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About



([/university/colleges/les/research-gallery/cecilie-thogersen-ntoumani.aspx](#)) Dr Cecilie Thøgersen-Ntoumani examines factors related to physical activity, well-being and performance in the workplace, motivational predictors of exercise adoption and adherence, mechanisms of well-being change through physical activity, and the role of self-presentation to adaptive and maladaptive health behaviours across the lifespan.

Qualifications

- PhD (University of Bristol), 2003
- BSc Hons (University of Exeter), 1999
- Postgraduate certificate for Teaching in Higher Education, 2005

Biography

Dr Cecilie Thøgersen-Ntoumani was born in Hørsholm in Denmark and moved to the UK to begin her studies in 1996. Having obtained her BSc (Hons.; 1st class) and PhD degrees from the Universities of Exeter and Bristol, respectively, Cecilie was appointed as a lecturer in sport and exercise psychology at the University of Aberystwyth (2002-2005). Subsequently, she relocated to the West Midlands, and following a research fellow position at the University of Wolverhampton, she was appointed as a RCUK Roberts Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham in December 2006.

Teaching

Dr Thøgersen-Ntoumani is the module leader of the 3rd year optional Exercise Psychology module on the BSc in Sport and Exercise Sciences course, and teaches on the MSc in Sport and Exercise Sciences in the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences. She is an advocate of research-led teaching and uses teaching methods which facilitate problem-solving in her students

Postgraduate supervision

Dr Cecilie Thøgersen-Ntoumani is supervising a number of PhD students:

- Julie Black (1st supervisor): Health and well-being in older workers 50+
- Saeng Park (co-supervisor): The role of psychological factors and the physical environment in physical activity promotion in older adults in assisted living facilities.
- Florence-Emilie Kinnafick (1st supervisor): The processes of physical activity engagement: From adoption to adherence. This student has now graduated.
- Gemma Pearce (1st supervisor): Changing Bodies: Symptoms, body image, health and well-being over the menopausal transition. This student has now graduated.
- Johan Ng (co-supervisor): Motivation for weight management behaviours: A Self-Determination Theory perspective. This student has now graduated.
- Kimberley Bartholomew (2nd supervisor): Controlling interpersonal styles and psychological need thwarting in sport. This student has now graduated.

Students interested in a PhD are directed to her [findAPhD](http://www.findaphd.com/search/showproject.asp?projectid=25079&theorder=2&location=&univ=&disc=all&searchtype=b&keyword=&scip=2363&socp=235&socd=90&socf=6&pd=0&page=7) (<http://www.findaphd.com/search/showproject.asp?projectid=25079&theorder=2&location=&univ=&disc=all&searchtype=b&keyword=&scip=2363&socp=235&socd=90&socf=6&pd=0&page=7>) page for available opportunities.

Research

- Physical activity and well-being promotion in the workplace
- Physical activity and mental well-being
- Motivation processes in physical activity
- Physical activity and the physical self

External funding

- Principal investigator: "Step by Step": A feasibility study of the promotion of lunchtime walking to increase physical activity and improve mental well-being in sedentary employees (2009). Funded by the BUPA Foundation. Amount awarded: £83,203.
- Co-investigator: Comparing coach, parental and peer motivational climates in youth sport: Implications for well-being, performance, and moral attitudes (2008). Funded by the Nuffield Foundation. Amount awarded: £7,483.
- Co-investigator: Walking the Way to Health Wales, evaluation phase 1 (2005). Funded by the Countryside Council for Wales. Amount awarded: £11,816.
- Co-investigator: Calorie mapping and public perceptions of exercise in forests (2003). Funded by the Forestry Commission. Amount awarded: £11,175.
- Travel grant awarded by the British Academy to attend the 11th World Congress of Sport Psychology, Sydney, Australia (2005). Amount awarded: £800.
- Co-investigator: High intensity interval training: targeting the primary cause of physical inactivity. Funded by the BUPA Foundation (PI: Dr Chris Shaw).

Other activities

Dr Cecile Thøgersen-Ntoumani serves as an associate editor for the International Journal of Sport Psychology and is a regular reviewer for various international peer-reviewed journals. She also acts as a regular grant reviewer for the UK Research Councils, is an external MSc examiner, and is a member of the Workplace Advisory Group at the University of Birmingham. She has been interviewed for various large-distribution magazines. Finally, Dr Thøgersen-Ntoumani is currently joint Admissions Tutor for the BSc in Sport and Exercise Sciences.

Publications

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