# Lorenzo Agnolucci

#### Ph.D. Candidate

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### **Summary**

Dedicated Ph.D. candidate (thesis submitted, awaiting defense) in **Computer Vision** and Artificial Intelligence with a strong background in **low-level vision** and **vision-language models**. Experienced in conducting cutting-edge research independently and as part of a **collaborative team** in academia and **industry**, with a **proven track record** of publishing high-quality research in **top-tier venues**. Proficient in **Python** and **PyTorch**, as demonstrated by open-source contributions, with strong analytical, problem-solving, and communication skills. Highly motivated to contribute to innovative projects and eager to apply expertise to advance knowledge and technology in both exploratory and applied research settings.

## **Education**

University of Florence Florence

Ph.D. IN COMPUTER VISION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Nov. 2021 - Nov. 2024

• Research areas: low-level vision, vision-language models, image quality assessment, video restoration

Supervisor: Prof. Marco BertiniThesis defense date: Spring 2025

University of Florence Florence

M.Sc. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Sep. 2019 - Sep. 2021

- Thesis: Deep Learning Techniques for Improving Video Visual Quality Using Keyframes
- Supervisors: Prof. Marco Bertini and Prof. Alberto Del Bimbo
- Grade: 110/110 cum laude
- · Core focus: computer vision, deep learning, machine learning, image/video processing

University of Florence Florence

B.Sc. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Sep. 2016 - Sep. 2019

- Thesis: Localization of Figures in Scientific Articles
- Supervisor: Prof. Simone Marinai
- Grade: 110/110 cum laude

# Work Experience

SonyAl Tokyo, Japan

RESEARCH INTERN

Mar. 2024 - Nov. 2024

- · Conducted research on image quality assessment and low-level vision under the supervision of Vlad Hosu
- Co-organized a challenge and published a paper at the Advances in Image Manipulation workshop at ECCV2024
- · Submitted a first-author paper related to image quality assessment to a top-tier conference

# **Selected Publications**

\* Equal contribution. A comprehensive publication list is available on my Google Scholar profile.

M. Mistretta\*, A. Baldrati\*, **L. Agnolucci**\*, M. Bertini, A. Bagdanov, *Cross the Gap: Exposing the Intra-modal Misalignment in CLIP via Modality Inversion*, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025

V. Hosu\*, **L. Agnolucci\***, D. Iso, D. Saupe, *Image Intrinsic Scale Assessment: Bridging the Gap Between Quality and Resolution*, Arxiv **(Under review)**, 2024

L. Agnolucci, L. Galteri, M. Bertini, *Quality-Aware Image-Text Alignment for Real-World Image Quality Assessment*, Arxiv (Under review), 2024

L. Agnolucci\*, A. Baldrati\*, M. Bertini, A. Del Bimbo, iSEARLE: Improving Textual Inversion for Zero-Shot Composed Image Retrieval, Arxiv (Under review), 2024

V. Hosu, M. Conde, **L. Agnolucci**, N. Barman, S. Zadtootaghaj, R. Timofte, et al., *AIM 2024 Challenge on UHD Blind Photo Quality Assessment*, European Conference on Computer Vision Workshop **(ECCVW)**, 2024

V. Hosu, **L. Agnolucci**, O. Wiedemann, D. Iso, D. Saupe, *UHD-IQA Benchmark Database: Pushing the Boundaries of Blind Photo Quality Assessment*, European Conference on Computer Vision Workshop **(ECCVW)**, 2024

- **L. Agnolucci**, L. Galteri, M. Bertini, A. Del Bimbo, *ARNIQA: Learning Distortion Manifold for Image Quality Assessment*, Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV Oral), 2024
- **L. Agnolucci**, L. Galteri, M. Bertini, A. Del Bimbo, *Reference-based Restoration of Digitized Analog Videotapes*, Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision **(WACV)**, 2024
- A. Baldrati\*, **L. Agnolucci\***, M. Bertini, A. Del Bimbo, *Zero-Shot Composed Image Retrieval with Textual Inversion*, International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023
- **L. Agnolucci\***, A. Baldrati\*, F. Todino, F. Becattini, M. Bertini, A. Del Bimbo, *ECO: Ensembling Context Optimization for Vision-Language Models*, International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ICCVW), 2023
- **L. Agnolucci**, L. Galteri, M. Bertini, A. Del Bimbo, *Perceptual Quality Improvement in Videoconferencing using Keyframes-based GAN*, IEEE Transactions on Multimedia **(TMM)**, 2023

#### Skills\_

**Programming** Python, Java, C++, C

**Tools** PyTorch, NumPy, OpenCV, scikit-learn, pandas, Git, Docker, bash

**Languages** Italian (native), English (fluent)

#### **Selected Activities**

#### **Workshop Challenge Organizer**

2024

- Co-organized the UHD-IQA challenge, held in conjunction with the AIM workshop at ECCV2024, with over 100 registered participants
- Collaborated in the challenge design and decision-making, including defining objectives, evaluation criteria, and guidelines for participants
- · Evaluated baseline models, assessed participant solutions and reviewed their corresponding reports

#### **Open-Source Contributor**

2024 - Ongoing

- torchmetrics (>2K stars): implemented an IQA metric developed in one of my research papers via a merged PR. Wrote unit tests and documentation to ensure correctness and usability. Maintained code quality by following the repository's coding standards and style guidelines.
- IQA-PyTorch (>2K stars): implemented IQA metrics developed in my research papers, fixed bugs, and updated documentation through multiple merged PRs. Ensured consistency with the repository's coding practices.

Reviewer 2022 - Ongoing

- Conferences: CVPR, ACM MM, ICPR, BMVC, ICMR
- · Journals: Transactions on Image Processing, Transactions on Multimedia, International Journal of Multimedia Information Retrieval

#### **Achievements**

2021

**First Ascent Participant,** Selected by Bending Spoons to participate in First Ascent, a three-day event celebrating Italy's top 20 Computer Science students, chosen from over 500 applicants

Milan, Italy