

Newsletter Research

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Dear colleagues,
dear students,

At the end of the summer term 2017, I thereby report on news in the area of research:

Pleasant news from the **SFU Berlin/Psychology**: the collaboration with Univ.-Prof. **Jaan Valsiner**, University of Aalborg (Denmark) within the framework of the Humboldt Foundation has been extended for a further academic year.

The SFU's unique opportunity for **research across faculties** and as such in an interdisciplinary manner has been implemented in joint research projects by the Institute of Psychosomatics at the Faculty for Psychotherapy Science and the Institute of Psychosomatics at the Faculty of Medicine. I am sure that further research cooperation will be established among the faculties.

In this academic year, progress has been made with data collection for scientific purposes in the outpatient psychotherapy clinics. Hence, we will be able to draw from a substantial data pool for psychotherapeutic research questions and to use the **outpatient clinics as research centers** in the upcoming academic year.

We are proud of a highly productive research year 2016/17, in which scientific **publication performance** increased by 89 percent compared to the academic year 2014/15. This lively and efficient research activity is now also made visible by means of two newly completed professional databases (**research project database, publication database**). Certainly, the evidence for our research excellence depends on the fact that all researchers are constantly entering their research projects and publications into the databases. I Therefore, I would like to request reliable entry! The new research website provides appropriate web presence.

Furthermore, we are pleased that our two **online journals** according to statistics show a high access rate. Their operation is based on professional software. In order to

maintain and keep on increasing the journals' attractiveness, further interesting articles are required. I would like to invite you to submit your papers.

Our **Science Blog** has media presence with weekly updates by Hon.-Prof. Ministerial Council Dr. Rüdiger Stix under the scientific editorial supervision of Univ.-Prof. Dr. Giselher Guttman and Felicitas Auersperg MSc.

I wish you all a nice summer!

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1 SFU Berlin

Univ.-Prof. Jaan Valsiner renewed his cooperation with SFU Berlin

Univ.-Prof.ⁱⁿ Dr.ⁱⁿ Meike Watzlawik, SFU Berlin informs about some exciting news:

“Humboldt foundation (www.humboldt-foundation.de) in Germany approved to fund the extension of Jaan Valsiners cooperation with SFU Berlin for purposes of exchange and networking for another academic year.

Aims of cooperation:

With Prof. Valsiner being one of the central sources of inspiration for this generation, it seemed only logical to invite him once more for intellectual discussion and even more so to plan and inaugurate future collaboration on a continuous and institutional level. As such, in particular a future partnership between the University of Aalborg and the Sigmund Freud University Berlin, the Universities of Applied Science, Magdeburg-Stendal, Freie Universität Berlin, as well as the universities in Bochum, Erlangen-Nürnberg, Bayreuth, and Münster will be at the center of Prof. Valsiner’s visit. It is the ultimate goal of this visit to discuss current issues in culture and psychology, namely the extension of a traditional focus on narration towards a materially grounded approach that incorporates various means of communication such as emotion and art, and to lay the institutional grounds for the next generation of cultural psychologists in Germany to take off and further develop the discipline.

As such, the topic of Prof. Valsiner’s visit to Germany will be **Cultural Psychology Beyond Narrative: Materiality, Art, Emotion**. The aim is to follow four developmental lines.

1: Through the involvement of Prof. Meike Watzlawik and Sigmund Freud Universität Berlin as an upcoming and ever growing research center in Berlin, new ways to include cutting edge research into university curricula will be explored.

2: Through the involvement of former host Prof. Günter Mey (Magdeburg-Stendal), continuity is secured. Professors Mey and Valsiner show a long line of collaboration and joint work over the last two decades. Prof. Mey visited Aalborg for two months in 2014 and 2015.

3: Through the involvement of a new generation of researchers (Dr. Vanessa Lux, Prof. Carlos Kölbl, PD. Dr. Lars Allolio-Näcke) a continuous debate will be ensured to both embrace Prof. Valsiner’s past research activities and open new horizons of thought.

4: Through the involvement of Prof. Scheve and Prof. Stodulka of Freie Universität Berlin, interdisciplinary bonds of cultural psychology with social sciences and cultural anthropology will be strengthened and developed further.

At SFU, Prof. Valsiner will be working in strong collaboration with Prof. Watzlawik to explore linkages between cultural and clinical psychology. In an attempt to integrate research and teaching, a master

program seminar will be organized to discuss the relevance of concepts of cultural psychology for clinical practice and research – an endeavor that shall pave the way for Danish and German students to form “research tandems” to perform data collection in one country and data analysis in the other. A large cornerstone of Prof. Valsiner’s visit at SFU constitutes the creation of institutional ties between Aalborg University’s Center for Cultural Psychology and the local psychology program. Concretely, the inauguration of yearly winter and summer schools to discuss prevalent topics of cultural psychology will be planned. In addition, an exchange program for PhD students between the Center for Cultural Psychology at Aalborg and participating German Universities will be set in motion. Preliminary experiences with such an exchange have already been gathered. Prof. Valsiner will be fully integrated into our research efforts at SFU. He will be teaching the summer semester’s cultural psychology class in the master’s program, and will give two workshops concerning topics of (body-linked) cultural materiality thereby broadening the traditional verbal/narrative focus in (cultural) psychological research. These efforts are closely connected to Aalborg’s Creativity Cluster and it is also our goal to work more closely on the various book series supported by the Center for Cultural Psychology such as *Cultural Psychology of Education, Advances in Cultural Psychology, Perspectives on Human Development, Palgrave Studies in Creativity and Culture.*”

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Jaan Valsiner was awarded with „Hans Kilian Award of Merit for the research and advancement of metacultural humanization” on 28.04.2017. Congratulations!

<http://www.hans-kilian-preis.de/>

2 Research across faculties

The Institute of Psychosomatics at the Faculty of Psychotherapy Science (Head: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Jutta Fiegl and Dr. Kathrin Mörtl) and the Institute for Psychosomatics at the Faculty of Medicine (Head: Uni.-Prof. Dr. Christiane Eichenberg) have started their scientific collaboration in line with our development plan.

Emphasis is put on the following research topics:

Psychosomatics of the heart

The Institute of Psychosomatics of the Faculty for Psychotherapy Science is working together with the Institute of Psychosomatics of the Faculty of Medicine and Prim. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Kurt Huber, Head of the Department of Cardiology at the Wilhelminen Hospital in Vienna and Vice Dean for Research of the Faculty of Medicine, on the disease Tako Tsubo.

Fertility treatments

In this context, a joint study series on psychological and psychosomatic aspects will start.

E-Mental Health

The focus on this research area is to be continued in cooperation with the Institute of Psychosomatics at the Faculty of Medicine (Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christiane Eichenberg) and the Institute for Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy at the Faculty of Psychotherapy Science (Univ.-Prof. Dr. Brigitte Sindelar).

3 Scientific research in Psychotherapy Science at the Outpatient clinics

In this academic year, the documentation of data at the psychotherapeutic outpatient clinic for adults was improved, actually by Martin Grossfurthners, BSc commitment, supported by Mag. Eva Pritz, head of the outpatient clinic, and the lead clinic co-ordinator Nicole Frank. As a result, we now have extensive data material available to address a number of questions in psychotherapeutic research. In the upcoming academic year, and under my lead, a research group will be devoted to the study of these research questions, whereas students will be involved along with their final theses.

Likewise, data are available for research from the outpatient clinics for children and adolescents Schwedenplatz and Liesing (Head: Mag. Dr. Brigitte Schimpl) as well as Faulmannsgasse (Head: Mag. Esther Richter). These data will be processed scientifically in collaboration with the Institute for Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy at the Faculty of Psychotherapy Science.

4 Development of publication activity

The figures on SFU publication activity indicate an increase in publication output. In this reporting period 227 scientific publications were published. Compared with last reporting period, SFU publication activity increased by 89%. That increase is mainly caused by an increase in the category: Articles in peer reviewed journals (Chart 1). In chart 2 you will find, publication-activity by faculty.

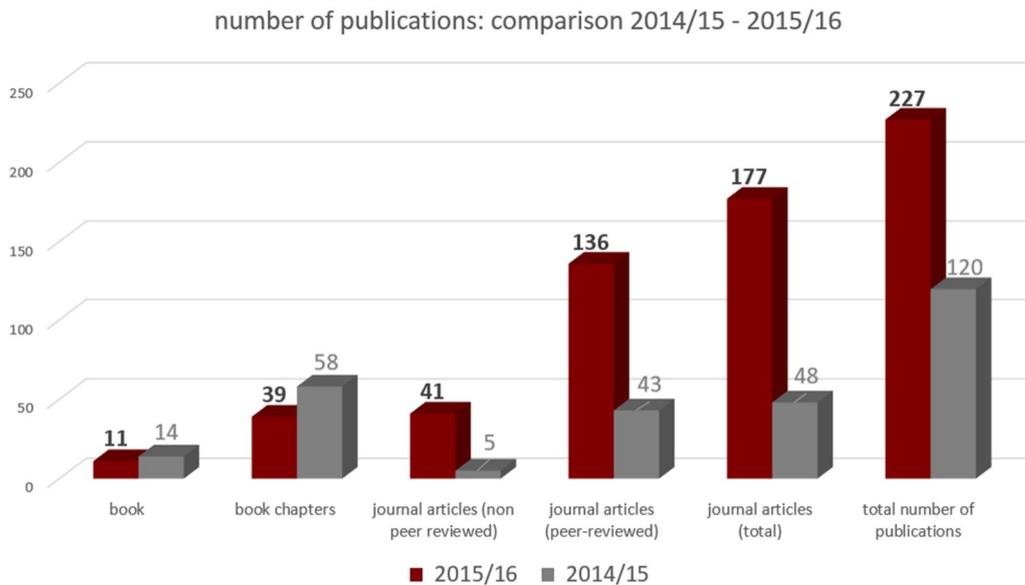


Chart 1: Comparison – number of publications in the academic year 2015/16 with 2014/15

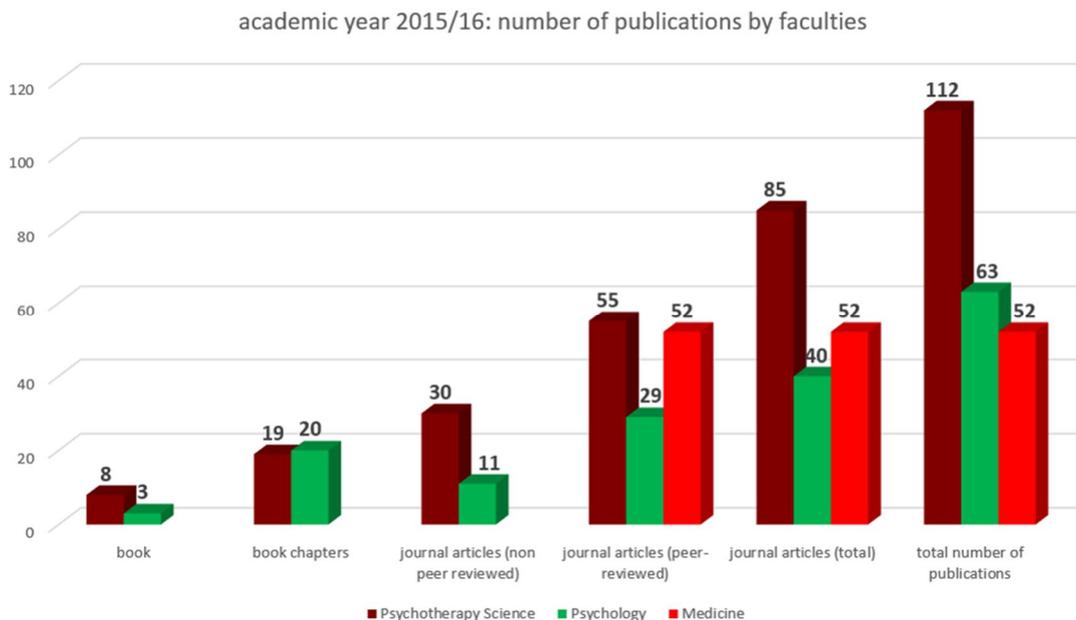


Chart 2: Publications by faculty in the academic year 2015/16

5 New Research Website

The research website has been redesigned and now provides the SFU a professional web presence as a research center. Veronika Neubauer has rapidly transposed my design, while Mag. Elisabeth Leitner and Mag. Jenny Haeggblom have swiftly translated the texts into English.

As such, the SFU's web presence in the area of research now corresponds to our scientific professionalism:

<https://forschung.sfu.ac.at/en/>

6 Research Project Database, Publication Database

I am glad to announce the good news that the programming of the two databases *research project database* and *publication database* has been completed. They had been launched at the beginning of this year. Christian Heftberger, BA contributed extensively and in a dedicated manner to this project, in close collaboration with the programmer. The proposal for the development of these databases was concordantly endorsed at the staff meeting of all sites in October 2016 (see Newsletter Research No. 10). It is hereby implemented. Thus, a professional website appearance on research activity and the SFU scientific output is realized.

The *research project database* presents on-going and completed research projects of all faculties on the website. The presentation is provided in English and optionally also in German, French, Italian or Slovenian.

The *publication database* contains all scientific publications since 2010, which were reported to the Vice-Rectorate Research by end of May. Currently, my team is working on registering all reported projects and publications from 2010.

Both databases are accessible via the newly designed research website and also linked to research-related sub-sites of the faculties.

The Vice Dean for Research of the Faculty of Medicine, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Huber, has decided to enter the publications from the Faculty of Medicine in the same citation format, which saves the considerable effort of programming a different citation form.

The Faculty of Law is currently elaborating the specifications for the programming of a law-specific citation form.

Both databases are programmed in such a manner that entering of research projects and publications may be carried out by means of user-friendly input masks either independently or, depending on the regulation within the respective faculty, by a person entrusted by the management of the faculty

management. If you want to submit your entries by yourself, we will register you as user. Kindly send an e-mail with the activation request to forschung@sfu.ac.at. Thereupon, you will receive your personal access to the SFU Research project & publication database system. Your access will be activated with the mail address indicated by you. Along with submission of your access code, you will receive illustrated instructions to provide assistance for entries. The two databases are programmed in a particularly user-friendly manner and therefore, the instructions might not necessarily be required. If you have any questions, please contact the team of the Vice-Rector Research via forschung@sfu.ac.at. Currently, Christian Heftberger, BA, Johanna Klapsch, MSc, Manfred Reisinger, Victoria Schüttengruber, BSc and I are entering all publications reported to the Vice-Rectorate Research until end of May 2017, as of 2010. Kindly enter publications by yourself (or the person within your Faculty entrusted with this task), which have not been reported until then. If you want your publications dating back prior to 2010 with SFU-affiliation, you may certainly enter those independently into the database.

Currently, Mrs. Veronika Neubauer is linking the list of your publications from the publication database as well as your research projects from the research project database with your CV on the SFU website. The lists are automatically updated with each entry in the databases. This means that everyone may access along with your CV both your publication and research activities in the latest version (as long as you update your publications).

Of course, both databases exclusively contain such publications, in which at least one author has referred to his/her SFU- affiliation.

Publications without SFU-affiliation reference cannot be included in this database. If you wish to display publications in your CV on the website prior to your cooperation with the SFU, this can be done in a separate list, created by you. Since the uniform presentation of publications is indispensable for a professional appearance, this list needs to follow the APA Sixth citation form. Kindly submit this list in a word file to forschung@sfu.ac.at.

7 Journals

SFU Research Bulletin

In the beginning of 2017, with Ass.-Prof. Dr. Martin Jandl, a chief-editor was added to the editorial team of our University's scientific journal, appearing this year with the 5th volume. He will manage the editorial process together with me. Editorial assistant is Mag. Manfred Reisinger.

By 2017 SFU Research Bulletin has got a new „Outfit“:



The second issue is already in preparation und will be published in WT 2017. Submission deadline for contributions in the 2nd issue this year is Sept 30th 2017. One issue, published in 2018, will be edited by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Meike Watzlawik, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Jan Valsiner und Dominik Mihalits MSc in collaboration.

Call for Papers

All members of SFU academic staff are cordially invited to submit contributions for SFU Research Bulletin. Contributions of students (also possible in collaboration with supervisor) are welcome as well (e.g.: short versions of thesis).

In the faculty meeting on 22nd of June, Faculty of Psychotherapy Science has decided, that each faculty member will submit one paper per year. As SFU Research Bulletin is not intended to be limited for psychotherapeutic topics, contributions from other faculties and branches are welcome as well. Carrying editorships for single issues is possible. Each contribution is reviewed anonymously and audited for plagiarism.

The number of issues published per year is variable. Publication frequency could/should be increased!

Zeitschrift für freie psychoanalytische Forschung und Individualpsychologie

Issue 1/2017 was edited by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Thomas Stephenson und published in June 2017. Editorial assistance was provided by Mag. Manfred Reisinger .

Access statistics: SFU Journals

Access statistics – SFU Research Bulletin

Period: 1.1.2017 - 23.6.2017

In that period 741 users had been accessing the website 10.126 times. Average session: 4:39 minutes (chart 3), number of sessions: 1.279.

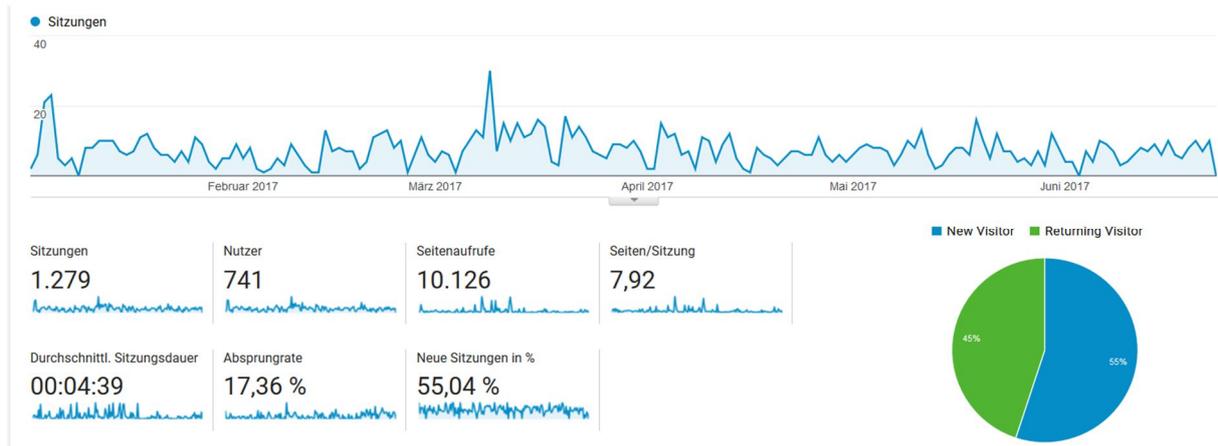


Chart 3: Access statistics SFU Research Bulletin (1.1.2017 - 23.6.2017)

SFU Research Bulletin access-distribution by country is illustrated on chart 4:

1.	Austria	868 (67,87 %)
2.	Germany	184 (14,39 %)
3.	United States	52 (4,07 %)
4.	Switzerland	35 (2,74 %)
5.	United Kingdom	17 (1,33 %)
6.	Iran	15 (1,17 %)
7.	(not set)	10 (0,78 %)
8.	Denmark	8 (0,63 %)
9.	Italy	7 (0,55 %)
10.	Russia	7 (0,55 %)

Chart 4: Access distribution by country (SFU Research Bulletin)

Access statistics – “Zeitschrift für freie psychoanalytische Forschung und Individualpsychologie“

Period: 1.1.2017 bis 23.6.2017

In that period 608 users had been accessing the website 5.598 times. Average session: 3:51 minutes (chart 5), number of sessions: 1.137.

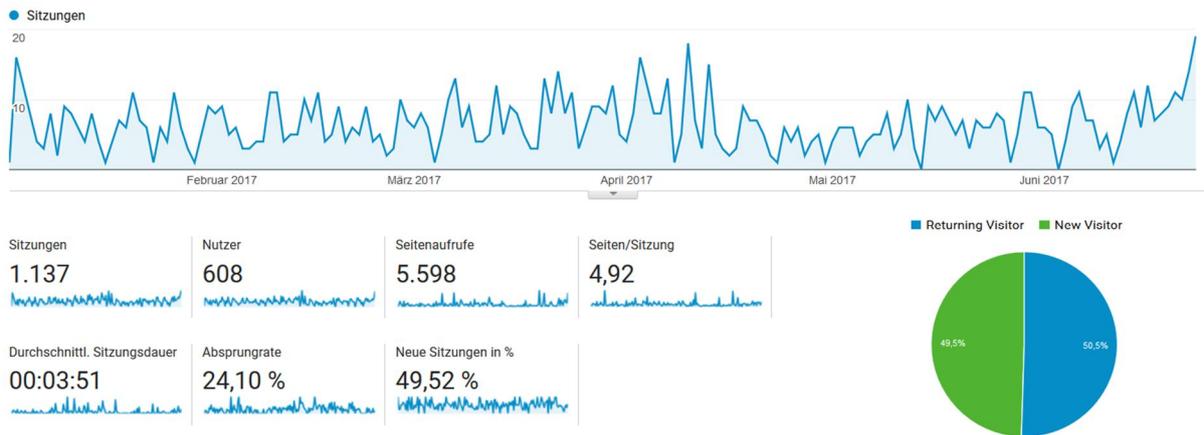


Chart 5: Access statistics “Zeitschrift für freie psychoanalytische Forschung und Individualpsychologie“ (1.1.2017 - 23.6.2017)

SFU Research Bulletin access-distribution by country is illustrated on chart 6:

1.	Austria	718 (63,15 %)
2.	Germany	252 (22,16 %)
3.	United States	48 (4,22 %)
4.	Switzerland	24 (2,11 %)
5.	Brazil	10 (0,88 %)
6.	United Kingdom	10 (0,88 %)
7.	India	7 (0,62 %)
8.	(not set)	7 (0,62 %)
9.	Italy	5 (0,44 %)
10.	Iran	4 (0,35 %)

Chart 6: Access distribution by country (Zeitschrift für freie psychoanalytische Forschung und Individualpsychologie)