – Increasing Individual Self-Expression to Enhance Group Welfare and the Resilience to System Disbelief*; Annual Meeting of the German Association for Experimental Economic Research (GfEW), Hamburg: *Beyond the Contract: Fairness, Observability, and Discretionary Effort*; North American Meeting of the

Economic Science Association (ESA), Tucson: *Giving a Voice – Increasing Individual Self-Expression to Enhance Group Welfare and the Resilience to System Disbelief*

- 2024** Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (RES), Belfast: *Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief*; International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioural Social Sciences (IMEBESS), Riga: *Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief*; Combined Meeting of IAREP and SABE, Dundee: *Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief*; German Association for Experimental Economic Research (GfeW), Cologne: *Giving a Voice – Increasing Individual Self-Expression to Enhance Group Welfare and the Resilience to System Disbelief*
- 2023** World Meeting of the Economic Science Association (ESA), Lyon: *Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief*; Annual Meeting of the German Association for Experimental Economic Research (GfeW), Erfurt: *Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief*
- 2022** Annual Meeting of the German Association for Experimental Economic Research (GfeW), Salzburg: *Voluntary Cooperation in the Long Run*

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2024** Brown Bag Seminar VWL (Economics), University of Passau: *Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief*  
Research Colloquium of the Institute of Economics, Lüneburg: *Feeling Forgotten – The Rise of System Disbelief*

## EDUCATION

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PhD Student, University of Magdeburg	since 2022
<i>Main Supervisor: Karim Sadrieh</i>	
M. A. in International Economics and Business, University of Passau	2017–2021
B. Sc. in Business Administration and Economics, University of Passau	2013–2017

## PHD COURSES

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- 2025** Summer School in Experimental and Behavioral Economics (by European Economic Review), Rome
- 2024** C-SEB Early Ideas Workshop, Colonia (online); Summer School in Experimental and Behavioral Economics (by European Economic Review), Crete
- 2023** Workshop of the International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE), Houston; Central-German Doctoral Program (CGDE) Course – Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation, Dresden
- 2022** VHB-ProDok Course Experimental Research and Behavioral Decision Making, Paderborn; Experimentics Summer School by Peter Moffatt (online); Topics Workshop BeSmart of the International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS), Magdeburg

## GRANTS

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Office for Gender Equality and Family, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg: Travel and Research Stay Grant – <i>Förderung von Forschungsaufenthalten</i> , University of Melbourne, up to 5,000 €	2026
Faculty of Economics and Management Research Data Fund, University of Magdeburg: <i>Something Always Sticks – The Cost and Benefits of Strategic Humbugging</i> with Jannik T. Greif and Karim Sadrieh, 5,750 €	2025
Faculty of Economics and Management Research Data Fund, University of Magdeburg: <i>Seen One, Seen Them All</i> with Max Grossmann and Karim Sadrieh, 14,730 €	2025
Faculty of Economics and Management Research Data Fund, University of Magdeburg: <i>Giving a Voice – Increasing Individual Self-Expression to Enhance Group Welfare and the Resilience to System Disbelief</i> , follow-up funding, 11,274.23 €	2024
Faculty of Economics and Management Research Data Fund, University of Magdeburg: <i>Feeling Unheard – The Rise of System Disbelief</i> with Karim Sadrieh, follow-up funding, 4,632.22 €	2024
Faculty of Economics and Management Research Data Fund, University of Magdeburg: <i>Giving a Voice – Decreasing System Disbelief</i> , 9,247.60 €	2023
Faculty of Economics and Management Research Data Fund, University of Magdeburg: <i>Feeling Unheard – The Rise of System Disbelief</i> with Karim Sadrieh, 8,685.60 €	2023
Reinhard Selten Scholarship of the German Association for Experimental Economic Research (GfeW), 1,500 €	2021

## MENTORING

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Mentee in The Women in Economics Initiative (WiE) Mentoring, <i>Dr. Karoline Ströhlein</i>	2025–2026
Mentee in The Women in Economics Initiative (WiE) Mentoring, <i>Dr. Yaprak Tavman</i>	2024–2025
Mentee in Coaching Mentoring Training in Networking (COMETiN) Mentoring Program for Female Scientists, University of Magdeburg, <i>Jun.-Prof. Dr. Karina Held</i>	2022–2023

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Supervision of Master Theses:	<i>Sarah Kurtz, Franziska Karge, Jessica Bosch, Tuba Aisha, Caroline Albsmeier, Hristina Stoeva, Philipp Rosa, Lingrui Sun, Rencheng Wang, Zhongxu Yu, Rona Halabi, Aziza Abdirashidova, Jasmin Werner, Lucie Seidel, Sujina Tamang, Harun Sultani, Oliwia Engelhardt, Sharmila Balasubramani, Marius Hoffmann, Yilmaz Nezir, Mahizar Murtuzayeva, Shahmammad Muradov</i>
Supervision of Bachelor Theses:	<i>Robin Pape, Lennard Pape, Mara König, Blendona Haxha, Tim Christophersen, Paul Winkler, Max Rummmler, Szymon Hoppe, Lea Bücker, Sarah-Michelle Semm, Daniel Geyer, Max Winkelmann, Nils Strotmann, Emily Schummert, Tessa Kaiser, Max Anton, Natalie Koch, Julia Szczek, Carina Verter, Henrike Schlegel, Antonia Schlack, Finja Kliesch, Jasmin Grund, Tobias Böhme, Yasmin Blohberger</i>
Master Seminar Environmental Economics & Management	summer term 2026
Master Seminar Economic and Legal Dimensions of Managerial Liability in Environmental Issues	winter term 2025
Master Seminar Economics in Procrastination	winter term 2024
Scientific Project Seminar in E-Business	summer term 2022, 2023, 2025; winter term 2022, 2023

Principles of E-Business	winter term 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Market Communication	summer term 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Master Seminar Market Communication (for Media Education)	summer term 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Multicultural and Interactive Marketing Communication	summer term 2022
<i>Teaching Award Winner, Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Magdeburg:</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize, winter term 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize, winter term 2023

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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**Service:** Co-organizer of the Faculty Research Seminar (since winter term 2023), Mid-level Faculty Representative (since Jan. 2024), Organizer of the Magdeburg oTree Course 2023, Co-organizer of the IMPRS BeSmart Topics Workshop 2022.

**Community Service:** HR team member of The Women in Economics Initiative (WiE) (since Jan. 2026), Mentor in The Women in Economics Initiative (WiE) Mentoring – *Jayati Gupta* (2025–2026), Teacher Volunteer, Primary School “Grundschule Kamminer Straße”, Hamburg (2020–2021), Social Year Trujillo, Peru (2012–2013), Assistant Coach for French Horn “The Young ClassX” (2011–2012), Youth Group Leader “Christuskirche Wandsbek”, Hamburg (2010–2011).

**Languages:** German (Native), English (C1), Spanish (C1), Latinum & Graecum.

**Programming Skills:** z-Tree, oTree, R, Stata.

**Interests:** Symphony Orchestra Magdeburger Musikfreunde (French horn), Brass Ensemble Conservatorium Georg Philipp Telemann (French horn), Quartet (French horn).

## REFERENCES

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**Karim Sadrieh**

Professor in E-Business & Dean of Faculty

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