

Awards and Honors (3/2024)



PD Dr. Franziska Kühne was awarded the Young Researchers Mentoring Award of the Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy Section of the German Psychological Society (DGP). The researcher and psychotherapist received the award at the 3rd German Psychotherapy Congress in June 2024.

Kühne had been nominated by doctoral students of the Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy. Since 2016, she has been researching and teaching at the University of Potsdam on evidence-based psychotherapy, competence and education research, psycho-oncology, and obsessive compulsive disorders. Since 2023, she has

served as the head of the Psychological-Psychotherapeutic Outpatient Clinic of the University of Potsdam.

The aim of the Young Researchers Mentoring Award is to highlight and recognize excellent supervision of doctoral students. (Photo: Jakob Fink-Lamotte)



Dr. Matthias Hartlieb receives a Dr. Herrmann Schnell Scholarship for his research on materials with specific biological activity, particularly on antimicrobial polymers as an alternative to antibiotics.

Dr. Hermann Schnell Scholarships are endowed with 3,000 euros and awarded by the foundation of the same name, which is part of the GDCh (Society of German Chemists), to promote early career scientists who conduct research in the field of macromolecular chemistry, its physical-chemical principles, and

analytics.

Since 2021, chemist Dr. Matthias Hartlieb has been group leader of the Emmy Noether Group “Polymeric Biomaterials” at the University of Potsdam, which investigates how the properties of polymers influence their antibacterial effect. (Photo: Kevin Ryl)



Dr. Werner Krause was awarded the James Caporaso Award for his article “Does Right-Wing Violence Affect Public Support for Radical Right Parties? Evidence from Germany”. The award honors the best research contribution published in the academic journal *Comparative Political Studies*.

Using weekly survey data, Dr. Krause, together with Miku Matsunaga (Royal Holloway University of London), analyzed how public support for the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party changed after right-wing extremist violent attacks between 2013 and 2019. The study indicates that despite the violent attacks, AfD voters not only remain loyal to

this party, but that, on average, support for the party even increased. This increase can be explained primarily through changes in the voting preferences of ideologically right-wing individuals who previously voted for center-right parties. The study shows that even an increase in right-wing extremist violence does not necessarily lead to a decline in support for far-right parties – on the contrary, it can even strengthen them.

Dr. Werner Krause has been a postdoctoral researcher at the Chair of Comparative Politics of the University of Potsdam since 2023. (Photo: private)
