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# Karim Ali

## Academic Employment

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Oct 2014–present **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany.  
Host Eric Bodden

## Education

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2014 **Ph.D.**, *Computer Science*, University of Waterloo, Canada.  
Advisor Ondřej Lhoták  
Thesis The Separate Compilation Assumption  
Committee Jan Vitek, Frank Tip, Reid Holmes, and Werner Dietl

2010 **MMath**, *Computer Science*, University of Waterloo, Canada.  
Advisor Raouf Boutaba  
Thesis Algorizmi - A Configurable Virtual Testbed to Generate Datasets for Offline Evaluation of Intrusion Detection Systems  
Reviewers Ian MacKillop and Urs Hengartner

2007 **B.Sc.**, *Computer Science*, The American University in Cairo, Egypt.  
Advisors Sherif G. Aly and Sherif El-Kassas  
Thesis A Jabber Framework for Building Communication Capable Java Mobile Applications  
Minor Mathematics

## Research Experience

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2014–present **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Secure Software Engineering (SSE) group*, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany.  
◦ Designing novel static analyses to detect misuses of cryptographic APIs in software systems.  
◦ Developing ranking metrics for the results of static analyses to improve developers' productivity.

2010–2014 **Research Assistant**, *Programming Languages Group (PLG)*, University of Waterloo, Canada.  
◦ Conducted research for constructing partial static call graphs for Java programs.  
◦ Developed various call graph construction algorithms for Scala.  
◦ Studied static analysis techniques for various JVM-hosted languages.

2008–2009 **Research Assistant**, *Secutiry Research Group*, University of Waterloo, Canada.  
◦ Worked on various models of Intrusion Detection Systems: e.g., peer-to-peer, kernel methods.  
◦ Developed Algorizmi, an open-source evaluation system for Intrusion Detection Systems.

- 2007 **Researcher**, *Department of Computer Science*, The American University in Cairo, Egypt.  
 o Studied new techniques to support location management in Java-based pervasive systems.

## Publications

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### *Refereed Journal Publications (1 total)*

- IJCSNS '08 Sherif G Aly, Sarah Nadi, and **Karim Hamdan**. "A Java-Based Programming Language Support of Location Management in Pervasive Systems". In: *International Journal of Computer Science and Network Security* 8.6 (2008), pp. 329–336.

### *Refereed Conference Publications (4 total)*

- Onward! '15 Steven Arzt, Sarah Nadi, **Karim Ali**, Sebastian Erdweg, Eric Bodden, and Mira Mizini. "Towards Secure Integration of Cryptographic Software". In: *Proceedings of the SIGPLAN Symposium on New Ideas in Programming and Reflections on Software at SPLASH*. Onward! '15. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States, 2015, (Acceptance Rate: 35%).
- ECOOP '14 **Karim Ali**, Marianna Rapoport, Ondřej Lhoták, Julian Dolby, and Frank Tip. "Constructing Call Graphs of Scala Programs". In: *Proceedings of the 28th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*. ECOOP '14. Uppsala, Sweden, 2014, (Acceptance Rate: 26%).
- ECOOP '13 **Karim Ali** and Ondřej Lhoták. "Averroes: Whole-Program Analysis without the Whole Program". In: *Proceedings of the 27th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*. ECOOP '13. Montpellier, France, 2013, (Acceptance Rate: 25%).
- ECOOP '12 **Karim Ali** and Ondřej Lhoták. "Application-Only Call Graph Construction". In: *Proceedings of the 26th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*. ECOOP '12. Beijing, China, 2012, (Acceptance Rate: 19%).

### *Validated Artifacts (2 total, 1 distinguished artifact)*

- ECOOP '14 **Karim Ali**, Marianna Rapoport, Ondřej Lhoták, Julian Dolby, and Frank Tip. "Constructing Call Graphs of Scala Programs". In: *Proceedings of the 28th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*. ECOOP '14. Springer, 2014.
- ECOOP '13 **Karim Ali** and Ondřej Lhoták. "Averroes: Whole-Program Analysis without the Whole Program". In: *Proceedings of the 27th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*. ECOOP '13. Springer, 2013.

### *Other Refereed Publications (2 total)*

- GIIS '09 **Karim Ali**, Issam Aib, and Raouf Boutaba. "P2P-AIS: A P2P Artificial Immune Systems architecture for detecting DDoS flooding attacks". In: *Global Information Infrastructure Symposium*. GIIS '09. Hammamet, Tunisia, 2009.
- GIIS '09 **Karim Ali** and Raouf Boutaba. "Applying Kernel Methods to Anomaly-based Intrusion Detection Systems". In: *Global Information Infrastructure Symposium*. GIIS '09. Hammamet, Tunisia, 2009.

### *Research Demonstrations (1 total)*

- ECOOP '13 **Karim Ali**. "Averroes: Whole-Program Analysis without the Whole Program". In: *the 27th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*. ECOOP '13. Montpellier, France, 2013.

### *Posters (1 total)*

- Cheriton '13 **Karim Ali**. "Averroes: Whole-Program Analysis without the Whole Program". In: *Cheriton Symposium*. Cheriton '13. University of Waterloo, Canada, 2013.

## Industrial Employment

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- 2007 **Software Engineer**, *Execution Team*, ITWorx, Egypt.
- o Redesigned the graphical user interface of the stock brokerage system for Execution Ltd.
  - o Improved user experience by redesigning major system components.
  - o Enhanced code readability by reviewing the previously written code.
  - o Used .Net framework, C#, CRM technologies during development.

## Teaching

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### *Lecturer*

- Winter 2015 **Technische Universität Darmstadt**, Static Analysis Seminar.

### *Substitute Lecturer*

- Winter 2014 **Technische Universität Darmstadt**, Designing Code Analyses for Large Software Systems.  
Spring 2013 **University of Waterloo**, CS241, Foundations of Sequential Programs.

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- 2011–2013 **University of Waterloo**, CS241, Foundations of Sequential Programs.  
2011–2013 **University of Waterloo**, CS444/644, Compiler Construction.  
Spring 2011 **University of Waterloo**, CS456/656, Software Design and Architectures.  
2008–2010 **University of Waterloo**, CS456/656, Computer Networks.  
Winter 2008 **University of Waterloo**, CS125, Introduction to Programming Principles.  
Fall 2007 **The American University in Cairo**, CS448, Security Engineering.

### *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*

- Spring 2007 **The American University in Cairo**, CS448, Security Engineering.  
2005–2006 **The American University in Cairo**, CS330, Computer Architecture.  
2004–2005 **The American University in Cairo**, CS106, Fundamentals of Computer Science.

## Advising

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### *Ph.D. Students*

- 2015-present **Johannes Späth**, Technische Universität Darmstadt, CS, expected 2017.  
2015-present **Stefan Krüger**, Technische Universität Darmstadt, CS, expected 2019.  
2015-present **Lisa Nguyen**, Technische Universität Darmstadt, CS, expected 2019.  
2015-present **Stefan Triller**, Technische Universität Darmstadt, CS, expected 2018.

### *Research Assistants*

- Summer 2015 **Michael Benz**, Technische Universität Darmstadt, CS.  
Winter 2015 **Sachin Pattan**, Technische Universität Darmstadt, CS.

## Professional Services

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- ISSTA AEC '16 **Program Committee Member**, *Artifact Evaluation Committee*, the The International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis.  
SCP '15 **Reviewer**, *Science of Computer Programming*.  
PLDI AEC '15 **Program Committee Member**, *Artifact Evaluation Committee*, the 36th ACM SIGPLAN conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation.

WoW '15	<b>Workshop Co-organizer</b> , <i>Workshop on Wala</i> , co-located with the 36th ACM SIGPLAN conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation, PLDI '15.
ECOOP AEC '15	<b>Program Committee Member</b> , <i>Artifact Evaluation Committee</i> , the 29th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming.
ECOOP AEC '14	<b>Program Committee Member</b> , <i>Artifact Evaluation Committee</i> , the 28th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming.
TSE '13	<b>Reviewer</b> , <i>Transactions on Software Engineering</i> .

## Awards and Honors

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2014	<b>Distinguished Artifact Award</b> , <i>European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming</i> .
2012-2014	<b>David R. Cheriton Scholarship</b> , <i>University of Waterloo, Canada</i> , \$20,000.
2012	<b>University of Waterloo Special Graduate Scholarship</b> , <i>Canada</i> , \$2,500.
2012	<b>Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology</b> , <i>Canada</i> , \$5,000.
2011	<b>University of Waterloo Special Graduate Scholarship</b> , <i>Canada</i> , \$1,000.
2008	<b>University of Waterloo Graduate Entrance Scholarship</b> , <i>Canada</i> , \$3,000.
2007	<b>B.Sc. Summa Cum Laude Honors</b> , <i>The American University in Cairo, Egypt</i> .
2007	<b>Best CS Group Graduation Project Award</b> , <i>The American University in Cairo, Egypt</i> .
2003-2007	<b>Shell Endowed Scholarship</b> , <i>The American University in Cairo, Egypt</i> , 30% off.

## Leadership and Volunteer Work

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Fall 2013	<b>Graduate Student Ambassador</b> , <i>David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science, University of Waterloo, Canada</i> .
Winter 2012	<b>Tour Guide</b> , <i>Computer Science Open House, University of Waterloo, Canada</i> .
2010-2011	<b>President</b> , <i>Egyptian Students Association, University of Waterloo, Canada</i> .
Spring 2007	<b>Ushers Committee Leader</b> , <i>Honors Assembly, The American University in Cairo, Egypt</i> .
Spring 2007	<b>Academic Committee Head</b> , <i>Association for Computer Machinery (ACM), The American University in Cairo, Egypt</i> .

## Software

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scalacg	A Scala compiler plugin for call graph construction. <a href="http://github.com/olhotak/scalacg">http://github.com/olhotak/scalacg</a>
averroes	A tool that enables any Java analysis framework to analyze partial programs. <a href="http://github.com/karimhamdanali/averroes/">http://github.com/karimhamdanali/averroes/</a>
cgc	Datalog implementation of the <i>separate compilation assumption</i> . <a href="http://plg.uwaterloo.ca/~karim/projects/cgc/">http://plg.uwaterloo.ca/~karim/projects/cgc/</a>
algorizmi	An open-source cloud-based testbed for evaluating Intrusion Detection Systems. <a href="http://sourceforge.net/projects/algorizmi/">http://sourceforge.net/projects/algorizmi/</a>
beep	Java mobile platform. <a href="http://sourceforge.net/projects/beep/">http://sourceforge.net/projects/beep/</a>

## Languages

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Arabic	<b>Mother Tongue</b>
English	<b>Fluent</b>

French **Novice**  
German **Novice**

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## Residency Status

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Canada **Citizen**  
Germany **Work Visa**  
Egypt **Citizen**

## References

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**Ondřej Lhoták**, *Ph.D.*, (Ph.D. Advisor).

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