

# Newsletter Research

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Dear colleagues and students!

The Vice Rectorate Research will begin to focus on strategic research planning in the summer term 2019: The promotion of cross-faculty and cross-regional research cooperation will become an emphasis, as it is a unique feature of the SFU (four faculties, six locations). Therefore, the installation of a digital communications platform is under way. Furthermore, the personal contacts among the Vice Rector Research and the Research Coordinators of the locations are going to be intensified via telephone conferences and periodical meetings in Vienna.

We are glad to announce, that our Vice Dean for Research at the faculty for Medicine, Prim. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Kurt Huber, was awarded for his academic performance: For the 4<sup>th</sup> time in succession he got listed as one of the Highly Cited Researchers in 2018!

The emergence of “Predatory Journals” is a development particularly relevant for prospective and young researchers. Find out more in the correspondent chapter about the tricks of fraudulent publishers and about the possibilities to protect yourselves.

After the recall to submit publications in December 2018 we retrieved renewed statistical data concerning the publications from the academic year 2017/18 – see the results in chapter 7. We would like to remind you that the database is the digital ID of the SFU. But even more so, it’s the basis for the certifying authority to assess the scientific competence of SFU researchers.

At last, there is news from the Vice Rectorate Research itself: By February, Elisa Ludwig, BA, took up the position of the assistant of the Vice Rector Research. Prior to that, she was engaged many years in the victim protection of trafficked persons and in the City Administration of Vienna. We welcome her to our university!

Univ.-Prof.in Dr.in Brigitte Sindelar, Vice Rector Research  
Elisa Ludwig, BA, Assistant to the Vice Rector Research  
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## 1. Strategic Research Planning

I may announce:

From now on, the quality management of SFU Research will be one of the main activities of the Vice Rectorate Research. Fortunately, the university reached a critical size and is therefore required to make those efforts.

Starting in the summer term 2019, the promotion and coordination of cross-faculty and cross-regional research will be the focus of my activities. For this purpose, I am going to contact each Research Coordinator of each faculty as well as each SFU-location and subsequently, I will set up a meeting of the Research Coordinators. I also plan to install a digital research communications platform (my first attempt failed at the lack of technological resources, maybe also at the interrelated lack of collegial compliance). Moreover, the formal acquisition of external funding will be incorporated into the responsibilities of the Vice Rectorate Research, potentially including associated counselling.

Ms. Ludwig will contact each faculty and each location in the course of the next two weeks in order to collect the structurally relevant information (the latter is going to be provided for all as soon as necessary).

These steps are not only essential with regards to the consolidation of SFU Research and its quality management – they are especially important considering the recertification in the year of 2021.

Brigitte Sindelar

## 2. Highly Cited Researchers 2018

Every year, Clarivate Analytics releases a list of the 3,500 most often cited researchers, the so called Highly Cited Researchers (HCR). Clarivate Analytics, formerly a part of the company Reuters, is dedicated to data analytics and also owns the scientifically indispensable databank Web of Science. In 2018, Austria held 41 researchers among the HCR-List (<https://hcr.clarivate.com/#freeText%3DAustria>), while three of them have been chosen from the field of “clinical medicine”. We are very pleased to inform you that the Vice Dean



Research at the Medical Faculty of the SFU, Prim. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Kurt Huber, is one of those selected researchers\*. The investigated time span for the HCR-list ranges from 2007 to 2017. The calculations of Clarivate Analytics are based on the number of publications in specialized journals and on the number of citations.

\*Unfortunately, the list is faulty and associated Prim. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Huber with Denmark instead of Austria. As of our copy deadline, the error was not eliminated by Clarivate.

Prim. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Huber, in his capacity working as cardiologist at the Wilhelminenspital, is listed as one of the HCR the fourth time in succession. He undertook his determining academic work on the topics of interventional cardiology, acute coronary syndromes, networks for myocardial infarction and antithrombotic therapy.

### 3. Research Project, SFU Berlin: “Operative Psychology. Theory, practice and consequences of the psychological Terror in the DDR”

Coordinated by Ass.-Prof. DDr. Martin Wieser, the SFU Berlin submitted a research project for funding in cooperation with Prof. Dr. David Becker. The objective is to assess “Operative Psychology”, a discipline established by the Ministry for State Security (Ministerium für Staatssicherheit = MfS) in the GDR. In collaboration with partners who specialize in the psychosocial care of politically traumatized persons from the GDR, the project evaluates the scientific history as well as the consequences of a psychology that operates on behalf of the secret service. The university of the MfS in Potsdam taught the subject of “Operative Psychology” for 25 years in order to impart psychological knowledge for the monitoring, the interrogation and the recruitment of unofficial staff for the secret police as well as for the political prosecution of undesirable citizens. The research is laid out for three years and aims to incorporate the subjective perspectives of formerly persecuted people from the GDR on the “operative measures” of the state security service (“Stasi”). If funding gets granted, the project should start by the end of 2019. For further information please contact [martin.wieser@sfu-berlin.de](mailto:martin.wieser@sfu-berlin.de)

Literature:

Michels, M. & Wieser, M. (2018). From Hohenschönhausen to Guantanamo Bay: Psychology’s role in the secret services of the GDR and the United States. *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 54(1), 43-61.

### 4. Institute for Futures Research in Human Sciences

How relevant the subject of ‘the Future’ is not only to individuals but to us all as a society, manifests itself also in the increasing apocalyptic sentiments of the last years. Unfortunately, such a tendency is not only polluting our common atmosphere. Collective fears of ‘the’ future rather penetrate all areas of life, e.g. as the outcome of an election or as the consequences of a referendum.

In order to approach this significant part of our life from a scientific point of view, the “Institute for Futures Research in Human Sciences” was found under the direction of Univ.-Prof. Dr. Reinhold Popp. In 2013, the head of the institute also set up a platform in cooperation with colleagues that provides space for related international publications: The “European Journal of Futures Research”.



While the research area developed dynamically over the last three decades in North America, South Africa, Australia and in Asia, Europe still needs to catch up. The journal was coined explicitly „European“ as to accelerate that very process. Currently, the young journal reached a 5-year-impact factor of 0.9, which is a substantial increase in the context of Social Sciences in such a short amount of time.

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Popp aims to also highlight the interdisciplinary dimension of Futures Research and therefore encourages readers to articulate questions on the topic cross-faculty, because – as Univ.-Prof. Dr. Popp states: “Everything has a future!”

## 5. Publication Scams: Predatory Journals

The phenomenon of “predatory journals” represents a business model of pseudo-scientific publishers who misuse the culture of Open Access Publishing. These self-proclaimed journals pro-actively search for scientific papers from graduates that just finished their studies, and who therefore have only little experience in academic publishing. They trick those young scientists into publishing their contributions by charging less than usual and by releasing the texts very fast. This takes place without the journals editing their output and without checking the qualitative academic criteria. The publishers even expand their fraudulent practices to the level of verbal contributions, as they organize seemingly authentic venues in major congress cities. They charge congress fees from their participants while completely lacking any legitimate scientific value.

A prominent example of predatory publishing ‘in Austria’ is the Wulfenia Journal, where caution has to be advised: Apart from the Fake Wulfenia, there is also a reliable botanical journal carrying the same name from the Landesmuseum Kärnten:

[http://www.landesmuseum.ktn.gv.at/210226\\_DE-LMK-Abteilungen?seite=15](http://www.landesmuseum.ktn.gv.at/210226_DE-LMK-Abteilungen?seite=15).

The Fake-Wulfenia is a so called highjacked journal that copied not only the ISSN, but also the Corporate Identity from the real one, while stating a much higher impact factor. Although, at first glance the journal might appear authentic, a closer look should create some doubts. At least for those familiar with Austrian names who for example spot the quite fantastically labelled editor-in-chief, “Dr. Vienna S. Franz”.

Hence, how to find out if a journal is reliable or not? The Freie Universität Berlin compiled the following points of reference on their website

[https://www.fu-](https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/open_access/weiteres/informationen_predatory_publishing/index.html)

[berlin.de/en/sites/open\\_access/weiteres/informationen\\_predatory\\_publishing/index.html](https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/open_access/weiteres/informationen_predatory_publishing/index.html):

- Is the journal listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)?
- The DOAJ only lists open access journals with audited quality control. These criteria are specified in the "Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing".
- Is the publisher member of the "Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association" (OASPA) or the "Committee on Publication Ethics" (COPE)?
- Is the journal indexed in the relevant databases or catalogues? (e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, ERIH PLUS)?

You can find a comprehensive composition of assessment criteria regarding the trustworthiness and reputation of scientific journals on the Website <https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>. Additionally, the librarian Jeffrey Beall who also coined the term "predatory journals", listed many such potentially fraudulent journals online: <https://beallslist.weebly.com/>.

Accordingly, we would like to suggest your timely professionalization when it comes to detecting exploitative journals – in your own interest, as well as in the interest of science.

## 6. Your digital Signature at the SFU

Nowadays, it takes only a few clicks to find out more about a stranger. The question doesn't arise any more, whether academics want to have an internet appearance or not. In contrast, you have to consider in which ways you want to shape that appearance, wherever you have the influence to do so.

The website of the SFU provides a platform to represent your work online. You can enable the access to your publications for journalists et al by means of your personal profile (<https://www.sfu.ac.at/de/personensuche/>). The publication database automatically links your entries with your personal list of publications on your profile.

The SFU supports your online presence and will gladly add publications before the year of 2010, as well as non-SFU-affiliated publications. Please send your list of the latter according to APA Sixth for Psychotherapy Science and Psychology (or in the specific citation forms for Medicine and Law), sorted upwards by years, in a word document to: [forschung@sfu.ac.at](mailto:forschung@sfu.ac.at). This additional information will be linked to your personal profile thereupon.

## 7. Publication development: Two-Year-Comparison

244 scientific papers were published within the academic year 2016/17 (1.9.2016–31.8.2017). The controlling of the publication numbers (as of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018) concerning the academic year 2017/18 (1.9.2017–31.8.2018) resulted in 34% less publications. After reminding the staff about the importance of the entries to the publication database, this difference went down to 18.4%. Another subsequent reminder after that led to 50 more entries, which resulted in a total number of 249 publications – an outcome of 88 publications more than prior to the reminder in October 2018.

We therefore want to draw your attention once again to the fact that it is absolutely necessary to continuously submit your SFU-affiliated publications! The publication databank is not only the digital ID of the Sigmund Freud PrivateUniversity, it is also the basis of the certifying authority to assess the competence of in-house researchers.

The faculties for Psychotherapy Studies and Psychology have the option to send their lists of publications to [forschung@sfu.ac.at](mailto:forschung@sfu.ac.at). The entries will be carried out by the team of the Vice Rectorate Research.

Looking at the following graph, there is a clear indication that the repeated recall for databank submissions and/or entries has an impact on the numbers therein. The decreased publication output of almost minus 20% (= 45 publications) in the academic year of 2017/18 (compared to the prior academic year of 2016/17) is a result of the lack of entries and submissions – and not one that derives from less actual publications.

**Therefore: PLEASE PAY ATTENTION that the continuous submissions and/or entries of your SFU-affiliated publications is MANDATORY!**

(Figure 1: Development of Publications, see next page)

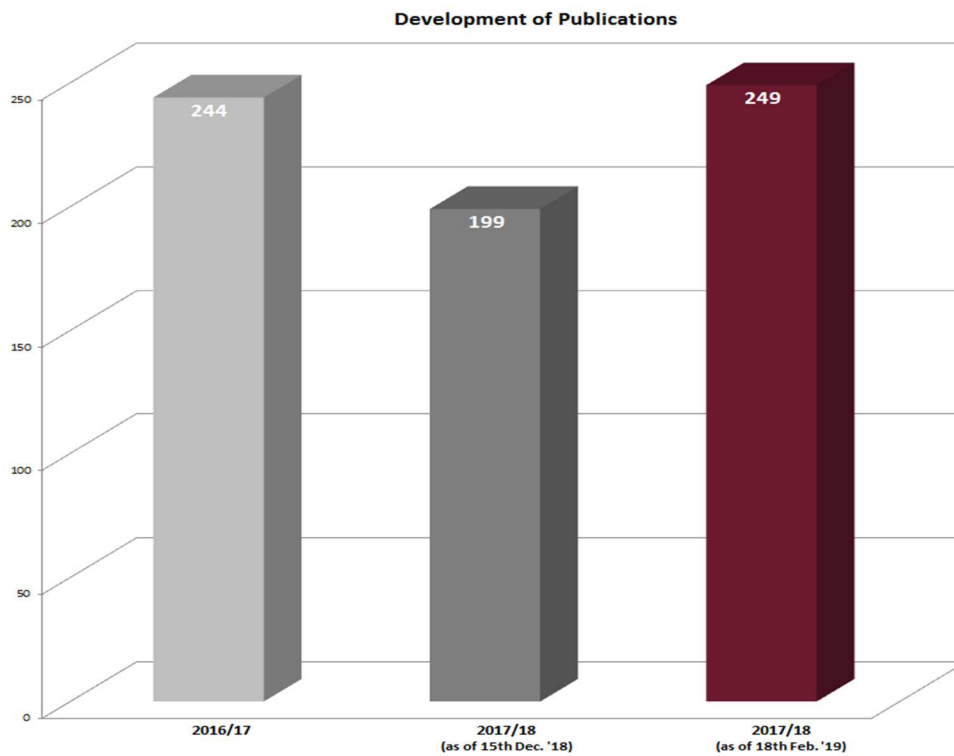


Figure 1: Development of Publications

## 8. Online Journals

SFU Research Bulletin

ISSN 2308-0795; <http://journals.sfu.ac.at/index.php/sfufb>



The chief editor for the Research Bulletin so far, Univ.-Prof.in Dr.in Brigitte Sindelar, passes on the responsibility to the new editors in charge:

As of now, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Jandl and Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Poltrum are going to hold the authority for editorship.

The editorial assistant will be Maria Gren, BA BA BA, who adopts the duty from Mag. Manfred Reisinger.

In the year of 2018, the hit rate monitoring shows 15.039 hits with an average duration of 3:33 minutes. Most of the hits came from Austria (40,16 %), Germany (24,86%), France (13,78%), Switzerland (2,92%) and USA (2,59 %). The spread of the international distribution is remarkable (see figure 2):

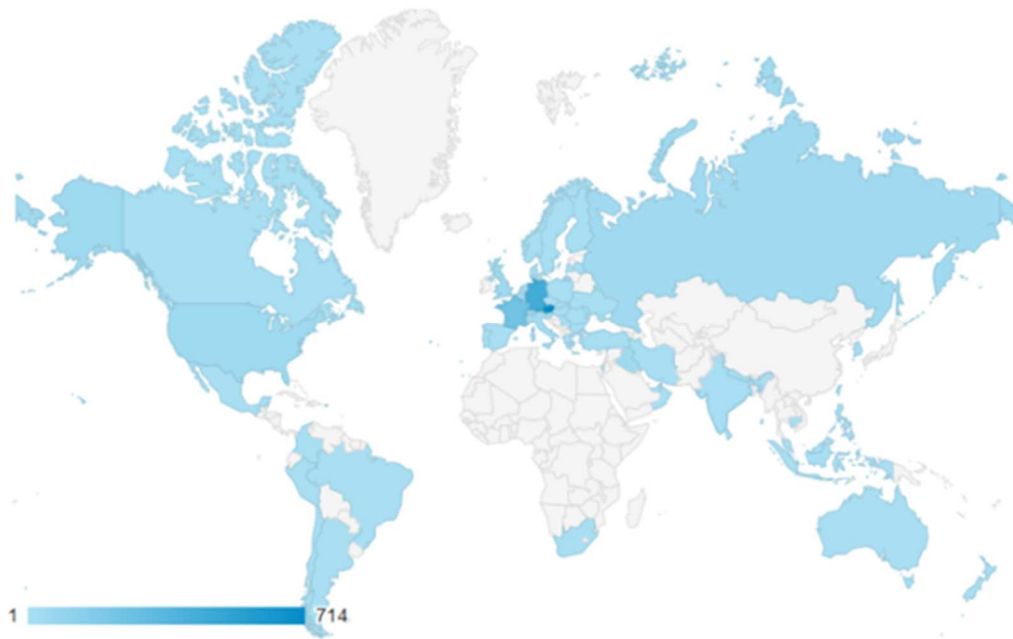


Figure 2: Geographical distribution of hits for the SFU Research Bulletin

## Journal for Psychoanalytic Research and Individual Psychology

ISSN 2313-4267; <http://journals.sfu.ac.at/index.php/zfpfi>

The editorial board of the Journal for Psychoanalytic Research and Individual Psychology (ZfPfi) is still setup by the management team of SFU Individual Psychology. In the winter semester 2018/19, Univ.-Prof.in Dr.in Brigitte Sindelar issued a periodical that includes six scientific articles and one book review on the topic of “Childhood and Parenthood”. In the summer term 2018, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Thomas Stephenson issued the topic of “Relationality and Participation” which contains three scientific articles and one book review.



In the year of 2018, the hit rate monitoring shows 17,776 hits with an average duration of 2:57 minutes.

Geographical distribution of hits: Austria (43,32 %), Germany (27,06 %), France (11,37%), USA (3,46 %). The spread of the international distribution is remarkable as well (see figure 3):

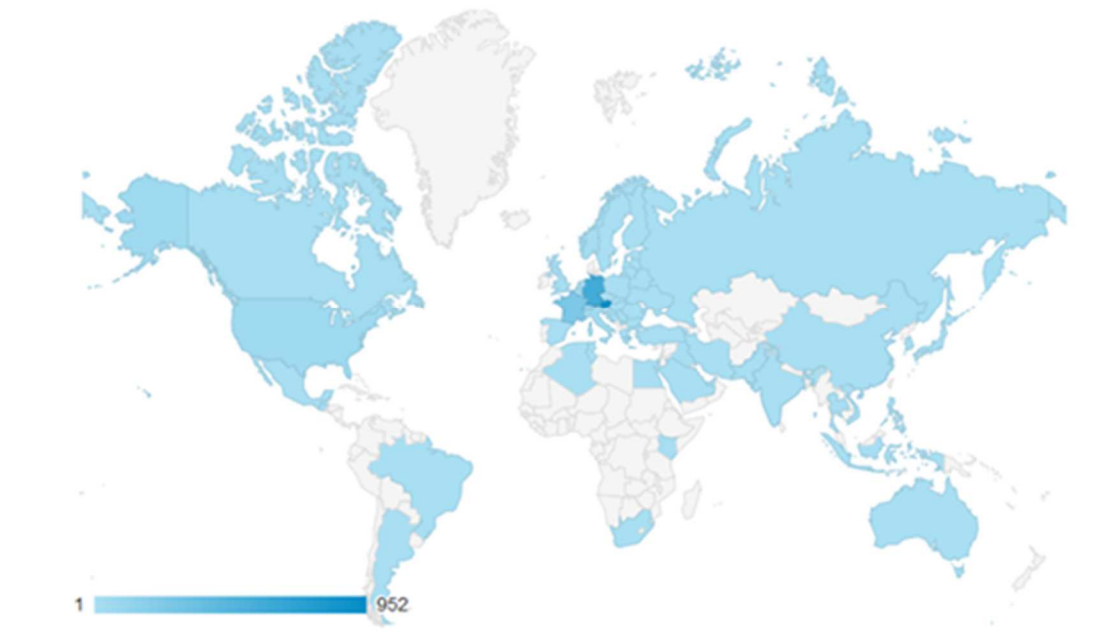


Figure 3: Geographical distribution of hits for Journal for psychoanalytic research and individual psychology

## 9. Institute for Future Psychology and -management

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Thomas Druyen has news from the “Institute for Future Psychology and Future Management (IZZ)” at the SFU:

The innovative University Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P) in Morocco became an official partner, which is why the IZZ is going to establish a representation at that location in order to introduce Future Psychology, Future Sociology and Future Navigation. The content will be communicated digitally with avatars. Overall, the objective is to get “Virtual Education” into place exemplarily. Going forward, Virtual Education should be extended to all disciplines.

In cooperation with Allianz International, the IZZ is conducting a study in nine countries that interviews people between 14 and 24 years. The research aims to identify how they prepare emotionally to a future of 20 years from now and how they imagine this future. The project will be finalized by the end of 2019 and is going to be published on a multimedia basis.

The IZZ office in Düsseldorf/Germany leads ongoing interviews via the tool “future compass”. Currently, they analyze the meaning of smartphones in the personal lives of the interviewees in collaboration with Vodafone.

Furthermore, the first international study of the IZZ will be published in May 2019:

Druyen, Thomas (Hsg.) (2019): *Radical Change in Everyday Life. Foundations of Psychological Future Management*. Wiesbaden: Springer Verlag

## 10. Students' Research Award

Every semester, five students have the chance to be awarded for their scientific publications or other contributions that they presented at academic congresses or conventions. The Research Award grants the winners a deduction of € 500,- from their tuition fees of the following semester. Univ.-Prof.in Dr.in Brigitte Sindelar and Dr.in Kathrin Mörtl forwarded the maintenance of the Students' Research Award to Dr.in Erzsebet Tóth and Eva Wimmer, MA. Applications are welcome from all faculties and branches: [studentresearchaward@sfu.ac.at](mailto:studentresearchaward@sfu.ac.at).

The winners of the Students Research Award in the summer semester 2018/19 are:

**Anders, Miriam:** „Individual and social challenges in transferring methods of introspection” – speech at conference: *AG Ethnomedizin*  
location: Siegen (29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017)

**Giri, Himanshu:** „Where did the body get lost? And how can we bring it back? Discussion on reintegrating the body in therapeutic practice and research” – contribution at conference: *49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research*  
location: Amsterdam (27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018)

**Mayr, Kathrin:** „Biofeedback Coherence Training in Patients with Persistent Pain Symptoms” – poster presentation at conference: *European Federation of Autonomic Societies*  
location: Vienna (6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018)

**Schiller, Birgitta:** „Mental health at the workplace, acceptance of a long term intervention to prevent psychosomatic illness” – speech at conference: *19<sup>th</sup> Congress EPA Section of Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry*  
location: Vienna (4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

**Schroiff, Athina:** „Persönlichkeitsspezifische und klinisch relevante Unterschiede zwischen Smartphone-abhängigen und nicht-abhängigen Studierenden” – poster presentation: *Deutscher Kongress für Psychosomatische Medizin und Psychotherapie*  
location: Berlin (21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018)