

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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*MSc. in Psychology and Doctoral candidate*

UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

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## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

- 2020 - ...      **PhD candidate**  
*Title: Social skills in ASD: a relation to emotional ability, multilingualism, academic performance, and parental well-being*  
Supervisor: Dr. Andreia Costa, Prof. Dr. Georges Steffgen, & Prof. Dr. Adelheid Hu  
Department of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences of the University of Luxembourg
- 2020            **MSc. in Psychology: Psychological Intervention**  
*Title: Social skills in multilingual children with autism*  
Supervisor: Dr. Andreia Costa & Prof. Dr. Georges Steffgen  
University of Luxembourg
- 2019            **Exchange, MSc. in Psychology**  
Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg
- 2017            **BSc. in Psychology**  
*Title: The association between interoception and the regulation of mental stress – a combined laboratory and field study*  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Claus Vögele & Dr. Silke Rost  
University of Luxembourg
- 2016            **Exchange, BSc. en psychologie**  
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020                      Doctoral candidate in Psychology at the Department of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences of the University of Luxembourg

### *Publications*

Franco M., Costa, A. P., Steffgen G. (submitted). *Social skills in multilingual children with autism.*

Franco M., Costa, A. P., Steffgen G. (2021, May 3-7). *Social skills in multilingual children with autism* [Poster presentation]. The Annual Meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR 2021), Boston, Massachusetts.  
<https://www.autism-insar.org/page/2021AnnMtg>

### *Memberships*

Société Luxembourgeoise de Psychologie (SLP)  
Luxembourg Educational Research Association (LuxERA)  
International Society for Autism Research (INSAR)

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## PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

2020                      Therapeutic work with a young adolescent with autism spectrum disorder – atypical autism  
                                 - ABA method

2018 – 2019              Student assistant at the administration of the Bachelor in Psychology at the University of Luxembourg

Voluntary service at different institutions in Bali, Indonesia, promoting mental health and positive psychology (implemented by SLV.Global)

- Psychiatric hospital, foster homes for young children, primary schools, day center for children with developmental disabilities, home for adults with disabilities, geriatric group
- Non-verbal methods, relaxation, mindfulness, promotion of positive psychology, meditation

Educational internship of 3 months at the neuropsychological service (BU7) and the stabilization (BU5) and rehabilitation (BU6) services of the forensic department of the “Centre Hospitalier Neuro-Psychiatrique

- (CHNP)“ Luxembourg
- Arrangement of test-batteries, neuropsychological testing, neuropsychological evaluation
  - Assistance in psychological interviews, assistance and participation in psychoeducational groups on psychosis and substance abuse, therapeutic follow-up of two patients, participation in multidisciplinary meetings, anamnesis
- 2017 - 2018      Therapeutic work with a young child with autism spectrum disorder – severe autism
- ESDM, PECS, and TEACCH
- 2016              Educational internship of 6 weeks in the ambulant palliative team of the “Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg (CHL)”
- Assistance in individual interviews, anamnesis and writing of genograms and historiograms, observation of various psychological methods (hypnosis, EMDR, and cognitive-behavioral methods)
- Student assistant at the “European Migration Network” (EMR) of the University of Luxembourg
- 2014              European voluntary service at the “Freizeit- und Erholungszentrum – FEZ” in Berlin, Germany (implemented by SNJ)
- Voluntary service at the “Foyer Noémi” in Limpertsberg, Luxembourg (implemented by SNJ)
- 2013 – 2014      Voluntary service at the day-care facility “Nonnewisen” in Esch/Alzette, Luxembourg (implemented by SNJ)

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**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- 2019              Formation “Gesprächsführung in Diagnostik und Therapie“  
Dr. Ernst Kern, University of Luxembourg
- 2018              Formation „Einführung in strukturierte klinische Interviews anhand des SKID-I“  
Dr. Annika Lutz, University of Luxembourg

2012            Formation "Gender for Boys"  
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***AWARDS***

2021            The INSAR Student and Trainee Award

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