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Education

PhD in Psychology, <i>George Mason University</i>	2006 - 2008
MA in Psychology, <i>Rutgers University</i>	2002 - 2005
BS & MS in Psychology, <i>Moscow State University</i>	1991 - 1996

Work Experience

Assistant professor, <i>Sabancı University</i> , Istanbul, Turkey	2012 –
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, <i>National University of Singapore</i> , Singapore	2010 – 2012
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, <i>George Mason University</i> , USA	2008 – 2010
PhD Student, Teaching and Research Assistant, <i>George Mason University</i> , USA	2006 – 2008
PhD/ MA Student, Teaching and Research Assistant, <i>Rutgers University</i> , USA	2003 – 2006
Research Assistant, <i>Columbia University</i> , USA	2001 – 2002
Data Analysis Intern, <i>Simmons Market Research</i> , USA	2001 – 2002
Senior Researcher, <i>Comcon Research International</i> , Russia	1999 – 2000
Postgraduate Student, Teaching Assistant, <i>Moscow State University</i> , Russia	1996 – 1998
Teacher & Manager, <i>Early Development Center</i> , Russia	1995 – 1997
Extracurricular Teacher, <i>Child Psychiatric Hospital</i> , Russia	1994 – 1995
Teaching Assistant, <i>Center for Curative Pedagogics</i> , Russia, Russia	1990 – 1994

Publications

- Kozhevnikov, M., Kozhevnikov, M., Yu, C.J., **Blazhenkova, O.** (2013). Creativity, visualization abilities, and visual cognitive style. *British Journal of Educational Psychology*, 83 (2), 196-209.
- Kozhevnikov, M., Schloerb, D.W., **Blazhenkova, O.**, Koo, S., Karimbux, N., Donoff, R. B., & Salcedo, J. (2013). Egocentric versus Allocentric Spatial Ability in Dentistry and Haptic Virtual Reality Training. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. Published online in Wiley Online Library (wileyonlinelibrary.com) DOI: 10.1002/acp.2915
- Kozhevnikov, M. & **Blazhenkova, O.** (2013). Individual Differences in Object Versus Spatial Imagery: From Neural Correlates to Real-World Applications. In *Multisensory Imagery*, ed. Lacey, Simon, & Lawson, Rebecca. New York: Springer Publishing Company. pp. 299-318.
- Blazhenkova, O.**, Kozhevnikov, M., & Becker, M. (2011). Object-Spatial Imagery and Verbal cognitive styles in children and adolescences. *Learning and Individual Differences*, 21 (3), 281-287.
- Blazhenkova, O.** & Kozhevnikov, M. (2011). Intellectual Styles in Members of Different Professions. In *Handbook of Intellectual Styles: Preferences in Cognition, Learning, and Thinking*, ed. Li-Fang Zhang, Robert J. Sternberg, Stephen Rayner. New York: Springer Publishing Company.
- Blazhenkova, O.** & Kozhevnikov, M. (2010). Visual-object ability: A new dimension of non-verbal intelligence. *Cognition*, 117 (3), 276-301.
- Kozhevnikov, M., **Blazhenkova, O.**, & Becker, M. (2010). Trade-off in Object versus Spatial Visualization Abilities: Restriction in the Development of Visual Processing Resources. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 17, 29-35.
- Blazhenkova, O.** & Kozhevnikov, M. (2009). The new object-spatial-verbal cognitive style model: Theory and measurement. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 23 (5), 638-663.
- Kozhevnikov, M., **Blazhenkova, O.**, Royan, J., & Gorbunov, A. (2008). The Role of Immersivity in Three-Dimensional Mental Rotation. *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Design Computing and Cognition*. Gero, John S., Goel, Ashok K. (Eds.), 738p.
- Blajenkova, O.**, Kozhevnikov, M., & Motes, M. A. (2006). Object-spatial imagery: A new self-report imagery questionnaire. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 20, 239-263.
- Kozhevnikov, M., Motes, M., Rasch, B., & **Blajenkova, O.** (2006). Perspective-taking vs. mental rotation transformations and how they predict spatial navigation performance. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 20, 397-417.
- Blajenkova, O.**, Motes, M., & Kozhevnikov, M. (2005). Individual differences in the representations of novel environments. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 25, 97-109.

Conferences and Public Talks

Blazhenkova, O. and Pasqualotto, A. (2015). *Visual, Haptic, and Emotional Categorization*. Poster was presented at the International Multisensory Research Forum (IMRF 2015) 13-16 June, Pisa, Italy.

Blazhenkova, O. (2015). *Individual differences in Visual Cognition*. Talk was presented on 12 June at the Department of Psychology, University of Padova, Italy.

Blazhenkova, O. (2015). *Individual Differences in Imagery, Emotion, and Memory*. Talk was presented on 12 June at the Department of Neuroscience, Psychology, Drug Research and Child Health, University of Florence, Italy.

Blazhenkova, O. and Pasqualotto, A. (2014). *Integrating brain-stimulation and eye-tracking to investigate the dissociation between object and spatial visual processing*. Poster was presented at the 37th European Conference on Visual Perception (ECPV 2014) 24-28 August, Belgrade, Serbia.

Blazhenkova, O. (2014). *Perception of human and animal abstract art*. Paper was presented at the 2nd Visual Science of Art Conference (VSAC 2014) 23-24 August, Belgrade, Serbia.

Blazhenkova, O. and Aydin, C. (2014). *"Human Library" as a two-sided tool to reduce and to study prejudice*. Paper was presented at the 28th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP 2014) 8-13 July, Paris, France.

Blazhenkova, O. (2014). *Imagery, emotion, and memory errors*. Paper was presented at the 14th European Workshop on Imagery and Cognition (EWIC 2014) 18-20 June, Pafos, Cyprus.

Blazhenkova*, O. and Kozhevnikov, M. (2014). *Collaborative creativity: Integration of linkography and analysis of visualization processes*. Paper was presented at the 6th International Conference on Design, Computing, and Cognition (DCC14) 21-26 June, London, UK.

**This presentation was awarded the DCC14 Best Presentation Prize.*

Blazhenkova, O. (2014). *Visual Imagery and Creativity: Conceptualization and Assessment*. Workshop was organized at Six International Conference on Design, Computing, and Cognition (DCC14) 21-26 June, London, UK.

Blazhenkova, O. (2014). *Object Imagery, Spatial Imagery, and Emotional Processing*. Talk was presented on 16 June at the Department of Educational Sciences, University of Genova, Italy.

Teaching

Research Methods // Empirical Research

Cognitive Processes

Individual Differences // Individual Differences: Intelligence & Personality

Testing and Measurement

Advanced Topics in Social & Cognitive Psychology: Visual Thinking

Project Courses:

“The Mystery of Artistic Expression”, “Human Library”, and “Human Library Research”

Volunteer and Public Outreach Experience

Reviewer for the following journals:

Asian Journal of Social Psychology; Cognitive Neuroscience; European Journal of Psychology of Education; Frontiers in Psychology, section Cognition; Journal of Educational and Developmental Psychology; Journal of Experimental Education; Journal of Experimental Psychology: General; Journal of Personality Assessment; Learning and Individual Differences; Memory; Neuropsychological Rehabilitation; Perceptual and Motor Skills; Psihologija

Human Library:

Initiation and organization of Human Library at Sabanci University, Turkey	2012 –
Member of the team organizing the first Moscow Human Library, Russia	2011