

CV – EVA ALISIC

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Education

PhD in Psychology, 'cum laude'

University Medical Centre Utrecht / Utrecht University, the Netherlands (2011)

Internship at Harvard Medical School, USA (2008)

MSc in Psychology

Tilburg University, the Netherlands and Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble, France (2004)

MA in Human Resource Management

Tilburg University, the Netherlands (2002)

Appointments since PhD

- 2015 - Senior research fellow**
Monash University Accident Research Centre, Monash University, Australia
- 2015 - Visiting researcher**
University Children's Hospital Zurich, Switzerland
- 2012 - Honorary fellow**
National Psychotrauma Centre for Children and Youth, Utrecht, the Netherlands
- 2012 - Honorary fellow**
Emergency Research, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute
- 2011 - 2014 Larkins research fellow**
Monash Injury Research Institute, Monash University, Australia

Experience

Lead, Trauma Recovery Lab

Monash University, Australia (2012 – present)

Established the Lab and its quantitative and qualitative research program on traumatic stress and mental health in children and families. Overseeing all activities and supervising MSc/Doctoral students, RAs and volunteers.

Co-Chair and Immediate Past-Co-Chair

Global Young Academy (2014 – present)

Led this association of 200 scientists selected for their excellence in research and contribution to society. The GYA focuses on collaborations between low- and high-income settings, contributions to global policy (e.g. invited to present to the UN Scientific Advisory Board) and outreach (e.g. science games for youth). Annual budget approximately 700K euro.

Adviser, Africa Science Leadership Programme

University of Pretoria, South-Africa (2015 – present)

Supporting the establishment of a continent-wide, advanced training program to equip research leaders with skills to be effective in communication and collaboration with politicians, policy makers, research communities and the general public. Mentoring fellows of the program during their training sessions.

Clinician & PhD student

National Psychotrauma Centre for Children and Youth, the Netherlands (2006 – 2011)

Provided clinical care and led a research program into child and family traumatic stress and resilience, resulting in a book, two diagnostic measures, and 10 peer-reviewed articles. Designed and rolled out a nation-wide 'child & trauma' education program for primary school teachers, with positive evaluations, including in the media.

Team leader - Police focus area

Dutch National ThinkTank, the Netherlands (2010, 4-month high-intensity pro bono project)

Led a multidisciplinary team through in-depth analysis of Police – public interactions, collaborating with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, NGOs, the media and the public. Outcomes included a report based on >40 interviews & >1500 survey responses, presented to the Minister of Justice and the Ombudsman.

Other activities (selection)

- Registered psychologist, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (PSY0001 766915)
- Program Committee Member, 2nd International Conference on Science Advice to Government (with European Commission, 2016)
- Conference Deputy, ISTSS (2012 – 2014, 2016)
- Vice-President, ASTSS (2012 – 2013)
- Fire fighter (fully trained & certified), stationed in Utrecht, the Netherlands (2008 – 2011)
- Coach and trainer at the Dutch Child Helpline (2000 – 2006)

Awards (selection)

- Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities J.C. Ruigrok Prize (12.5K euro; 2015)
- World Economic Forum Young Scientist (< 40 years of age; 2013)
- Monash University Central Portfolio Early Career Research Excellence Award (2013)
- ESTSS Young Minds in Psychotraumatology Award (2013)
- Cum laude distinction for PhD thesis (top 5%; highest distinction in the Netherlands; 2011)

Peer-reviewed publications

1. Schüssler-Fiorenza Rose, S.M., Eslinger, J.G., Zimmerman, L., Scaccia, J., Lai, B.S., Lewis, C., & **Alisic, E.** (in press). Adverse childhood experiences, support, and the perception of ability to work in adults with disability. *PlosOne*
2. Ronan, K.R., Haynes, K., Towers, B., **Alisic, E.**, Ireland, N., Amri, A., Davie, S., & Petal, M. (in press) Child-centred disaster risk reduction: Can disaster resilience programs reduce risk and increase the resilience of children and households? *Australian Journal of Emergency Management*.
3. Dückers, M.L.A., **Alisic, E.**, & Brewin, C.R. (in press). A vulnerability paradox in the cross-national prevalence of PTSD. *British Journal of Psychiatry*.
4. Gunaratnam, S. & **Alisic, E.** (accepted). Epidemiology of trauma and trauma-related disorders in children and adolescents. In Landolt, Schnyder & Cloitre (Eds.) *Evidence Based Treatments for Trauma-Related Disorders in Children and Adolescents*, Springer.
5. **Alisic, E.**, Hoysted, C., Kassam-Adams, N., Landolt, M.A., Curtis, S., Kharbanda, A.B., Lyttle, M.D., Parri, N., Stanley, R., & Babl, F.E. (2016). Psychosocial care for injured children: worldwide survey among hospital Emergency Department staff. *Journal of Pediatrics* 170:227-233.e6.
6. Lai, B.S., **Alisic, E.**, Lewis, R. & Ronan, K.R. (2016) Approaches to the assessment of children in the context of disasters. *Current Psychiatry Reports*, 18(5), 1 – 8.
7. **Alisic, E.**, Barrett, A., Bowles, P., Conroy, R., & Mehl, M.R. (2016). Families coping with child trauma: A naturalistic observation methodology. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 41:117-127. doi: 10.1093/jpepsy/jsv016

8. **Alisic, E.**, Krishna, R.N., Robbins, M.L., & Mehl, M.R. (2016). A Comparison of parent and child narratives of children's recovery from trauma. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, 35, 224–235. doi: 0.1177/0261927X15599557
9. **Alisic, E.**, Krishna, R.N., Groot, A., & Frederick, J.W. (2015). Children's mental health and wellbeing after parental intimate partner homicide: a systematic review. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*, 18, 328-345
10. Laceulle, O.M., Kleber, R.J., & **Alisic, E.** (2015). Children's experience of posttraumatic growth: distinguishing general from domain-specific correlates. *PlosOne*. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0145736
11. **Alisic, E.** (2015) Kinderen Tetris laten spelen ter preventie van PTSS? Een gedachte-experiment. In Van de Velde, Mooren, & Knipscheer (Eds). *Trauma welbeschouwd*. Diemen: Stichting Arq.
12. Lamerichs, J.L., **Alisic, E.**, & Schasfoort, M. (2015). 'You just have to be cheerful really': children's accounts of ordinariness in trauma recovery talk. In O'Reilly & Lester (Eds.) *The Palgrave Handbook of Child Mental Health*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
13. **Alisic, E.**, Groot, A., Snetselaar, H., Stroeken, T., & Van de Putte, E. (2015). Parental intimate partner homicide and its consequences for children: protocol for a population-based study. *BMC Psychiatry*, 15, 177. doi: 10.1186/s12888-015-0565-z
14. Gigengack, M.R., Van Meijel, E.P.M., **Alisic, E.**, & Lindauer, R.J.L. (2015). Comparing three diagnostic algorithms of posttraumatic stress in young children exposed to accidental trauma: an exploratory study. *Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health*, 9: 14. doi: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health 2015, 9:14 doi:10.1186/s13034-015-0046-7
15. **Alisic, E.**, Barrett, A., Bowles, P., Babl, F.E., Conroy, R., McClure, R.J., Anderson, V. & Mehl, M.R. (2015). Ear for recovery: protocol for a prospective study on parent–child communication and psychological recovery after paediatric injury. *BMJ Open*, 5, e007393. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2014-007393
16. Ronan, K.R., **Alisic, E.**, Towers, B., Johnson, V.A., & Johnston, D.M. (2015). Disaster preparedness for children and families: A critical review. *Current Psychiatry Reports*, 17: 58. doi: 10.1007/s11920-015-0589-6
17. **Alisic, E.**, Zalta, A.K., Van Wesel, F., Larsen, S.E., Hafstad, G.S., Hassanpour, K., & Smid, G.E. (2014). Rates of post-traumatic stress disorder in trauma-exposed children and adolescents: Meta-analysis. *The British Journal of Psychiatry*, 204, 335-340. doi: 10.1192/bjp.bp.113.131227
18. **Alisic, E.**, Conroy, R., Magyar, J., Babl, F.E., & O'Donnell, M.L. (2014). Psychosocial Care for Seriously Injured Children and their Families: A Qualitative Study among Emergency Department Nurses and Physicians. *Injury*, 45, 1452 - 1458.
19. Ellis, B.H., **Alisic, E.**, Fisher, P.A., Reiss, A., & Dishon, T. (2014). Emotion regulation among preschoolers on a continuum of risk: The role of maternal emotion coaching. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 23, 965 – 974. Doi : 10.1007/s10826-013-9752-z
20. Fodor, K.E., Unterhitzberger, J., Chou, CY, Kartal, D., Leistner, S., Milosavljevic, M., Nocon, A., Soler, L., White, J.E., Yoo, S., & **Alisic, E.** (2014). Is traumatic stress research global? A bibliometric analysis. *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*, 5, 23269.
21. Kilmer, R.P., Gil-Rivas, V., Griese, B., Hardy, S.J., Hafstad, G.S., & **Alisic, E.** (2014). Posttraumatic growth in children and youth: Clinical implications of an emerging research literature. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 84, 506-518. doi: 10.1037/ort0000016
22. De Soir, E., Zech, E., **Alisic, E.**, Versporten, A., Van Oyen, H., Kleber, R.J., Van der Hart, O., & Mylle, J. (2014). Children Following the Ghislenghien Gas Explosion: PTSD Predictors and Risk Factors. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, 7, 51-62.
23. Van Wesel, F., Boeije, H.R., & **Alisic, E.** (2014 online first). Towards a method for synthesizing diverse evidence using hypotheses as common language. *Quality & Quantity*. doi: 10.1007/s11135-014-0105-9.

24. Van Wesel, F., **Alisic, E.**, & Boeije, H.R. (2014). Using qualitative evidence to optimize child PTSD treatment guidelines. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 6, 546-554. doi: 10.1037/a0035172.
25. Ellis, B.H. & **Alisic, E.** (2013). Maternal emotion coaching: A protective factor? *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, 6, 118-125.
26. **Alisic, E.** (2012). Teachers' perspectives on providing support to children after trauma: A qualitative study. *School Psychology Quarterly*, 27, 51-59.
27. **Alisic, E.**, Bus, M., Dulack, W., Pennings, L., & Splinter, J. (2012). Teachers' experiences supporting children after traumatic exposure. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 25, 98-101.
28. **Alisic, E.**, Boeije, H.R., Jongmans, M.J., & Kleber, R.J. (2012). Supporting children after single-incident trauma: Parents' views. *Clinical Pediatrics*, 51, 274-282.
29. **Alisic, E.** (2012). Diagnostiek bij kinderen; interviews en vragenlijsten om posttraumatische stress bij kinderen te meten [Diagnostics in children: Interviews and questionnaires measuring posttraumatic stress]. In E. Vermetten, R.J. Kleber, & O. Van der Hart (Eds.), *Handboek Posttraumatische Stress Stoornissen [Handbook of Posttraumatic Stress Disorders]*. Utrecht: De Tijdstroom.
30. Van Wesel, F., Boeije, H.R., **Alisic, E.**, & Drost, S. (2012). I'll be working my way back: A qualitative synthesis on the trauma experience of children. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 4, 516-526.
31. **Alisic, E.** (2012). Welke kinderen ontwikkelen langdurige stressklachten na een schokkende gebeurtenis? [Which children develop long-term stress symptoms after a traumatic event?]. *Tijdschrift voor Orthopedagogiek*, 51, 70-75.
32. **Alisic, E.**, Jongmans, M.J., Van Wesel, F., & Kleber, R.J. (2011). Building child trauma theory from longitudinal studies: A meta-analysis. *Clinical Psychology Review*, 31, 736-747.
33. **Alisic, E.**, Boeije, H.R., Jongmans, M.J., & Kleber, R.J. (2011). Children's perspectives on recovery from trauma: A qualitative study. *Journal of Loss and Trauma*, 16, 477-496.
34. Boeije, H.R., Van Wesel, F., & **Alisic, E.** (2011). Making a difference: Towards a method for weighing the evidence in a qualitative synthesis. *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*, 17, 657-663.
35. **Alisic, E.** (2011). De ethiek van trauma-onderzoek bij kinderen: meten is weten [The ethics of trauma research in children: Measuring it is the key]. *Psychologie en Gezondheid*, 39, 194.
36. **Alisic, E.** & Kleber, R.J. (2010). Measuring posttraumatic stress reactions in children: Preliminary validation of the Children's Responses to Trauma Inventory. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, 3, 192-204.
37. **Alisic, E.**, Van der Schoot, T. A. W., Van Ginkel, J. R., & Kleber, R. J. (2008). Looking beyond Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in children: Posttraumatic stress reactions, posttraumatic growth, and quality of life in a general population sample. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, 29, 1455-1461.
38. **Alisic, E.**, Van der Schoot, T. A. W., Van Ginkel, J. R., & Kleber, R. J. (2008). Trauma exposure in primary school children: Who is at risk? *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, 1, 263-269.

Book

Alisic (2012). *Supporting children after trauma* [in Dutch]. Amsterdam: Boom Publishers. 116 pages

Editorials, reports, and other publications (selection)

1. **Alisic, E.** & Letschert, R.M. (2016) Invited editorial: Fresh eyes on the European refugee crisis. *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*,
2. Slippers, B., & **Alisic, E.** (2015). Leadership training for African scientists. *Nature*, 519, 414.

3. Soror, S., **Alisic, E.**, Johnson, M.V., Chan, K., & Kassen, R. on behalf of the Global Young Academy (2014). *The Role of Science in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*. Invited submission to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.
4. **Alisic, E.**, Groot, A., Snetselaar, H., Stroeken, T., & Van de Putte, E.M. (2014) *Zorg voor kinderen na partnerdoding [Care for children after intimate partner homicide]*. Utrecht: UMC Utrecht (commissioned by the Dutch Ministry for Security and Justice).
5. **Alisic, E.**, Larsen, S., & Zalta, A. (2014). Paper in a Day: A method to build capacity. *Traumatic Stresspoints, May issue*.
6. Petal, M., Ronan, K.R, Davie, S., **Alisic, E.**, Towers, B., Haynes, K., & Ireland, N. (2014). Building best-practice in child-centred disaster risk reduction: Submission to the International Council for Science/United Nations Science & Technology Major Group. Planning for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015.
7. **Alisic, E.** (2013). The role of siblings in children's mental health. Trauma Recovery Blog. Read 14K times. <https://trauma-recovery.net/2013/05/10/the-role-of-siblings-in-childrens-mental-health/>
8. **Alisic, E.**, Eland, J., Huijbregts, R.A.D., & Kleber, R.J. (2013). *Handleiding bij de Schokverwerkingslijst voor Kinderen – herziene versie [Manual of the Children's Responses to Trauma Inventory – revised version]*. Amsterdam: Boom Testuitgevers.
9. **Alisic** (2012). Pink elephants and trauma recovery. *Trauma Recovery Blog*. Read 16K times. <https://trauma-recovery.net/2012/02/05/pink-elephants-and-trauma-recovery/>
10. **Alisic, E.**, Van Schaijk, M., Groot, A., & Strijker-Kersten, H.A. (2012). De gevolgen van partnerdoding voor kinderen. [Consequences of fatal domestic violence for children]. *Kind en Adolescent Praktijk*, 11, 142-144
11. **Alisic, E.** (2011). When the world is turned upside-down. *Australasian Science, November issue*.
12. **Alisic, E.** & Sederer, L. (2011) Children's Mental Health after the Shooting in Newtown. *Huffington Post*. Unknown reader statistics, shared/liked over 800 times.
13. **Alisic, E.** (2010). *Toolkit Kind en Trauma. Informatie voor leerkrachten van groep 5 t/m 8 [Toolkit Child and Trauma. Information for teachers in the last four grades of primary school]* Utrecht: University Medical Centre Utrecht.
14. **Alisic, E.** (2006). *Posttraumatische Groei Vragenlijst voor Kinderen – Nederlandse versie [Posttraumatic Growth Inventory for Children –Dutch version, original version by Kilmer et al., 2006]*. Utrecht: University Medical Centre Utrecht.

Grants

- Three foundations for “Fresh Eyes on the Refugee Crisis” International interdisciplinary meeting in Amsterdam, the Netherlands (9k euro, in-kind >10k from the Royal Society for Arts and Sciences, 2015)
- Australian National Health and Medical Research Council Early Career Fellowship “Helping children recover from traumatic stress: The role of caregivers and professionals” (425K AUD, 2015-2019/2020)
- Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC “Building best-practice in child-centred disaster risk reduction” (822K AUD in total, Co-Investigator; my part was 30K, 2014)
- Netherlands Ministry of Safety & Justice “Care for children after intimate partner homicide” (124K euro plus 5k co-funding by the H.F. Weijer stichting, 2013, Principal Investigator)
- Netherlands Science Organisation Rubicon Fellowship (128K euro, 2012-2014, Principal Investigator)
- Monash Injury Research Institute Seeding Grant “Trauma-informed care for injured children” (10K AUD, 2013, Principal Investigator)
- Monash University “Translational Research for Improving Psychological Outcomes of Injury in Children” (505K AUD, partially from 2011, partially from 2012, Principal Investigator)

- European Union Marie Curie Fellowship (275K euro, 2012-2015, Principal Investigator, with University of Melbourne; declined because of Monash University's offer to establish the Trauma Recovery Lab)
- Three Dutch foundations "Teachers' perspectives on supporting children after traumatic exposure" (36K euro, 2010, Principal Investigator)
- Stichting Steunfonds Madurodam and Prof. H.A. Weijers Stichting "Exposure to trauma and its psychosocial consequences in children: an epidemiological study" (15K euro, 2006, Principal Investigator)
- Stichting Achmea Slachtoffer en Samenleving and Fonds Slachtofferhulp "Children and Trauma: an integral study on exposure and recovery in primary school children" (318K euro, 2006, Co-Investigator/PhD student)

Academic member- and reviewerships

- Reviewer for 19 international journals, including the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, *Psychological Medicine*, and the *Journal of Traumatic Stress*.
- Reviewer for the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council and the Israel Science Foundation.
- Member of ISTSS, ASTSS, ESTSS, NtVP (the Dutch STSS), the Dutch Paediatric Psychology Network, and the Global Young Academy.

Presentations

Conference presentations

Presented and chaired sessions at over 30 national and international conferences, including at six annual meetings of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, three bi-annual meetings of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, three International Conferences of Young Scientists, the Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies, the tri-annual meeting of the International Council for Science, the World Science Forum, one bi-annual meeting of ASTSS, the Annual Conference of the Society for Hospital Educators and the Australasian Conference of Childhood Trauma.

Lectures

Gave over 30 seminars and symposium presentations at institutes and professional organisations such as Harvard Medical School, the Royal Children's Hospital Brisbane, the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Orygen Youth Health, the University of Arizona, the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, the Dutch National ThinkTank, the Dutch Police Academy, The National Science and Technology Development Agency NSTDA in Thailand, the International Victimology Institute, Compass Australia New Zealand, the Australian Children and Disasters Community of Practice and Save the Children Australia.

Media

- Television and radio appearances in Australia regarding mental health, including at ABC 7.30 and 774 ABC, the Herald Sun, Sunday Age, Sydney Morning Herald.
- Coverage on high-traffic blogs such as the Huffington Post, the Thesis Whisperer and the Mental Elf.
- International coverage for the Global Young Academy (e.g. University World News, Nature blogs)
- Multiple press releases in the Netherlands related to the publication of scientific articles and the Toolkit Children & Trauma (e.g. Radio 1, BNR Nieuwsradio, RTV Utrecht, Elsevier, NRC Handelsblad, Volkskrant)
- Active Twitter presence regarding mental health research, social sciences, science in general, women in science, and the Global Young Academy: over 1200 followers.
- My blog (www.trauma-recovery.net) on news, collaborations, instruments, research papers, and implications for practice in the domain of trauma & recovery. Average number of views per month: 3000.