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## PROFILE

The main goal of my current investigations as part of my PhD is to identify neuroanatomical patterns to understand different disease trajectories related to the individual biological sex (sexual dimorphism) and gender in psychosis and other psychiatric disorders. In particular, I am interested in how sex-related neurobiological factors interact with early life adversities, coping mechanisms and schizotypal personality traits to hinder or boost the development of a psychotic outbreak.

I am also interest in the neurobiological underpinnings of gender in diverse cultural contexts.

In the past years I worked as part of the clinical team of PRONIA and at the same time I am managed the DFG funded bicentric study TYPIA ([www.typia.de](http://www.typia.de)) in the Munich area. TYPIA aimed at understanding what protects individuals with elevated schizotypal personality traits from developing a fully blown psychosis. TYPIA data is currently being analyzed.

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