

MSc Krenar Sherifi

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| ◆ Research Methodology | designing, executing, and validating simulation studies and empirical research |
| ◆ Academic Quality Assurance | improving teaching and learning through active roles in university committees |
| ◆ Leadership in Higher Education | restructuring and leading student associations, strategic goal setting |
| ◆ International Collaboration | co-founding, networking, and managing cross-border projects (IPSI, psyCH-Students, FAPS) |
| ◆ Academic Event Management | planning and executing local, national and international events for various target audiences |
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KEY SKILLS

Technical Tools & Analysis

- ◆ R (advanced)
- ◆ SPSS (basic)
- ◆ Simulation studies
- ◆ MS Office (advanced)

Teaching & Academic Support

- ◆ Statistics tutoring
- ◆ R-Studio guidance
- ◆ Inclusive teaching strategies
- ◆ Academic coaching & mentoring

Professional & Leadership Skills

- ◆ Project management
 - ◆ Stakeholder management
 - ◆ Presentations
 - ◆ Event & congress organization
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EDUCATION

09/25 – Present

PhD Candidate in Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Full-Time (FT)

University of Zurich | Epidemiology & Biostatistics | Life Science Zurich Graduate School

- ◆ Enrolled in Life Science Zurich Graduate School's international PhD program, specializing in epidemiology core competencies

08/22 – 01/25

MSc Psychology (Final Grade: 5.5 / 6)

FT
University of Zurich | Psychological Institute

- ◆ **Master's Thesis:** Two Dummy Variables Rarely Come Alone - or do They?
The Role of Reference Category Choice and its Impact on Results of Lasso Regression (Grade: 5.5 / 6)

08/17 – 07/22

BSc Psychology

Part-Time (PT) and FT

University of Zurich | Psychological Institute

- ◆ **Bachelor's Thesis:** Loneliness and Neuroticism.
Connecting Mechanisms and Strategies for Reducing Loneliness (Grade: 5.5 / 6)
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

09/25 – Present

PhD Candidate in Epidemiology & Biostatistics

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University of Zurich | Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute

Department of Epidemiology | Chronic Disease and Epidemiology | Swiss Multiple Sclerosis Registry

- ◆ Conducting research within the GeLiCo-MS project at the Swiss Multiple Sclerosis Registry (SMSR)
- ◆ Focusing on investigating sex- and gender-specific health determinants and their impact on disease progression and outcomes in MS
- ◆ Aiming to support personalized, gender-sensitive care strategies

11/16 – 05/26

Civilian Service & Student Jobs

PT and FT

Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, Securitas AG, Globi Kinderkrippe Sonnäwinkel, Naturmuseum St.Gallen, STIHL Kettenwerk Schweiz

- ◆ Roles in childcare, security services, logistics, and cultural and natural mediation

05/23 – 12/23

Student Assistant in Event Management

PT

University of Zurich | Rectorate Service | Event Management

- ◆ Coordinated the university-wide First-Year Welcome Days 2023
- ◆ Managed program scheduling, stakeholder communication, and administrative tasks

10/21 – 03/22

Research Intern in Statistics

PT

University of Zurich | Psychological Institute

Chair for Psychological Methodology, Evaluation, and Statistics

- ◆ Developed custom functions and complex simulation studies in R
- ◆ Conducted simulation study on "Variable Selection Bias in Random Forests": analyzed the impact of number of categories on Gini importance, permutation importance, and predictive accuracy
- ◆ Built an interactive Shiny app to visualize results in an intuitive, user-friendly format

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

08/20 – 09/23

Tutor in Statistics

PT
*University of Zurich | Psychological Institute
Chair for Psychological Methodology, Evaluation, and Statistics*

- ◆ Prepared and led tutorial sessions in statistics for first-year psychology students (Modules: “Statistics 1, Part 1” and “Statistics 1, Part 2”)
- ◆ Actively supported lectures through in-class tutoring and hands-on assistance in R-Studio (Module: “Computational Data Analysis”)
- ◆ Successfully supported students in developing confidence, independence, and academic competence through tailored learning strategies

INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

12/20 – 02/24

Student Representative, Program Committee

PT
University of Zurich | Psychological Institute

- ◆ Represented all psychology students at UZH in matters of academic quality in teaching and learning
- ◆ Contributed to the development of goals and measures in the context of university quality dialogues

08/22 – 07/23

Student Representative, Department Assembly

PT
University of Zurich | Psychological Institute

- ◆ Represented student interests in the department assembly

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENT

05/22 – Present

President (ad interim) | Former President & Networking Coordinator

PT
Umbrella Association of Swiss Psychology Students (psyCH-Students)

- ◆ 02/25 – Present President (ad interim) Leading major reform including reorganization, new legal framework, corporate design refresh, and digital upgrades
- ◆ 10/23 – 02/25 President Reviewed statutes and workflows, addressed hidden issues, restored operations during transition
- ◆ 05/22 – 10/23 Networking Coordinator Managed legacy documents, identified structural gaps, supported administration during low engagement period

04/20 – 02/25

Board Member (Cooperations) | Former Head of Cooperations & Mentor

PT
Psychology Student Association of the University of Zurich (FAPS)

- ◆ 09/23 – 02/25 Mentor Successfully supported three mentees through the association’s mentoring program
- ◆ 04/20 – 02/25 Board Member Organized the annual mentoring program, including registration, matching, and coordination
- ◆ 04/20 – 02/23 Head of Cooperations Led “AfterStudy” career events; built and maintained networks with associations, companies, and experts (e.g., SBAP, SGAOP, Deloitte, Horváth & Partners)

02/23 – 02/24

Member of the Student Council

PT
University of Zurich Student Association (VSUZH), Council Group “filo – Einfach studieren”

- ◆ Exchange with committee members and commitment to a fair and inclusive academic environment

09/22 – 02/24

Co-Founder & Board Member (External Affairs Officer)

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International Psychology Students Initiative (IPSI)

- ◆ Chair of the Organizing Committee for the First Winter Congress of the International Psychology Students Initiative
- ◆ Cross-functional planning, execution, and follow-up of the hybrid international student congress in Zurich and online (Jan 30 – Feb 3, 2023)
- ◆ CHF 35'000 budget; 220 participants, 25 countries; 21 lectures by professors from Switzerland and abroad

03/23 – 12/23

Board Member (Event Manager)

PT
Albanian Student Association in Zurich (VASZ)

- ◆ Organized academic and socio-cultural events (50–450 participants), and supported educational and sports initiatives

CERTIFICATES (SELECTION)

- ◆ Zurich R Courses Introduction to Programming in R ◆ TEACHY Tutor Training and Learning Skills

MEMBERSHIPS (SELECTION)

- ◆ SBAP Swiss Professional Association for Applied Psychology ◆ psych-alumni Alumni Association of Psychology Graduates