

# Umberto Zerbinati

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2022–present **DPhil in Mathematics, University of Oxford, Oxford**, United Kingdom  
**Supervisors:** Prof. Patrick E. Farrell.
- 2020–2022 **Master Degree in Applied Mathematics, KAUST, Thuwal**, Saudi Arabia  
**Thesis Title:** A Priori Error Analysis For A Penalty Finite Element Method  
**Supervisors:** Prof. Daniele Boffi, GPA: 3.74/4.
- 2016–2020 **Bachelor Degree in Mathematics, University of Pavia, Pavia**, Italia  
**Thesis Title:** Second Order Finite Difference Methods For The Wave Equation With Dirichlet Boundary Conditions  
**Supervisors:** Prof. Andrea Moiola and Prof. Ilaria Perguia, Graduation Grade: 106/110.
- 2019 **Erasmus+ Traineeship, University of Vienna, Vienna**, Austria  
**Research Topic:** Numerical solution of the wave equation.
- 2016–2019 **Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia**, Italia

### Teaching Experience

- 2025–present **Stipendary Lecturer, Oriel College, Oxford**
- Spring Break **Visiting Lecturer on spectral theory and spectral practice, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh**  
**Invited by:** Prof. Kaibo Hu
- Hilary 2025 **Lecturer on numerical solution of IVP as part of Numerical Analysis (A7), Mathematical Institute, Oxford**  
**Lecturer:** Prof. Charles Parker.
- Michaelmas 2023 **TA for Applied Partial Differential Equations (B5.2), Mathematical Institute, Oxford**  
**Lecturer:** Prof. Andreas Muench.
- Michaelmas 2023 **Tutor for Metric Spaces and Complex Analysis (A2), Wadham college, Oxford**  
**Lecturer:** Prof. Dmitry Belyaev and Prof. Panagiotis Papazoglou.
- Hilary and Trinity 2023 **Tutor for Numerical Analysis (A7), Magdalen College, Oxford**  
**Lecturer:** Prof. Andrew Wathen.
- Michaelmas 2022 **TA for Numerical Linear Algebra (C6.1), Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford**  
**Lecturer:** Prof. Yuji Nakatsukasa.

### Research Visit

- March 2023 **University of Catania, Working with Prof. Giovanni Russo**  
**Research Topic:** Particle pushers for non-Hamiltonian systems.
- December 2019 **University of Vienna, Working with Prof. Anastasia Molchanova**  
**Research Topic:** Finite element discretisations for elasticity.

### Software Development

	Level	Skill	Comment
Language:	■■■■■	Python	<i>I contribute to software libraries PETSc and Firedrake. I develop and maintain my own software library, ngsPETSc.</i>
	■■■□□	C++	<i>I contribute to the software library Netgen and NGSolve.</i>

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