

# Elan van Biljon

Imagine others complexly

## Philosophy

"We got here the only way  
people get anywhere good:  
*together.*"

## About

### Born:

15 September 1995  
Pretoria, South Africa

### Currently:

Cape Town, South Africa

## Contact

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## Skills

Writing  
Teaching  
Reviewing  
Mathematics  
Programming  
Communication  
Machine Learning

## Interests

Hiking  
Puzzles  
Board Games  
Rock Climbing

## Community Service

Tutoring  
Animal Welfare  
Volunteer Reviewing  
Community Development

## Languages

English  
Afrikaans

## Notable Publications

Orife, I. et al. 2020 'Masakhane—Machine Translation For Africa', Preprint at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.08810>.

E. van Biljon, 'Initialisation of noise-regularised neural networks', Computer Science Division Stellenbosch University, 2021.

Pretorius, A., E. van Biljon, S. Kroon and H. Kamper 2018, 'Critical initialisation for deep signal propagation in noisy rectifier neural networks', in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS).

## Experience

2019 - 2020 **Reviewer - ranked in top 5%** NeurIPS2019, ICML2019, ICML2020  
Reviewing paper submissions to journals.

2020 **Research Engineer** InstaDeep  
Novel research and publication in reinforcement learning.

2018 - 2019 **Teaching** Deep Learning Indaba, Stellenbosch University  
Foundations of machine learning.

2018 - 2019 **Conference Volunteer** Deep Learning Indaba  
Teaching attendees and facilitating daily operations.

## Education

2018 - 2021 **MSc. Cum Laude** in Computer Science Stellenbosch University  
*Initialisation of noise-regularised neural networks*

2014 - 2017 **BEng. Cum Laude** Stellenbosch University  
Major in Informatics

## Awards / Achievements

2019 - 2020 **Reviewer Awards - top 5%** NeurIPS2019, ICML2019, ICML2020

2018 - 2019 **Research Poster Awards** Deep Learning Indaba

## References

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