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Professional History

Since 2020	Research group leader “Human Biology & Primate Cognition”, Department of Life Sciences, Biology, Leipzig University
2015–20	Full professor (W2, temporary position) for Comparative Developmental Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin, Department of Education and Psychology
2009–2015	Assistant professor for Evolutionary Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin, Cluster Languages of Emotion, Department of Education and Psychology
2008–2009	Research position at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology
2005–2008	Senior lecturer, Department of Psychology, University of Portsmouth, UK
2001–2004	PhD position, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology
1999	Student assistant, Yerkes Primate Center, Field Station, Atlanta, USA
1999–2001	Student assistant, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology
1998–1999	Student assistant and academic tutor (Zoology), University of Leipzig

Education

2007–2008	The Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (PGCLTHE), University of Portsmouth
2001–2005	PhD (Biology), Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology, Leipzig and University of Leipzig
1995–2001	Diploma (Biology), Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology and University of Leipzig
1995	A-level Städtisches Gymnasium Mittweida

Awards

2018	Selected member of “AcademiaNet: Leading Women in Science”
2016, 2020	Price for “Best teaching” in Psychology, FU Berlin
2015	Honorable mention for proposal “Study in the field – excursion with students to Chimfunshi, Zambia”, teaching award FU Berlin
2011 - 2012	Selected participant of the “ProFiL Program” (Professionalization of Women in Research and Teaching: Mentoring - Training - Networking)
1998 – 2001	Fellowship Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

Reviewer

Animal Behaviour, Animal Cognition, American Journal of Primatology, Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology, Biological Theory, Cognition, Current Anthropology, Current Biology, Developmental Psychobiology, European Journal of Developmental Psychology, International Journal of Primatology, Journal of Comparative Psychology, Neuron, PLOS One, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Scientific Reports, Trends in Cognitive Science

Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation, Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina/Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, ERC, Leakey Foundation, Schweizerischer Nationalfonds

Editorial board member

Interdisziplinäre Anthropologie, Comparative Psychology (Frontiers in Psychology), PeerJ, Interactions Studies

Publications

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

1. Mühlenbeck, C., Pritsch, C., Wartenburger, I., Telkemeyer, S., **Liebal, K.** (2020). Attentional bias to facial expressions of different emotions – a cross-cultural comparison of #Akhoe Hai||om and German children and adolescents. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 795. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.00795>
2. Ebel, S.J., Kopp, K.S., & **Liebal, K.** (2020). Object preferences in captive Sumatran orangutans (*Pongo abelii*). *Behavioural Processes* 170, 103993
3. Haun, D.B.M., **Liebal K.** et al. (2020). Ein Plädoyer für die Relevanz der Vergleichenden Psychologie für das Verständnis menschlicher Entwicklung. Kommentar zu Daum, M. M., Greve, W., Pauen, S., Schuhrke, B. und Schwarzer, G. (2020). Positionspapier der Fachgruppe Entwicklungspsychologie: Ein Versuch einer Standortbestimmung. *Psychologische Rundschau*, 71, pp. 24-46. <https://doi.org/10.1026/0033-3042/a000466>
4. Ullrich, R., Mittelbach, M., & **Liebal, K.** (2020). Disseminating Intention: How a term has spread within cross-species comparative science. *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, 134(1), 11–26. <https://doi.org/10.1037/com0000191>
5. Oña, L., Sandler, W., & **Liebal, K.** (2019). A stepping stone to compositionality in chimpanzee communication, *PeerJ* 7, e7623
6. **Liebal, K.** & Oña, L. (2018). Mind the gap – moving beyond the dichotomy between intentional gestures and emotional facial and vocal signals of nonhuman primates. In Arbib, M., *How the Brain Got Language. Towards a New Road Map*, 19:1/2, pp. 121–135
7. Kopp, K. S., & **Liebal, K.** (2018). Conflict resolution in socially housed Sumatran orangutans (*Pongo abelii*). *PeerJ*, 6, e5303.
8. **Liebal, K.**, & Oña, L. (2018). Different Approaches to Meaning in Primate Gestural and Vocal Communication. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 9, 478.
9. **Liebal, K.**, Schneider, C., & Errson-Lembeck, M. (2018). How primates acquire their gestures: evaluating current theories and evidence. *Animal Cognition*, 1-14.
10. Halina, M., **Liebal, K.**, & Tomasello, Michael (2018). The goal of ape pointing. *PLoS ONE* 13(4); pe0195182.
11. **Liebal, K.**, & Haun, D. B. M. (2018). Why cross-cultural psychology is incomplete without comparative and developmental perspectives. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 49(5), 751-763.
12. Lubrich, O., Stodulka, T., & **Liebal, K.** (2018). Affekte im Feld-Ein blinder Fleck der Forschung?, *Interdisziplinäre Anthropologie*, 179-197.
13. Faria, R. Triant, D., Perdomo-Sabogal, A., Overduin, B., Bleidorn, C., Bermudez Santana, C.I., Langenberger, D., Dall'Olio, G. M., Indrischek, H., Aerts, J., Engelhardt, J., Engelken, J. Liebal, K., Fasold, M., Robb, S., Grath, S., Rohit Raj Kolora, S., Carvalho, T., Salzburger, W., Jovanovic, V., Nowick, K. (2018). Introducing evolutionary biologists to the analysis of big data: guidelines to organize extended bioinformatics training courses. *Evolution Education & Outreach*, 11:8. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12052-018-0080-z>

14. Gretscher, H., Tempelmann, S., Haun, D. B., **Liebal, K.**, & Kaminski, J. (2017). Prelinguistic human infants and great apes show different communicative strategies in a triadic request situation. *PLoS ONE*, 12(4), e0175227.
15. **Liebal, K.** (2017). What is a gesture? A lesson from comparative gesture research. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 40.
16. **Liebal, K.**, & Rossano, F. (2017). The give and take of food sharing in Sumatran orang-utans, *Pongo abelii*, and chimpanzees, *Pan troglodytes*. *Animal Behaviour*, 133, 91-100.
17. Pritsch, C., Telkemeyer, S., Mühlenbeck, C., & **Liebal, K.** (2017). Perception of facial expressions reveals selective affect-biased attention in humans and orangutans. *Scientific Reports*, 7.
18. Schneider, C., **Liebal, K.**, & Call, J. (2017). "Giving" and "responding" differences in gestural communication between nonhuman great ape mothers and infants. *Developmental Psychobiology*, 59(3), 303-313.
19. Ullrich, R., Mittelbach, M., & **Liebal, K.** (2017). Scala naturae: the impact of historical values on current 'evolution of language' discourse. *Journal of Language Evolution*.
20. Mühlenbeck, C., Jacobsen, T., Pritsch, C., & **Liebal, K.** (2017). Cultural and species differences in gazing patterns for marked and decorated objects: a comparative eye-tracking study. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 8, 6.
21. Damerius, L. A Forss, S., Kosonen, Z.K., Willems, E.P., Burkart, J.M., Call, J., Galdikas, B.M.F., **Liebal, K.**, Haun, D.B.M., and van Schaik, C.P. (2017). Orientation toward humans predicts cognitive performance in orang-utans. *Scientific Reports* 7: 40052.
22. Kopp, K. S., & **Liebal, K.** (2016). Here you are!—Selective and active food sharing within and between groups in captive Sumatran orangutans (*Pongo abelii*). *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*, 1-15.
23. Mühlenbeck, C., **Liebal, K.**, Pritsch, C., & Jacobsen, T. (2016). Differences in the visual perception of symmetric patterns in orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*) and two human cultural groups: a comparative eye-tracking study. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 7.
24. Scheider, L., Waller, B. M., Oña, L., Burrows, A. M., & **Liebal, K.** (2016). Social use of facial expressions in hylobatids. *PloS One*, 11(3), e0151733.
25. **Liebal, K.** (2016). The ontogeny of great ape gesture-not a simple story. Comment on "Towards a Computational Comparative Neuroprimatology: Framing the language-ready brain" by Michael A. Arbib. *Physics of Life Reviews*, 16, 85-87.
26. Townsend, S. W., Koski, S. E., Byrne, R. W., Slocombe, K. E., Bickel, B., Boeckle, M., . . . , **Liebal, K.**, . . . , Gaunet, F. (2016). Exorcising Grice's ghost: an empirical approach to studying intentional communication in animals. *Biological Reviews*.
27. Lubrich, O. & **Liebal, K.** (2016). King Kong in the mist: Travel, knowledge, and emotion. *KulturPoetik*. 16 (1), 49-63
28. Koelsch, S., Jacobs, A. M., Menninghaus, W., **Liebal, K.**, Klann-Delius, G., von Scheve, C., & Gebauer, G. (2015). The quartet theory of human emotions: an integrative and neurofunctional model. *Physics of Life Reviews*.
29. Mühlenbeck, C., **Liebal, K.**, Pritsch, C., & Jacobsen, T. (2015). Colour preference in combination with dissonant and consonant sounds: a comparative eye-tracking study with orangutans *PLOS ONE*, 9(1), e84299.

30. **Liebal, K.**, Vaish, A., Haun, D., & Tomasello, M. (2014). Does sympathy motivate prosocial behaviour in great apes? *PLOS ONE*, 9(1), e84299.
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40. Waller, B.M., Lembeck, M., Kuchenbuch, P., Burrows, A.M., & **Liebal, K.** (2012). GibbonFACS: A muscle-based facial movement coding system for the monogamous small apes. *International Journal of Primatology*, 33(4), 809-821.
41. Schneider, C., Call, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2012). What role do mothers play in the gestural acquisition of *Pan paniscus* and *Pan troglodytes*? *International Journal of Primatology*, 33, 246-262.
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43. Luëf, E. M., & **Liebal, K.** (2012). Infant-directed communication in lowland gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*): Do older animals scaffold competence in infants. *American Journal of Primatology*, 74(9), 841-852.
44. **Liebal, K.** & Call, J. (2012). The origins of nonhuman primates' manual gestures. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 367(1585), 118-128.
45. Slocombe, K., Waller, B., & **Liebal, K.** (2011). The language void: the need for multimodality. *Animal Behaviour*, 81, 919-924.

46. Tempelmann, S., Kaminski, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2011). Focus on the essential: all great apes know when others are being attentive. *Animal Cognition*, 14, 433–439.
47. Burrows, A. M., Diogo, R., Waller, B. M., Bonar, C. J., & **Liebal, K.** (2011). Evolution of the muscles of facial expression in a monogamous ape: Evaluating the relative influences of ecological and phylogenetic factors in Hylobatids. *The Anatomical Record: Advances in Integrative Anatomy and Evolutionary Biology*, 294(4), 645–663.
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49. Schneider, C., Call, J., & **Liebal, K.** (2010). Do bonobos say NO by shaking their head? *Primates*, 51(3), 199-202.
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54. **Liebal, K.**, Call, J., Tomasello, M. (2004). The use of gesture sequences in chimpanzees. *American Journal of Primatology*, 64(4), 377-396.
55. **Liebal, K.**, Pika, S., Tomasello, M. (2004). Social communication in siamangs (*Symphalangus syndactylus*): use of gestures and facial expressions. *Primates*, 45(1): 41-57.
56. Pika, S., **Liebal, K.**, & Tomasello, M. (2003). Gestural communication in young gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*): gestural repertoire, learning, and use. *American Journal of Primatology*, 60(3), 95-111.

Books

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58. **Liebal, K.**, Waller, B., Burrows, A. Slocombe, K. (2013). *Primate Communication. A Multimodal Approach*. Cambridge University Press.
59. Pika, S., & **Liebal K.** (eds.) (2012). *Developments in Primate Gesture Research*. John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia.
60. **Liebal, K.**, Müller, C., & Pika, S. (eds) (2007). *Gestural communication in nonhuman and human primates*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia.

Book chapter

61. **Liebal, K.** (2019). Sprachevolution und Emotion. Ein artvergleichender Ansatz. In: H. Kappelhoff, J.-H. Bakels, H. Lehmann, & C. Schmitt (Hrsg.), *Emotionen. Ein interdisziplinäres Handbuch*. J.B. Metzler

62. Ullrich R. & **Liebal, K.** (2018). Times change, values change: Criteria for attributing language in species comparative research. In E. Luef & M. M. Marin (Eds.), *The talking species: Perspectives on the evolutionary, neuronal, and cultural foundations of language*. Graz: Unipress Graz-Verlag.
63. **Liebal, K.** (2018). Primate Communication. In J. Vonk & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behavior* (pp. 1-10). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
64. **Liebal, K.** (2018). What gestures of nonhuman primates can (and cannot) tell us about language evolution. In Boë, L.-J., Fagot, J., Perrier, P. & Schwartz, J.-L., *Origins of Human Language: Continuities and Discontinuities with Nonhuman Primates*. Peter Lang.
65. Lubrich, O., **Liebal, K.** (2018) „Gorillas im Zwielficht“, in: Wunsch, M., Böhnert, M., Köchy, K. (eds.), *Philosophie der Tierforschung*, Vol. 3: Milieus und Akteure, pp. 299-324.
66. Hawkes, K., Chisholm J.S., Fairbanks, L. A., Johow, J., Kalcher-Sommersguter, E., **Liebal, K.**, Myowa, M., Sommer, V., Thierry, B., Finlay, B. (2017). Primate Infancies: Causes and consequences of varying care. In Keller, H. & Bard, K. (ed.) *The Cultural Nature of Attachment. Contextualizing Relationships and Development*, pp.69-108. Strüngmann Forum Reports, vol. 22, J. Lupp (series ed.), Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
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68. **Liebal, K.** (2016). Gestural communication. In Fuentes (ed.) *The International Encyclopedia of Primatology*, 1-2, Wiley-Blackwell, 10.1002/9781119179313.wbprim0334
69. Rossano, F., **Liebal, K.** (2014). In Drew, P. & Couper-Kuhlen, E. Requesting behaviour in orang-utans. *Requesting in Social Interaction*. John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia.
70. **Liebal, K.** (2014). Emotionale Kommunikation nicht-menschlicher Primaten. In: Gebauer, G & Edler, M. (eds.) *Sprachen der Emotion*. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag
71. **Liebal, K.** (2014). The psychology of gestures and gesture-like movements in non-human primates. In Müller, C., Cienki, A., Fricke, E., Ladewig, S.H., McNeill, D., & Tessendorf, S. (eds.) *Body – Language – Communication: An international handbook on multimodality in human interaction*. Volume 1. Handbooks of Linguistics and Communication Science. Berlin, New York: De Gruyter Mouton.
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Projects (finished and ongoing)

#	Period	Topics and Collaborators	Funded by
1	2021-2024	Ontogeny of tool use in great apes	DFG
2	2021	Children's attitudes towards zoo animals	Leipzig University (Science & Society)
3	2019-2022	Children and Nature	Leipzig University
4	2018-2020	Gesture acquisition in gorillas	DFG
5	2016-2021	Study in the field – Chimfunshi, Zambia	Volkswagen-Stiftung
6	2014-2015	Conceptualizing human development – a cross-cultural approach	Seed money initiative FU Berlin and Hebrew University Jerusalem
7	2014-2019	Grammar of the body (GRAMBY) – emotion expression across species with Wendy Sandler, University of Haifa	ERC Advanced grant (Wendy Sandler)
8	2013-2016	Emotions in the field with Oliver Lubrich, Universität Bern, Thomas Stodulka, Freie Universität Berlin	Volkswagen-Stiftung: Key Topics in Science and Society
9	2011- 2013	The composition of expressive facial and body actions in humans and apes, with Wendy Sandler, University of Haifa, Israel	DFG (Bilateral Cooperation with Israel)
10	2013	Coevolution of social and communicative complexity For preparation of full grant proposal	FU Berlin
11	2010 - 2012	Comparing facial expressions across species (GibbonFACS) with Bridget Waller, University of Portsmouth, Anne Burrows, Duquesne University	DFG/ Languages of Emotion
12		Multimodal communication in gorillas Postdoc research stipend for Eva Eberl (now Luef)	Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung
13	2009 - 2014	Processing of emotion and language - Development and interaction across lifespan with Isabell Wartenburger, Universität Potsdam	DFG/ Languages of Emotion
14	2009 - 2012	Evolutionary roots of human social interaction (ROSI) with Daniel Haun and Juliane Kaminski, MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig	Volkswagen-Stiftung
15	2009	Empathy in great apes with Amrisha Vaish, Michael Tomasello, MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig	DFG/ Languages of Emotion
16	2006 - 2011	Towards a grammar of gesture , with Cornelia Müller, European University Frankfurt/Oder, Hedda Lausberg, University of Cologne, Ellen Fricke, Universität Freiburg	Volkswagen-Stiftung

Academic Administration

Since 2020	Director of <i>LeipzigLab</i> (interdisciplinary laboratory at Leipzig University)
Since 2019	Board member of Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage Trust
Since 2019	Founder, Interest group 'Comparative Psychology', Section Developmental Psychology, German Psychological Society
2017-2021	Co-Organization "Studienkolleg Evolutionäre Anthropologie", Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, with Claudia Fichtel, Peter Kappeler, Universität Göttingen and Deutsches Primatenzentrum
2016	Mentor for PhD students at Max-Planck-Institutes (Minerva-FemmeNet)
2014-2016	Board member ProFiL-Netzwerkverein e.V. (Professionalisierung von Frauen in Forschung und Lehre)
Since 2014	Liaison officer (Vertrauensdozentin) for the Berlin scholarship holders of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
2013-2020	Member of the Ethics Committee, Department of Education and Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin
2012-2013	Mentor for PhD students of the Berlin School of Mind and Brain
2012-2013	Contact person for student exchange (ERASMUS) between University of Portsmouth, UK, and Freie Universität Berlin
2010-2012	Deputy coordinator of Area A of the cluster Languages of Emotion
2011-2020	Board member of the „Marie Schlei Award“, Department Education and Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin
2009-2020	Member (deputy) of the examination board (Bachelor) of the Department Education and Psychology, Freie Universität Berlin

Media Coverage

01/2021	Wieviel Affe steckt in Dir? MDR Wissen #gernelernen
08/2019	Zufall Mensch? MDR
09/2016	Wolfskinder. Terra X (ZDF, arte)
09/2016	Schimpansen studieren in der Savanne. Tagesspiegel
01/2016	Sind sie denn nicht wie wir? Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung
02/2014	Einzigartig menschlich? rbb
09/2012	Das eigene Herz in der Forschung. Deutschlandfunk Emotionen des Forschers, Deutschlandradio
06/2012	Great apes tailor nonvocal communication for infants. News National Geographic
08/2012	Mitgefühl bei Menschenaffen. Deutschlandradio Wissen, Hörsaal
11/2010	Eine schöne Verwandtschaft - Von Menschen und Menschenaffen. WDR
2008	Extraordinary Animals: Pansy. BBC and others