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Biography

Laura obtained her PhD in Applied Psychology in 2013 from the School of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences at East China Normal University in Shanghai. After that she joined the Department of Applied Psychology at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus as an Assistant Professor. She joined Leeds Trinity University in 2017. Her research interests revolve around various applications of Cross-Cultural Psychology, including the relations between culture, migration and identity in personal and professional settings. In addition, in the last two years, she has become active in the field of Environmental Psychology.

Qualifications

Postgraduate Certificate, PGCHE, University of Nottingham
Award Date: 23 Jul 2016

Doctor of Philosophy, East China Normal University
Award Date: 20 Jun 2013

Employment

Senior Lecturer

School of Psychology
Faculty of Social Sciences and Education
1 Sept 2023 → present

Senior Research Fellow

University of Nottingham Malaysia
Malaysia
1 Jul 2017 → present

Research outputs

Access to natural green spaces and their associations with psychological wellbeing for South Asian people in the UK: a systematic literature review

Hamza, M., Edwards, R. C., Beaumont, J., De Pretto, L. & Torn, A., Oct 2024, In: *Social Science and Medicine*. 359, 117265.

A Psalm a day: a randomised controlled trial examining the effects of a 1-week, daily Psalm meditation on hope, flow and wellbeing

Button, M. & De Pretto, L., Apr 2023, In: *Pastoral Psychology*. 72, p. 187–204

Learning and Teaching Conference 2022: 'Collaboration and Innovation'

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The fear of COVID-19 scale: its structure and measurement invariance across 48 countries

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Religious values and environmental protection in Indonesia: New public opinion data on transboundary haze

Alfajri, A., Setiawan, A., Varkkey, H., Ashfold, M., De Pretto, L., Wong, P. Y. & Ives, C., 25 Feb 2021, ARIScope.

Haze and government communications in Malaysia: Policy brief 003

Varkkey, H., Ashfold, M., De Pretto, L., Ives, C., Wong, P. Y., Masran, S. A. & Vasantha Kumar, P. V. K., Jan 2021, Institute for Policy and Engagement, University of Nottingham.

We need to talk about haze

Wong, P. Y., Varkkey, H., Ashfold, M., De Pretto, L., Ives, C., Masran, S. A. & Vasantha Kumar, P., Jan 2021, University of Nottingham website.

Public values and sentiments regarding transboundary haze pollution in Singapore

Ashfold, M., Wong, P. Y., Varkkey, H., De Pretto, L., Miller, M. A., Astuti, R., Ives, C., Liu, F., Masran, S. A. & Kumar, P. V., 29 Sept 2020, ARIScope.

The experience of hope among Italian undergraduate students

De Pretto, L., Mansilla, O., Russo, E., Shin, S.-H. & Tan, D. E., 15 Sept 2020, In: *Current Psychology*.

On the key factors in higher education classroom design: Physical aspects of the undergraduate teaching and learning experience in Malaysia

De Pretto, L., Hii, C. L., Chiang, C. L., Ong, S. P., Tan, D. E. & Pang, C. H., 7 Aug 2019, Preprints.

Classroom design attributes: An investigation of staffs and students' preferences

Hii, C. L., Ong, S. P., Chiang, C. L., De Pretto, L., Pang, C. H. & Tan, D. E., 5 Aug 2019, *Proceedings of Mechanical Engineering Research Day 2019*. Centre for Advanced Research on Energy, p. 216-217 2 p.

Public awareness and support for environmental protection. A focus on air pollution in peninsular Malaysia.

Chin, Y. S. J., De Pretto, L., Thuppil, V. & Ashfold, M. J., 14 Mar 2019, In: *PLoS ONE*. 14(3), e0212206

Managing paradoxes, dilemmas, and change: a case study to apply the Yin Yang wisdom in Western organizational settings

Pauluzzo, R., Guarda, M., De Pretto, L. & Fang, T., 19 Mar 2018, In: *Cross Cultural and Strategic Management*.

The link between knowledge, attitudes and practices in relation to atmospheric haze pollution in peninsular Malaysia
De Pretto, L., Acreman, S., Ashfold, M. & Mohankumar, S., 8 Dec 2015, In: *PLoS ONE*. 10, 12, e0143655.

Adherence to Asian values amongst Wenzhouese in Wenzhou and first generation Wenzhouese migrants in Prato

De Pretto, L., 2015, *Chinese Migration to Europe*. Baldassar, L., Johanson, G., McAuliffe, N. & Bressan, M. (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, p. 195-213

Collective Hope against Personal Hope under a National Crisis: A Text Analysis of Toji (Land) XIII by Kyung-ni Park

Shin, S.-H. & De Pretto, L., 2014, *Hope in all Directions*. Karabin, G. (ed.). Inter-Disciplinary Press, p. 27-36

What does hope mean to people? Cross-national analyses of the lay construct of hope under achievement-oriented settings

Shin, S.-H., De Pretto, L. & Simpson, A., 2014, *Hope in all Directions*. Karabin, G. (ed.). Inter-Disciplinary Press, p. 187-200

Cina-Italia-Cina: l'esperienza di un gruppo di giovani returnee altamente qualificati

Varriale, F. & De Pretto, L., Jan 2013, In: *Studi Emigrazione: International Journal of Migration Studies*. 50, 190, p. 225-248

Diasporas: Revisiting and Discovering

De Pretto, L. (Editor), Macri, M. (Editor) & Wong, C. (Editor), 2010, Oxfordshire: Inter-Disciplinary Press. (Critical Issues - Diasporas)

Le conseguenze intrapsichiche della flessibilità lavorativa: riflessioni teoriche e un'indagine esplorativa

Lorenzetti, L. M., Russo, E. & De Pretto, L., 2005, In: *Mondi Vitali: rivista quadrimestrale di cultura e di formazione sociopsicopedagogica*. 1, p. 7-26

Activities

European Congress of Psychology

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)
Jul 2022

Leeds Trinity University Learning and Teaching Conference

Noon, E. (Speaker), Taylor-Batty, J. (Speaker), De Pretto, L. (Speaker) & Sule, M. (Speaker)
Jul 2022

Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo

De Pretto, L. (Visiting lecturer)
Apr 2022

Connectedness in times of social isolation: the impact on student adjustment and wellbeing

Webster, L. (Invited speaker), De Pretto, L. (Speaker), Morris, B. (Speaker) & Mann, D. (Speaker)
Nov 2021

25th International Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology

De Pretto, L. (Chair)
27 Jul 2021 → 31 Jul 2021

PLoS ONE (Journal)

De Pretto, L. (Peer reviewer)
Mar 2021

Indigenous and Trans-cultural Shamanism in Italy

De Pretto, L. (Examiner)
2021

The Mental Health and Well-Being of International Volunteers

De Pretto, L. (Examiner)
2021

Research perspectives on social and cultural issues in psychology

De Pretto, L. (Consultant)

Dec 2020

Life beyond COVID-19 (Event)

De Pretto, L. (Member)

Sept 2020

Environment, Development and Sustainability (Journal)

De Pretto, L. (Peer reviewer)

Jul 2020

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

De Pretto, L. (Visiting researcher)

Feb 2020

6th World Congress on Positive Psychology

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

18 Jul 2019 → 21 Jul 2019

International Journal of Employment Studies (Journal)

De Pretto, L. (Peer reviewer)

Aug 2018

Oliver Mansilla

De Pretto, L. (Host)

Aug 2018

6th Congress of the Asian Regional Union of Psychological Societies,

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

20 Feb 2018 → 22 Feb 2018

9th European Conference of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

16 Jul 2017 → 19 Jul 2017

Coping with Organisational Change in an Indonesian State-Owned Enterprise: the Role of Personality Traits and Emotional Intelligence

De Pretto, L. (Examiner)

2017

Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine (Journal)

De Pretto, L. (Peer reviewer)

2017

Higher Education Academy (External organisation)

De Pretto, L. (Member)

2016 → ...

Organizational and Psychological Determinants of Career Success among Women Academics in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) in Malaysia

De Pretto, L. (Examiner - research degree)

2015 → 2020

22nd Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

15 Jul 2014 → 19 Jul 2014

International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (External organisation)

De Pretto, L. (Member)

2014 → ...

MINDSET - Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Environmental Studies (External organisation)

De Pretto, L. (Member)

2014 → 2017

Psychological Antecedents of Willingness to Seek Counselling among University Students in Malaysia

De Pretto, L. (Examiner - research degree)

2014 → ...

5th Chinese in Prato and 3rd Wenzhouese Diaspora Symposia

De Pretto, L. (Invited speaker)

17 Oct 2012

4th Chinese in Prato and 2nd Wenzhouese Diaspora Symposia

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

20 Sept 2011 → 23 Sept 2011

9th Biennial Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

28 Jul 2011 → 31 Jul 2011

7th Conference of The International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

7 May 2010 → 9 May 2010

Interdisciplinary.net (Diversity and Recognition Hub) (External organisation)

De Pretto, L. (Member)

2010 → ...

8th Biennial Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology,

De Pretto, L. (Speaker)

11 Dec 2009 → 14 Dec 2009

Asian Association of Social Psychology (External organisation)

De Pretto, L. (Member)

2009 → ...

Albo degli Psicologi del Veneto (External organisation)

De Pretto, L. (Member)

2006 → ...

Prizes

The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus Best Personal Tutor 2015-2016

De Pretto, L. (Recipient), 2016

Press/Media

100 Days of Lockdown

De Pretto, L.
30/06/20
1 Media contribution

Life beyond COVID-19: What are experts concerned about?

De Pretto, L.
30/09/20
1 Media contribution

The psychological impact of COVID-19 lockdown.

De Pretto, L.
30/10/20
1 Media contribution