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Experience

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Germany, 2019-.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, Harvard University, USA, 2017-2019.
 - Designed a novel Reinforcement Learning paradigm to model human moral learning.
 - Conducted a meta-analysis to dissociate the role of empathic concern versus distress in altruism.
- Ph.D. Researcher, Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA), Trieste, Italy, 2011-2015.
 - Collected and analyzed neuroimaging data to link moral decision-making and brain function.
 - Created novel Virtual Reality paradigms to study human moral behavior.
 - Studied clinical deficits in autism, multiple sclerosis, and anxiety disorders.

Technical Skills

- Programming skills
 - Data analysis: R (advanced), MATLAB (intermediate), Python (beginner)
 - Database management: SQL (intermediate)
 - Web development: HTML/CSS (intermediate), JavaScript (intermediate)
 - Document preparation: RMarkdown (advanced), xaringan (advanced), LATEX (intermediate)
- Open-source software development (in R; as lead developer; Total downloads: > 500K):
 - ggstatsplot (Downloads: > 100K, 2018-): Informative data visualizations with statistical analyses.
 - groupedstats (Downloads: > 70K, 2018-): Grouped statistical analyses.
 - broomExtra (Downloads: > 90K, 2019-): Enhancements for working with regression models.
 - statsExpressions (Downloads: > 70K, 2019-): Creates expressions with statistical details.
 - pairwiseComparisons (Downloads: >70K, 2019-): Multiple pairwise comparison tests.
 - tidyBF (Downloads: >45K, 2020-): Tidy wrapper for Bayes Factor tests.
 - ipmisc (Downloads: >60K, 2020-): Miscellaneous functions for data cleaning.
 - Co-author on correlation, insight, parameters, ggsignif, (downloads: > 2M)
- Techniques: text mining, meta-analysis, logistic/linear regression, mixed effects regression, clustering (k-means, hierarchical cluster analysis, linear discriminant analysis), k-nearest neighbor, bagging, random forests, SVM, dimensionality reduction (PCA, ICA), Reinforcement Learning, Bayesian statistics, cross validation, neural networks, Structural Equation Modeling, path analysis

Publications

• 13 first author, peer-reviewed publications Citations: 767, h-index: 12, i10-index: 12, Open materials (13/13) Selected media coverage: Time, The Huffington Post, Daily Mail, la Repubblica, etc.

Education

- Doctor of Philosophy (Neuroscience), SISSA, Trieste, Italy, 2011-2015 (summa cum laude).
- Master of Science (Physics), Department of Physics, University of Pune, India, 2008-2010.
- Bachelor of Science (Physics), Fergusson College, India, 2005-2008.

Languages

Marathi (C2), Hindi (C2), English (C2), German (B2), Italian (A2)

Other Skills

- Communication: Skilled at disseminating complex ideas to a range of audiences, including scientists and the general public (> 20 talks, published articles for newspapers).
- Advising/Project Management: Coordinated large teams of multi-national researchers across multiple neuroimaging studies across several years. Supervised and trained 7 students' undergraduate theses.