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**RESEARCH INTEREST**

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My research interests encompass a broad range of topics within psychology, including individual well-being, cognitive processes, emotions, and social influences on communication and behavior. I am particularly motivated by research that bridges theoretical insights with practical applications, aiming to address real-world challenges and improve outcomes in various domains such as health, decision-making, and interpersonal interactions.

**EDUCATION**

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**Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Social & Developmental Psychology, and Sociology** 2021 - 2026 (exp)

Tilburg University, the Netherlands

Dissertation: Individual well-being across the transition to parenthood (current project)Supervisors: Katya Ivanova, Anne K. Reitz, Olga Stavrova**M.Sc. in Social & Behavioral Sciences (Social Psychology minor)**

2019 - 2021

Tilburg University, the Netherlands

Thesis: Effects of video background settings on interview outcomeSupervisor: Ivana Vranjes**B.Sc. in Psychology & Human Resources Management**

2012 - 2016

Juniata College, USA

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES**

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**Interdisciplinary Ph.D. - Tilburg University, the Netherlands** 2021 - current

Designed and collected intensive longitudinal data on first-time mothers; prepared 4 manuscripts for publication; supervised 30 student theses (bachelor's and master's) in Social and Developmental Psychology.

**Dissertation Award Committee Member – ASPO, the Netherlands**

2024 - 2025

For 2 terms, assessed 10-15 social psychology Ph.D. dissertations from across the Netherlands through multi-round reviews to determine the annual award recipient.

**Research traineeships (Research master's) - Tilburg University, the Netherlands** 2020 - 2021

**(i) Confident language and the spread of messages on Twitter** (sentiment analysis) - Supervisor: Dr. Anthony Evans

Reviewed literature, designed study, wrote research proposal, and OSF pre-registration; collected 550 US politicians' tweets using Twitter API and Python.

**(ii) Dominance, prestige, and the regulation of pride expressions** (experimental survey) - Supervisor: Dr. Yvette van Osch

Reviewed literature, designed study, wrote research proposal, and AsPredicted pre-registration; analyzed pilot data (R, SPSS); programmed Qualtrics survey for main study.

**(iii) Gender congruency and visuo-perspective taking task reaction time** (meta-analysis) - Supervisor: Dr. Thorsten Erle

Reviewed literature, designed study, wrote OSF pre-registration; cleaned and harmonized 16 datasets from previous studies for meta-analysis; authored part of the manuscript for publication.

**English (ESL) Teacher - ALT IELTS Gia Su, Vietnam**

2017 - 2018

Designed a curriculum for the IELTS test; taught speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in one-on-one and small group settings (4-8 students).

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Tran, C. B.**, Ivanova, K., Reitz, A. K., & Stavrova, O. (in prep). Today is Going to be a Good Day: New Mothers' Daily Affective Forecast and Well-being.

**Tran, C. B.**, Ivanova, K., Stavrova, O., & Reitz, A. K. (accepted for publication). Changes in Psychological Well-being Across the Transition to Motherhood: Combining Longitudinal and Experience Sampling Methods. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Presented at: Society for Ambulatory Assessment (SAA) 2025 Conference, Social Psychology Researchers Association (ASPO) 2024 Conference, European Congress of Psychology (ECP) 2024, Dutch Society for Developmental Psychology (VNOP) 2024

**Tran, C.**, Ivanova, K., Reitz, A. K., & Stavrova, O. (2024). Transition to Parenthood: The Association Between Expectations and Family-Life Satisfaction. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 15(8), 908-920.

Presented at: European Association of Social Psychology (EASP) 2023 Conference, Social Psychology Researchers Association (ASPO) 2023 Conference

**Tran, C.**, Sezer, B., & van Osch, Y. (2024). Who expresses their pride when? The regulation of pride expressions as a function of self-monitoring and social context. *Cognition and Emotion*, 38(8), 1343-1353.

Erle, T. M., Hertogs, N. J., & **Tran, C. B.** (2025). The effects of gender and gender (in) congruency on level-2 visuo-spatial perspective-taking performance: An individual participant data meta-analysis. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 51(1), 20.

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES

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**Talent Consultant** (Psychometric) - TRG International, HCM City, Vietnam 2018 - 2019  
Advised HR clients on applying psychometric assessments for hiring, leadership, and succession planning; delivered workshops on result interpretation.

**Project Interpreter and Secretary** – VNPT, HCM City, Vietnam 2016 - 2017  
Coordinated collaboration between three software teams and Nguyen Trai Hospital to localize patient management software; provided interpretation and translation.

**Community Outreach Coordinator** - Juniata College, PA, USA 2015 - 2016  
Organized monthly volunteer events for students and produced a monthly community service newsletter.

**Wellness Committee Coordinator** - Juniata College, PA, USA 2014 - 2015  
Organized monthly speaker events, wellness programs, and fitness workshops; collaborated with Health & Wellness Center on student initiatives; managed department website and newsletter; facilitated Wellness Committee meetings.

**Human Resource Admin Intern** - Nguyen Trai Hospital, HCM City, Vietnam 2014  
Managed nurse scheduling; coordinated wellness programs for patients; organized medication donation events for a summer charity trip to rural areas.

## SKILLS

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Language: Vietnamese (native), English (professional/fluent)

Data analysis: R and SPSS (e.g., meta-analysis, multilevel modeling)

Data collection: Qualtrics, Prolific, and Avicenna (previously Ethica)