



PSYCHOLOGY & EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

RESEARCH FACTS & FIGURES

The faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel provides education and research within the fields of Psychology and (Adult) Educational Sciences. Our faculty consists of 2 departments: Educational Sciences and Psychology. These departments include several research groups that cover a wide range of research topics.

FACTS & FIGURES

The faculty's research portfolio takes a diverse and interdisciplinary approach to critical social issues, mental health, education, and ageing, with collaborations across psychology, sociology, and healthcare. Key areas are quality of life for older adults, advancing mental health care through innovative interventions, and promoting educational innovation and inclusivity. Social participation and justice, especially for marginalised groups are central themes. Emphasising cultural sensitivity and contextual understanding ensure the research is applicable globally. The faculty's research reflects a strong dedication to tackling pressing societal challenges, with a clear focus on enhancing well-being, promoting inclusion, and driving innovation in education and mental health care.

RESEARCH GROUPS

- Brain, Body and Cognition (BBCo)
- Brussels Research Centre for Innovation in Learning & Diversity (BILD)
- Brussels University Consultation Centre (BRUCC)
- EU-China Higher Education Research Centre (ECHE)
- Participation and Learning in Detention (PALD)
- Personality and Psychopathology (PEPS)
- Society and Ageing Research Lab (SARLab)
- Work & Organizational Psychology (WOPs)

120
ACADEMIC & SCIENTIFIC STAFF

80
PHD STUDENTS

8
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CHAIRS

- ✓ **Chair in Adult Education** aims to raise awareness of the added value of adult education and to research and monitor its impact on society. It promotes structural cooperation between different partners and life domains.
- ✓ **Chair Clinical Geropsychology** aims for a broad implementation of knowledge and optimisation of geropsychology in mental health practice in Belgium & the Netherlands - Stichting Mondriaan.
- ✓ **Chair Entrepreneurial Learning** promotion of fundamental and applied research, in particular to develop scientific design principles and models that can be used to support, coach, and guide self-employed people in a secondary occupation to facilitate the transition to self-employment as a main occupation.
- ✓ **Chair VUB Sustainable Work Lab** strengthening Worker Well-being and Building Healthy and Sustainable workplaces.

EXCELLENCE LABELS/NETWORKS

- ✓ **BBCo** Member of the VUB Centre for Neurosciences
- ✓ **SARLAB** Part of HOMEAGE, Marie Skłodowska-Curie doctoral training network on ageing, place and home; initiating partner of COST-Action CA22167 - Participatory Approaches with older Adults (PAAR-net); Partner of FWO research network UNTIL (understanding tiredness in later life); Partner of CIVEX: JPI MYBL Exclusion from civic engagement of a diverse older population; interdisciplinary research programme: compassionate communities centre of expertise
- ✓ **BILD** Host of the Research Lab for Active, Collaborative and Hybrid Learning and Teaching
- ✓ **ECHE** Leads the EU-supported LEAD and LEAD2 project on university governance and academic leadership - the LEAD project (2015-2018) and the LEAD2 project (2019-2023) supported by Erasmus+ programme: <http://www.lead2-project.eu/>, LEAD project: <http://lead-project.org/>

EUTOPIA

- ✓ **BBCo: Chair Kris Baetens** EUTOPIA Young Leader Academy Fellow from cohort 3
- ✓ **SARLAB** Exploration research collaboration with NORM research group, Gothenburg University