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## Education

- Nov. 2019 – Ongoing    📖 **PhD Student**, University of Udine, Italy.  
PhD course in Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics, 35<sup>th</sup> cycle.
- Mar. 2015 – Mar. 2018    📖 **Master Degree in Computer Science**, University of Udine, Italy, 109/110.
- Oct. 2011 – Mar. 2015    📖 **Bachelor Degree in Web Technologies and Multimedia**, University of Udine, Italy, 101/110.
- Sep. 2006 – Jun. 2011    📖 **High School Diploma**, I.S.I.S. R. D'Aronco, Gemona del Friuli, Italy, 77/100.  
Head Technician Industrial Expert - Computer Science Specialization

## Visits

- Mar. 2022 – Jul. 2022    📖 **Visiting Student**, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
Visiting period as PhD student.

## Work Experience

- Jun. 2018 - Oct. 2019    📖 **Research Fellow**, University of Udine, Italy.  
Research project co-funded by SISSA Medialab
- Jun. 2017 – Oct. 2019    📖 **Full Stack Web Developer** Datamantix S.r.l., Udine, Italy.  
Design, development and maintenance of various kinds of web applications and chatbots.
- Aug. 2017 – Feb. 2018    📖 **Full Stack Web Developer** Archeido S.r.l., Udine, Italy.  
Development of a web application.
- Nov. 2015 – Feb. 2016    📖 **Full Stack Web Developer** Troublezone.  
Design, development and maintenance of a web application

## Publications

- 1    Brand, E., Roitero, K., **Soprano, M.**, Rahimi, A., & Demartini, G. (2022). A Neural Model to Jointly Predict and Explain Truthfulness of Statements. *Journal of Data and Information Quality*. *Journal Rank: Scimago Q2 (2021)*. [doi:10.1145/3546917](https://doi.org/10.1145/3546917)
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- 3    **Soprano, M.**, Roitero, K., Bombassei De Bona, F., & Mizzaro, S. (2022). Crowd\_Frame: A Simple and Complete Framework to Deploy Complex Crowdsourcing Tasks Off-the-Shelf. In *Proceedings of the Fifteenth ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining*. *Conference Rank: GGS A+, Core A\** (pp. 1605–1608). [doi:10.1145/3488560.3502182](https://doi.org/10.1145/3488560.3502182)





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- 5 Roitero, K., **Soprano, M.**, Portelli, B., De Luise, M., Spina, D., Mea, V. D., ... Demartini, G. (2021). Can The Crowd Judge Truthfulness? A Longitudinal Study On Recent Misinformation About COVID-19. *Personal and Ubiquitous Computing. Journal Rank: Scimago Q2* (2020).  
[doi:10.1007/s00779-021-01604-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00779-021-01604-6)
- 6 **Soprano, M.**, Roitero, K., La Barbera, D., Ceolin, D., Spina, D., Mizzaro, S., & Demartini, G. (2021). The Many Dimensions of Truthfulness: Crowdsourcing Misinformation Assessments on a Multidimensional Scale. *Information Processing and Management. Journal Rank: Scimago Q1* (2020), 58(6), 102710. [doi:10.1016/j.ipm.2021.102710](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ipm.2021.102710)
- 7 Roitero, K., **Soprano, M.**, Portelli, B., Spina, D., Della Mea, V., Serra, G., ... Demartini, G. (2020). The COVID-19 Infodemic: Can the Crowd Judge Recent Misinformation Objectively? In *Proceedings of the 29th acm international conference on information and knowledge management. conference rank: Ggs a+, core a* (pp. 1305–1314). [doi:10.1145/3340531.3412048](https://doi.org/10.1145/3340531.3412048)
- 8 Roitero, K., **Soprano, M.**, Fan, S., Spina, D., Mizzaro, S., & Demartini, G. (2020). Can The Crowd Identify Misinformation Objectively? The Effects of Judgment Scale and Assessor's Background. In *Proceedings of the 43rd International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval. Conference Rank: GGS A++, Core A\** (pp. 439–448). [doi:10.1145/3397271.3401112](https://doi.org/10.1145/3397271.3401112)
- 9 **Soprano, M.**, Roitero, K., & Mizzaro, S. (2019a). Bias and Fairness in Effectiveness Evaluation by Means of Network Analysis and Mixture Models. In Agosti, Maristella and Di Buccio, Emanuele and Melucci, Massimo and Mizzaro, Stefano and Pasi, Gabriella and Silvestri, Fabrizio (Ed.), *Proceedings of the 10th Italian Information Retrieval Workshop* (Vol. 2441, 6–7). Padova, Italy: CEUR-WS.org. Retrieved from  
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- 12 Roitero, K., **Soprano, M.**, Brunello, A., & Mizzaro, S. (2018). Reproduce and Improve: An Evolutionary Approach to Select a Few Good Topics for Information Retrieval Evaluation. *Journal of Data and Information Quality. Journal Rank: Scimago Q2* (2018), 10(3). [doi:10.1145/3239573](https://doi.org/10.1145/3239573)

## Metrics

	Scholar	Scopus	ACM Digital Library
Articles	16	13	9
Citations	114	69	37
Citations / Articles	7.12	5.30	4.11
H-index	5	4	–
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## Talks

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- 2022  **Crowd\_Frame: A Simple and Complete Framework to Deploy Complex Crowdsourcing Tasks Off-the-Shelf** *The 15th ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining*, October 19-23, 2020. Phoenix, U.S.A. Online, held remotely due to COVID-19 (pre-recorded contribution).  
<https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3488560.3502182>  
supplemental material section
- 2020  **The COVID-19 Infodemic: Can the Crowd Judge Recent Misinformation Objectively?** *29th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management*, October 19-23, 2020. Galway, Ireland. Online, held remotely due to COVID-19 (pre-recorded contribution).  
<https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3340531.3412048>  
supplemental material section
-  **Can The Crowd Identify Misinformation Objectively? The Effects of Judgment Scale and Assessor's Background** *43rd International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval*, July 25-30, 2020. Xi'an, China. Online, held remotely due to COVID-19 (pre-recorded contribution).  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D10EtrThvbc>  
<https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3397271.3401112>  
supplemental material section
- 2019  **Bias and Fairness in Effectiveness Evaluation by Means of Network Analysis and Mixture Model** *Italian Information Retrieval Workshop*, September 16-18, 2019. Padova, Italy.

## Teaching


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- 2022-2023  **Social Computing**, Bachelor's Degree in Internet of Things, Big Data & Web, University of Udine. Academic Year 2022/2023. Lectures: 2. Hours: 4.
- 2021-2022  **Social Computing**, Bachelor's Degree in Internet of Things, Big Data & Web, University of Udine. Academic Year 2021/2022. Lectures: 6. Hours: 12.
- 2020-2021  **Social Computing**, Bachelor's Degree in Internet of Things, Big Data & Web, University of Udine. Academic Year 2020/2021. Lectures: 6. Hours: 12.




## Academic Activity

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### Organizational Roles

- 2022  Proceedings and Website Chair at the 4th Symposium on Biases in Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (BHCC 2022), Rome, Italy

### Program Committee Roles






- 2023  45th European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR 2023), Dublin, Ireland. Short Paper Track.
- 2022  45th International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2022), Madrid, Spain. Short Paper Track.
- 2021  Third Symposium on Biases in Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (BHCC 2021), Online.

### Reviewer


- 2022  The Tenth AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (HCOMP 2022), Online.
-  Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF 2022), Bologna, Italy.
- 2021  44th European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR 2022), Stavanger, Norway.

## Academic Activity (continued)


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- 2021  30th ACM International Conference On Information And Knowledge Management (CIKM 2021), Online.
- 2021  32nd ACM Conference on Hypertext and Social Media, (HT 2021), Online.
- 2020  29th ACM International Conference On Information And Knowledge Management (CIKM 2020), Galway, Ireland (Online).
- 2020  31st ACM Conference on Hypertext and Social Media (HT 2020), Online.
- 2019  15th Italian Research Conference On Digital Libraries (IRCDL 2019), Pisa, Italy.

## Mentoring




- 2020 – 2021  **Co-supervision** of the thesis of 1 Master (MSC), 8 Bachelor (BSC) Students, and various students advanced projects and seminars

## Affiliations

- 2021 – Today  **Member** of the SMDC Laboratory (Social, Mobile, Data, Crowd), see <http://smdc.uniud.it/smdc/membri/?lang=en>

## Honors & Grants

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- 2022  **Student Grant**, *15th ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM 2022)*, Phoenix, U.S.A. Online (Held remotely due to COVID-19). Provided by WSDM. Free conference subscription.
- 2020  **Student Grant**, *29th ACM International Conference On Information And Knowledge Management (CIKM 2020)*, Galway, Ireland. Online (Held remotely due to COVID-19). Provided by CIKM. Free conference subscription.
- 2019  **Volunteer**, *43rd International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2020)*, Xi'an, China. Online (Held remotely due to COVID-19). Provided by SIGIR. Free conference subscription.

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## Links

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**Mendeley:** <https://www.mendeley.com/profiles/michael-soprano/>

**Scopus:** <https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=57203392311>

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