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### About

**Title of PhD:** The Role of Attention in Reaching Movements

**Supervisor:** [Dr Dietmar Heinke \(/staff/profiles/psychology/heinke-dietmar.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/psychology/heinke-dietmar.aspx)

My primary research interest lies with the way in which the attentional system allocates resources to a target we wish to acquire, particularly when the target is surrounded by other distracters. This work relies on visual search experiments where the subject must detect and reach toward the 'odd-one-out'.

### Qualifications

- BSc Psychology (International): Class I.
- MRes Cognitive Neuropsychology & Rehabilitation

### Biography

I graduated from the University of Leeds in 2010 with a First Class BSc Psychology (International) degree that included a year studying at the University of Newcastle, Australia. Following my undergraduate degree I moved to the University of Birmingham to complete an MRes in Cognitive Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation, supervised by Prof Alan Wing, before commencing my PhD in Attention and Action with Dr Dietmar Heinke.

### Research

Visual attention, movement selection and coordination, dysfunctional attention