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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study thinking and reasoning including such processes as problem solving and decision making. I mostly use behavioural experiments to uncover the cognitive, affective, and social mechanisms underlying problem solving and decision making. Currently, the primary question that I am interested in is "What makes people change their beliefs?" Change of beliefs plays an important role in different facets of human life. A shift in beliefs regarding problems and potential solutions could assist us in addressing this question (sometimes resulting in a "Eureka!" moment). Changes in beliefs are also closely associated with the learning process. However, at the same time, changes in beliefs can lead to radicalization of opinions, the acceptance of dangerous ideas, and other consequences that harm our societies. My unchanging belief is that the whole range of these phenomena can be studied with experimental psychology.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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- Since 10/2023**
research assistant, Greifswald University, Department of developmental and educational psychology. Research and teaching
Thesis: "The effect of processing fluency on the Aha! experience ratings in insight solutions"
 - 2022**
PhD in General Psychology, Psychology of Personality, History of Psychology, St. Petersburg State University
 - 2020-2023**
Junior research fellow (Laboratory for Cognitive Research), Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
 - 2020**
Karamzin scholarship (Laboratory for Cognitive Research), Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
 - 2019-2022**
Research assistant, Institute for Cognitive Studies, St. Petersburg State University
 - 2017-2018**
Research internship (Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Studying of Human Development), St. Petersburg State University
 - 2016-2018**
Master's in General Psychology, St. Petersburg State University
Thesis: "The influence of semantic priming on metacognitive judgments in insight problem solving"