

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFO

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EDUCATION

10/2021- 09/2025	PHD IN MATHEMATICS, University of St Andrews, Supervised by Mike Todd and Kenneth Falconer Dissertation: Exponential mixing and limit theorems in dynamical systems.
09/2020-08/2021 Distinction (GPA 17.3/20)	MSc Mathematics University of St Andrews Dissertation: On rotation number and unique minimal sets of circle homeomorphisms. Advisor: Mike Todd
09/2017-08/2020 First Class Honours	BSc Mathematics with Modern Languages University College London

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in multiple topics in ergodic theory and dynamical systems, more precisely,

- Countable Markov shifts and Strongly positive recurrence
- Dynamical Borel-Cantelli lemmas and one-dimensional dynamics
- Extreme Value Theory, Recurrence events, Waiting time distributions

RESEARCH OUTPUT

- *Convergence of the Birkhoff spectrum for nonintegrable observables*, (2025) preprint, [ARXIV](#).
- *Almost sure convergence of cover times for ψ -mixing systems*, accepted by Ergodic Theory Dynam. Systems. (2025) [ARXIV](#).
- (with M. Todd) *Countable Markov Chain with Exponential Mixing*. (2024) preprint, [ARXIV](#).
- *Closest distance between iterates of typical points*. Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst. 44(8), (2024) 2252-2279. [PDF](#)

SCHOLARSHIP AND FUNDINGS

10/2021-10/2025 China Scholarship Council Programme

CONFERENCES ATTENDED AND TALKS

June 2025	Beyond Uniform Hyperbolicity II, ICTP
Mar 2025	Scottish Dynamics Network meeting talk title: Almost sure cover times in dynamical systems.
Jul 2024	Herriot-Watt University Workshop on Dynamical Systems: Geometric and Statistical Properties
Jun 2024	University of Warwick British Mathematical Colloquium talk title: Countable Markov shifts with exponential mixing.
Dec/2023	University of Manchester Workshop on Probabilistic Methods in Dynamics talk title: Maximal length of subsequence matching and Renyi entropy.
May/2023	Universidade do Porto Thermodynamic Formalism: Non-additive Aspects and Related Topics
Sep/2022	IMPAN, Bedlewo. Ergodic Theory and Fractal Geometry Conference University of Birmingham

OTHER INTERESTS AND SKILLS

Spanish at B2 level and Portuguese at B1.
Irish & Scottish folk musician. [Video](#).