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| **E D U C A T I O N** | |
| *since 2013:* | PhD student in ‘Psychology and Cognitive Science’ (Track: Cognitive Psychology, Psychophysiology, and Personality) at *La Sapienza University of Rome*, Italy. *Tutor: Prof. Dr. Vilfredo De Pascalis; Co-Tutor: Prof. Dr. Francesco S. Marucci* |
| *2009 – 2012:* | Master of Science (Research Master) in Psychology (with merit), *University of Amsterdam*, The Netherlands   * Specializations: Clinical Psychology (major), Developmental Psychology (minor) * Thesis: Individual Differences in the Emotional Modulation of Prepulse Inhibition: An ERP Study. *Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Vilfredo De Pascalis* (La Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) *and Prof. Dr. Maurits W. van der Molen* (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) * Research Internship: On the Context-Specificity of Fear Erasure: Extinction versus Disrupting Reconsolidation. *Supervisors: Prof. Dr. M. Kindt and D. Sevenster, M.Sc.* (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) |
| *2007 – 2009:* | Completion of the Honours Programme at the Department of Psychology, *University of Amsterdam*, The Netherlands.   * This programme entailed an additional workload of 30 credits to the workload of the regular programme, consisting of both disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses. |
| *2006 – 2009:* | Bachelor of Science in Psychology (cum laude), *University of Amsterdam*, The Netherlands   * Specialization: Clinical Psychology * Thesis: Psychophysiological Reactivity as a Risk Factor for the Development and Maintenance of PTSD. *Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Ehring* (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) |

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| **T E A C H I N G & E M P L O Y M E N T** | |
| *2015 - 2016:* | Teaching assistant in the graduate course ‘Personality and Individual Differences’ (Prof Dr. Vilfredo De Pascalis), *La Sapienza University of Rome*, Italy.   * organizing the laboratory sessions for the students that formed a mandatory part of the course * teaching students the preparation and principles of EEG recordings and the processing and analysis of EEG data * correcting and grading exams |
| *2014 - 2016:* | Supervisor of bachelor and master thesis dissertations of Italian and international exchange students, *La Sapienza University of Rome*, Italy.   * providing supervision for data collection, data analyses and the writing of research reports |
| *2010:* | Student assistant, *Research Institute Child Development and Education*, *University of Amsterdam*, The Netherlands.   * training in coding video material * task entailed the coding of video material with regard to student-teacher interactions in kindergarten and elementary school (PhD project of Debora L. Roorda) |
| *2004 – 2005:* | European Volunteering Service in England, UK. |

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| **W O R K S H O P S & C O U R S E S** | |
| *September 2015:* | Attended an EEGLAB workshop by the Swartz Center for Computational Neuroscience, *University of Sheffield,* UK. |
| *June 2015:* | Attended the workshop ‘Introduction to mixed models in R’ (Dr. Jason A. French, Northwestern University, Chicago), *La Sapienza University of Rome*, Italy. |
| *May 2015:* | Attended the workshop ‘From Machine Learning to Human Learning: Leveraging applied computational strategies to understand human cognition’ (Prof. Mark V. Albert, Northwestern University, Chicago), *La Sapienza University of Rome,*  Italy . |
| *2015:* | Attended varies courses offered by the PhD School ‘Psychology and Cognitive Science’, *La Sapienza University of Rome,* Italy. |

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| **A W A R D S & G R A N T S** | |
| *2014:* | Research Grant (‘Avvio alla Ricerca’) from La Sapienza University of Rome (€2000).   * Title: *The Influence of Emotion-Attention Interactions and Trait Emotions on the Emotional Memory Enhancement Effect: A Study of Oscillatory Brain Activity and Event-Related Potentials*. |
| *2013:* | 3 year PhD fellowship in “Psychology and Cognitive Science” at La Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) |
| *2012:* | Winner of the “Best Poster Award” (€150) at the 16th World Congress of the International Organization of Psychophysiology, Pisa (Italy) |

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| **P U B L I C A T I O N S** | |
| *In preparation:* | **Sommer, K.,** & De Pascalis, V. (in preparation). The Influence of Valence-Arousal Interactions and Individual Differences on Memory Performance in an Incidental Memory Task. |
| *In preparation:* | **Sommer, K.,** & De Pascalis, V. (in preparation). The Influence of Emotion-Attention Interactions and Trait Emotions on the Emotional Memory Enhancement Effect: A Study of Oscillatory Brain Activity and Event-Related Potentials. |
| *Submitted:* | **Sommer, K.,** Vita, S., & De Pascalis V. (submitted). The Late Posterior Negativity in Episodic Memory: A Correlate of Stimulus Retrieval? |
| *2016:* | **Sommer, K.,** Vita, S., & De Pascalis, V. (2016). The Late Posterior  Negativity in Episodic Memory: A Correlate of Stimulus Retrieval?  *International Journal of Psychophysiology, 108,* p. 93. |
| *2016:* | **Sommer, K.,** Van der Molen, M. W., & De Pascalis, V. (2016). BIS/BAS Sensitivity and Emotional Modulation in a Prepulse Inhibition Paradigm: A Brain Potential Study. *Physiology & Behavior, 154,* 100-113. |
| *2014:* | De Pascalis, V., & **Sommer, K.** (2014). Effects of State and Trait  Emotions on Prepulse Inhibition: A Study of Induced Oscillatory Brain  Activity. *International Journal of Psychophysiology, 94 (2),* p. 250. |
| *2013:* | **Sommer, K.,** Van der Molen, M. W., & De Pascalis, V. (2013).  Influence of BIS/BAS sensitivity on emotional modulation and prepulse inhibition of the startle response: An ERP study. *Psychophysiology, 50 (Supplement S1),* pp. S89-S90. |
| *2012:* | **Sommer, K.,** Van der Molen, M. W., & De Pascalis, V. (2012). Individual differences in the emotional modulation of prepulse inhibition: An ERP study. *International Journal of Psychophysiology, 85 (2),* p. 404. |

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| **C O N F E R E N C E P R E S E N T A T I O N S** | |
| 2016: | **Sommer, K.,** Vita, S., & De Pascalis V. (2016). The Late Posterior Negativity in Episodic Memory: A Correlate of Stimulus Retrieval? Presentation at the 18th World Congress of the International Organization of Psychophysiology. Havana, Cuba. |
| 2014: | De Pascalis, V., & **Sommer, K.** (2014). Effects of State and Trait Emotions on Prepulse Inhibiton: A Study of Induced Oscillatory Brain Activity. Presentation at the 17th World Congress of the International Organization of Psychophysiology. Hiroshima, Japan. |
| *2013:* | **Sommer, K.,** Van der Molen, M. W., & De Pascalis, V. (2013). Influence of  BIS/BAS sensitivity on emotional modulation and prepulse inhibition of  the startle response: An ERP study. Presentation at the 53rd annual  meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. Florence, Italy. |
| *2012:* | **Sommer, K.,** Van der Molen, M. W., & De Pascalis, V. (2012). Individual differences in the emotional modulation of prepulse inhibition: An ERP study. Presentation at the 16th World Congress of the International Organization of Psychophysiology. Pisa, Italy. |