Manon Revel



Research maths and governance. Passionate about aligning engineering systems with democratic values.

Education -

Sep.19-Aug.23 MIT

PhD in Social and Engineering Systems and Statistics (GPA: 5/5)

Focus Area: Statistical Reinforcement Learning & Decision-Making, Discrete Probabilities & Stochastic Processes, Statistics, Mathematical Models in the Social Sciences, Data-Driven Decision-Making & Society

MIT Sep.17-Jun.19

MSc in Technology and Policy (GPA: 4.8/5)

Focus Area: Statistics Computation & Application, Network Science & Models, Causal Inference, Fundamentals of Probability, Political Economy, Science Technology & Public Policy, Law Technology & Policy

Sep.15-Jun.17

École Centrale Paris

BSc of Engineering & Diplôme d'ingénieur (MSc. equivalent) in Applied Mathematics

Focus Area: Mathematics (fundamental and applied), Algorithms & Programming, Machine Learning, Physics

Work Experience -

May.-Aug.22

Palantir Technologies (NY)

Deployment Strategist Intern

- Partnered with clients to scope problems and set vision for data-driven workflows in the Utility space
- Conceived and developed analytical workflows to augment data-driven decisions and product policy design

Jul.-Aug.19

Aerospacelab (Belgium)

Strategic Engineer - Machine Learning Consultant

• Envisioned and coded modules to monitor information virality on social media implementing natural language processing models, network dynamics analyses, time series analyses and other machine learning techniques

May.-Aug.18

Center for Strategic and International Studies CSIS (DC)

Policy Intern

- Studied Internet ecosystems and AI regulation's impact on people's relation to information
- Collaborate with lawyers, industry partners, and state officials to inform policymakers about GDPR

Jun.-Aug.17

Nokia Bell Labs (NJ)

Machine Learning Research Intern

- Optimized slice allocation with forecasting methods and time series analysis to lower communication latency
- Won intern R&D talk contest in department; and worked on a side project with CEO about news credibility

- Research Experience

Sep.17-Aug.23 MIT - Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (MA)

PhD Researcher in Computational Social Science

- Maths and Governance: Authored mathematical theories on binary vote aggregation; studied the dynamics of networked delegations proving new results on the infinite Poly Urn processes; designed 10+ experimental designs and conducted experiments that statistically validated the theory; led subsequent programs on decentralized governance with companies and political actors to deploy research in the real world
- Statistical Analysis of the Causality of Information Disorders: Studied resonance of narratives with the citizenry and its interplay on social movements in France through natural language processing (NLP) of a corpus of 10k+ public opinion surveys and scraped media output; measured the impact of online marketing on journalism credibility since the 2016 US election; conducted NLP and Bayesian analyses of 1M headlines, and randomized experiments (n=10,000) testing ads' causal effects
- Data Science Projects: Leveraged 100k Reddit posts on tinnitus with NLP and networks dynamics to understand peer-support online; studied NBA players' key performance drivers through machine learning for dimension reduction of plays

Aug.22-Aug.23 Harvard Kennedy School (MA)

Doctoral Democracy Fellow

• Researched democratic innovation, Al governance and alignment connecting maths and political philosophy

Teaching & Advising

Feb.21-Now

MIT - Institute for Data, Systems, and Society: Quant Review

Instructor for Masters Students

• Created content for, and teach a 15h-seminar in Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Micro-Economy and Data science for 30+ Masters Students. See class material here. (Feedback available upon request)

Jul.-Aug.20-21

MIT - Sloan School: Data, Model, and Decisions

Teaching Assistant for Executive MBAs

• Taught 120 MBA Students in Probability, Statistics, and Optimization, created recitations, wrote and graded problem sets (Teaching Evaluation: 6.7/7, details available upon request)

Sept. 18-Aug. 19 MIT - Institute for Data, Systems, and Society

Undergraduate Research Advisor

Advised MIT UROP students Mariette Munier and Yi Wang

	Service and Leadership (selection)
Aug.22-Now	Mechanism Design for Social Good (MD4SG) - Co-lead the civic participation research group (link)
Jun.19-Now	Reviewer for Academic Conferences - Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), Conference on Decision and Control (CDC) and American Control Conference (ACC), International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)
Jan.22-Dec.22	Workshop on Liquid Democracy - Co-organized a 2-day conference to connect 50 scholars researching liquid democracy from various fields to spark inter-disciplinary discoveries
Sep.21-Apr.22	CYN.AI - Advised R&D team in building AI to detect bias in readers' content and flag missing context.
Apr-Jul.20	MIT IDSS - Covid-19 COLLABORATION - Co-designed opting-out and class schedules for MIT back-to-campus strategy following COVID-19 lockdown
JanJun.21	International Conference of the Web and Social Media (ICWSM) - Co-organized 1-day archival workshop Alternative Realities in Troubled Democracies (link). Created content, advertised event, reviewed papers.
Sep.15-Jun.18	BeeGames Association - Launched a cross-functional collaboration between companies, universities, and basketball professionals. Lead of a 25-person team creating a network of investors and organizing networking events. Worked with the former head coach of the French national team and Olympics vice-champions. - Awards
2022	Harvard Kennedy School Democracy Fellowship - Reward students leading democratic innovations
2021	Best Research Talk - Selected best pitch talk at the Virtual Conference on Computational Audiology
2019	Hammer Fellowship - Award that empowers first-year IDSS PhD students
2019	Best Masters Thesis Nominee - One of four finalists for the best thesis award in Technology & Policy
2017	Centrale Talent - Reward outstanding initiatives and achievements of a student at École Centrale Paris
2017	Coordination Jeunes Promotions - Best associative project for the BeeGames Association
2012	Education Award - Reward exceptional academics, leadership and civic life engagement in Ile-de-France
	Publications (cs: theoretical computer science, E: quantitative empirical science, P: philosophy)

Peer-reviewed (Link to Google Scholar page)

- CS In Defense of Liquid Democracy, (alphabetical) Halpern, Halpern, Jadbabaie, Mossel, Procaccia, Revel, Proceedings of **Economics and Computation EC 23**, 2023
- PHow to Open Democratic Representation? Revel, European Journal of Risk Regulation, Cambridge University Press, 2023
- CS How Many Representatives Do We Need? The Optimal Size of an Epistemic Congress, Revel*, Lin*, Haleprn* Proceedings of 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2022
- ELiquid Democracy in Practice: An Empirical Analysis of its Performance, Revel, Haleprn, Berinsky, Jadbabaie Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization, 2022
- E Varieties of Resonance: The Subjective Interpretations and Utilizations of Media Output in France, Park, Abecassis, Revel-Poetics, 2021

Working Papers

- CS In Defense of Liquid Democracy (under review, link) with Halpern, Halpern, Mossel, Procaccia, Jadbabaie
- CS Selection Representative Bodies: An Axiomatic View (under review), with Bohemer, Brill, Colley, Elkind, Faliszewski
- E Native advertisement and the credibility of online publishers (under review, link) with Tohidi, Eckles, Berinsky, Jadbabaie

Media Articles

• Foundry: Think global, act local. (link) with Papaemmanuel - Palantir Blog, Dec.2022

Service and Leadership (selection)

- Rules of Thumb: Adjusting Class Schedules in Fall Term '20 (link) with Haupt MIT ISOLAT, Aug.2020
- A privacy-preserving opt-out mechanism for returning to campus (link) with Haupt MIT ISOLAT, July.2020

Research Conference (selection)

- Internet, you lie! (in French) (link) L'Hémicycle, Aug. 2019
- Economics and Computation EC'23 (Kings College) Talk: In Defense of Liquid Democracy
- Al for Institutions (Cooperative Al Foundation) Lightening Talk: Al Governance
- Plurality Research Network Conference (UC Berkeley) Lightening Talk: Governance with Proxy Democracy (link)
- Long-term Risks and Future Generation Worksop (Maastricht University) Talk: How to Open Democratic Representation?
- International Workshop on Reimagining Democracy 2022 Talk: How to Open Democratic Representation (link)
- INFORMS 2022 Talk: Democracy Mechanisms for emerging forms of democratic participation
- EAAMO 2022 Oral Presentation: Liquid Democracy in Practice (Presented by D Halpern)

- SDSCon 2022 (MIT) Lightening Talk & Poster Session: Collective Decision-Making in Representative Democracy
- WiDS 2022 Lightening Talk: Collective Decision-Making in Democracy
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2022 Selected Oral Presentation & Poster: Optimal Congress Size
- LIDS Student Conference 2022 (MIT) Talk & Poster: Collective Decision-Making on Binary Issues in Representative Democracy
- VCCA21 2021 Talk: What can we learn about tinnitus from social media posts? (Best Pitch Award)
- IC2S2 2020 Talk: The effect of native advertising on the U.S. News Industry
- College of Computing Launch 2018 (MIT) Poster: Online Ads: Failure of Quick-Fix Solution to Journalism Crisis
- TMP Consortium 2018 (Delft University) Talk: The role of the CRNs in online misinformation

⁻ Invited Speaker (selection) ⁻

- Spread of Misinformation and Collective Action (MIT) Talk: The Institutional Design Problem Apr.23 (link)
- Harvard Department of Mathematics The Mathematics of Democracy Mar.23 (link)
- Entretiens de New York Garry Kasparov and Hubert Vedrine interview Mar.23 (link)
- Metagov Seminar Liquid Democracy in Practice Feb.23 (link)
- Computational Social Choice Seminar Democratic Innovations and Social Choice Nov.22 (link)
- GoogleX Alphabet Modeling Seminar Modeling Democratic Innovations Nov.22
- University of Amsterdam Innovating with Democratic Representation Oct.22
- Datascientest Data and Models to Study Alternative Voting Systems Sept.22 (link)
- HEC Paris Innovating with Democratic Representation Sept.22
- bluenove & Hypermind Liquid Democracy and Collective Intelligence Apr.22
- University of Groningen In Defense of Liquid Democracy Mar.22
- Debating Europe Think Tank What should democracy look like in the 21st century? Feb.22 (link)
- MIT Sloan Fellows Speaker Series Collective Intelligence: Applications to Democracy Dec.21
- WiDS 2020 Data weaponized, data scrutinized: a war on information, May20

News Coverage -

- IDSS News, Aligning Decision-Making Processes with Democratic Values (link) Apr.23
- CentraleSupelec Social Media, Maths rescuing democracy +100,000 views across social media (link) Feb.22
- MIT News & LIDS/All, Understanding how people make sense of information in the information age (link & link) Nov.20
- MIT News, Combining artificial intelligence with their passions (link) Aug.19
- Alter Ago Le Mag Manon Revel: En deça et au-delà des algorithmes (Under and beyond algorithms) (<u>link</u>) Sept. 18 Languages: Python (preferred), R, SQL, HTML (experienced), JAVA, Matlab, CSS (basic), French (native), English

Skills and Interests

(fluent), Italian (proficient), Spanish (basic)

Journalism: Created a newspaper (The Fool on the Hill) and worked for two radios (Radio Parentheses and Soleil de Re), writing editorials and hosting live shows between 2010 and 2018. Conducted monthly interviews. **Basketball:** Practice in competition, national level. Coach in summer camp (TBA) and of university men's B team **Windsurfer, runner, books lover**