

Neurokolloquium, EPN monthly lunch seminars: Seminars for doctoral students, postdocs and PIs 2025/2026

An event of the European Psychoneuroimmunology Network (EPN, <https://pnieurope.eu/>) and the Center for Mind, Brain and Behavior (<https://www.cmbb-fcmh.de/de/cmbb-info>).

Joint seminar on topics in neuroscience for doctoral students, postdocs and other members participating universities including Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, and Philipps-University Marburg, with accreditation of **Karolinska Institutet Stockholm, University of Belgrade**, and the **International Giessen Graduate Centre for the Life Sciences (GGL)** section "Neuroscience".

Aim of the Neurokolloquium, JLU Gießen: Interdisciplinary exchange between doctoral students, postdocs, and other members of institutes that work in fields related to neurosciences including technical and methodological aspects, developing a network for everyone with an interest in neurosciences, to benefit from the experience of a variety of laboratories and external speakers, to foster research in neurosciences, for trainee career development.

Concept: Lab presentation including discussion

Location: Meetings are held as Zoom online-seminars

Zoom link: <https://uni-giessen.zoom-x.de/j/65371473218?pwd=OFBuTnFtbzdXOGIVZ1ZqZ2ZWS0REUT09>
Meeting-ID 653 7147 3218; Code 162192

Time: If not announced differently **12:15 – 13:45**

Meeting schedule:

Lunch seminar series on methods used in PNI.

- 29.04.2025:** Prof. Dr. Michael Benros, University of Copenhagen, DNK
"ImmunoPsychiatry – evidence from large-scale studies to detailed clinical CSF studies"
- 01.07.2025:** Prof. Dr. Martin Hebart, Computational Cognitive Neuroscience and Quantitative Psychiatry / Vision and Computational Cognition, Justus Liebig University Gießen, DEU
"Visual representation in the brain"
- 21.10.2025:** **exceptionally starts at 12:45** - Assistant Professor Dr. Dokyoung Sophia You, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Oklahoma, USA
"Childhood trauma and pain: methodological challenges when capturing biomarkers for life stress"
- 09.12.2025:** Jan Pieter Konsman, PhD, Conceptual Biology & Medicine group of the UMR CNRS 5164 (ImmunoConcEpT) at the University of Bordeaux, FRA
"Methodological approaches to explore the links between psychological factors and cancer"
- 13.01.2026:** Prof. Dr. Dr. nat. med. Miguel A. Alejandre Alcázar, Department of Pediatrics and Excellence Cluster for Aging CECAD, University of Cologne; Institute for Lung Health (ILH), Justus Liebig University Giessen, DEU
"Intergenerational metabolic stress primes offspring's health across life span."
- 27.01.2026:** **(date changed)** Prof. Dr. Asya Rolls, Technion- Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, ISR
"Physiological mechanisms of brain-body interactions; neuronal networks regulating the immune system"

For questions, please contact Prof. Dr. C. Rummel (Christoph.D.Rummel@vetmed.uni-giessen.de)

- 03.02.2026:** **(date changed)** Brooke N. Wolford, PhD, The Trøndelag Health Study (HUNT) Center for Molecular and Clinical Epidemiology, Department of Public Health and Nursing, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), NOR:
"Neurocognitive associations with immune response to pathogens in the Trøndelag Health Study"
- 14.04.26:** Prof. Dr. Colm Cunningham, School of Biochemistry and Immunology, Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute & Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience. Trinity College Dublin, IRL:
"Delirium: at the end of the psychoneuroimmunological spectrum"

EPN trainees highlight seminar series:

- 05.05.26:** Dr. Estherina Trachtenberg, 4D lab, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge, UK
"The social cure: How human connection protects mental, cognitive, and physical health"
- 02.06.26:** Dr. Lina Hansson, Division of Psychology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
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- 07.07.26:** Justine Schmidt, Institute of Medical Psychology and Behavioral Immunobiology, Essen University Hospital, Germany.
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- 13.10.26:** Dr. Itay Ricon-Becker, Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology, UCLA, USA
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- 03.11.26:** Dr. Eimear Foley, MRC Integrative Epidemiology Unit, University of Bristol, UK.
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