

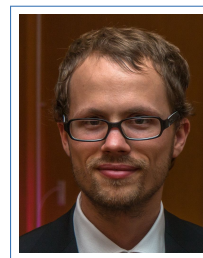
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Personal Information

Date of Birth April 12, 1987

Citizenship Switzerland

Main areas of research

My research interests lie in the intersection of geometric and combinatorial group theory, graph theory and symbolic dynamic. I am particularly interested in groups acting on rooted trees and their (weakly) maximal subgroups, limits and coverings of (Schreier) graphs, rigidity phenomenon in Cayley and Schreier graphs and graphs associated to dynamical systems.

Employment

Since September 2020 **Université de Neuchâtel**, *Post-Doc*, in Institut de mathématiques, with Alain Valette.

2018–2020 **ENS-Lyon**, *Post-Doc*, in Unité de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées, with Mikael de la Salle.

Post-Doc Labex MILYON

2016–2018 **ENS-Lyon**, *Post-Doc*, in Unité de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées, with Mikael de la Salle.

Early Postdoc.Mobility grant supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation

Education

2011–2016 **Université de Genève**, *Ph.D. in Mathematics*, “On Subgroups and Schreier Graphs of Finitely Generated Groups”, advisor: Tatiana Smirnova-Nagnibeda.
Mention très bien

2013–2015 **Université de Genève**, *Basic Certificate of Didactic in Mathematics and in Educational Science*.

2009–2011 **Université de Genève**, *M. Sc. in Mathematics*, Master-thesis: “Caractères irréductibles des groupes de Coxeter finis”, advisors: Pierre de la Harpe and Tatiana Smirnova-Nagnibeda.
grades: 6/6 (Master-thesis) and 5.7/6 (courses)

2006–2009 **Université de Genève**, *B. Sc. in Mathematics*.

Publications and Preprints

1. *Cayley graphs with few automorphisms: the case of infinite groups*, with M. de la Salle. (2020). Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.06020>
2. *Up to a double cover, every regular connected graph is isomorphic to a Schreier graph*. (2020). Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.06431>
3. *Finitely generated subgroups of branch groups and subdirect products of just infinite groups*, with R. Grigorchuk and T. Nagnibeda. (2020). Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.16121>
4. *Weakly maximal subgroups of branch groups*. (2019). Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.06399>
5. *Cayley graphs with few automorphisms*, with M. de la Salle. J Algebr Comb (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10801-020-00956-1>
6. *Schreier graphs: Transitivity and Coverings*. Internat. J. Algebra Comput., Vol. 26, Issue 1 (2016). www.worldscientific.com/doi/abs/10.1142/S021819671650003X
7. *Weakly maximal subgroups in regular branch groups*, with K. Bou-Rabee and T. Nagnibeda. Journal of Algebra, Vol. 455 (2016). www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0021869316001046
8. *Lamplighter groups, de Bruijn graphs, spider-web graphs and their spectra*, with R. Grigorchuk and T. Nagnibeda. Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical, Vol. 49, Number 20 (2016). <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1751-8113/49/20/205004>

Prizes, Grants and Scientific Visits

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| 2016 | Vacheron Constantin prize for the best thesis in mathematics, Université de Genève |
| 07-12 2015 | Semester “Analytic and Geometric Aspects of Probability on Graphs”, EPFL, Switzerland |
| 01-04 2014 | IHP Semester “Marches aléatoires et géométrie asymptotique des groupes”, CIRM and IHP, France |
| April 2011 | Topology and Geometric Group Theory, Columbus, Ohio, USA |

Conference organisation

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| March 2013 | Co-organizer of the Kervaire seminar “Géométrie des groupes 2013”, 10-15 march, Les Diablerets, Switzerland |
| Spring 2021 | Co-organizer of the upcoming “Group theory, topology and dynamics: Russian-Swiss collaboration” |

Talks (selected)

Conferences:

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| June 2018 | Trees Dynamics and Locally Compact Groups, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany |
| November 2014 | Paroles aux jeunes chercheurs en géométrie et dynamique, GDR Platon, Université de Bordeaux, France |
| June 2014 | “Workshop in Algebra and Geometry”, University of Bern, Switzerland |

Seminars:

- March 2020 Séminaire Groupes et Géométrie, *Université de Genève, Switzerland*. Slides: www.leemann.website/slides/weaklymaximal.pdf
- July 2019 Séminaire Darboux, *Montpellier, France*
- January 2017 Rencontre AGIRA, *Sète, France*
- May 2015 Ergodic and Geometric Group Theory Seminar, *EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland*

Teaching Experiences

Since 2016 In ENS Lyon:

- Teaching assistant of “Coverings and fundamental groups” (master)
- Teacher of “Introduction to L^AT_EX” (3rd year class)

2011–2016 Teaching assistant at the University of Genève:

- Advanced course on Combinatorics (master)
- Algebra II: groups, rings, fields, Galois theory (2nd year class)
- Algebra I: linear algebra (1st year class)
- Analysis I: basics of logic and set theory, real analysis (1st year class)
- General mathematics: 1st year class for students of other departments
- Tutoring for first year students

2006–2011 Private tutor in mathematics for high school students

Refereeing

I have been a referee for the following journals: Journal of Algebra, International Journal of Algebra and Computation, L’enseignement mathématiques, Journal of Algebra and its Applications.

Scientific popularization

- 2017 MATHαLYON: interactive workshop in Junior High School, Lyon, France
- 2014-2016 Mentor in the “boussole” curriculum (one week of immersion in the mathematics’ department, for High School’s students), Genève, Switzerland
- 2012-2016 Facilitator at the University “Open Day”, Genève, Switzerland
- 2011-2016 Mathematics’ facilitator in Junior High School and High School classes, Genève, Switzerland
- 2015 Facilitator at the “Science’s night”, Genève, Switzerland

Languages

French: native English: fluent German: basics

Others

Computer skills (L^AT_EX (advanced), HTML/CSS and GAP (basics)

Summer camps I have been organizing and running summer camps for children. I have taken part in over thirty camps.

Civilian service 6 months in the physiotherapy’s unit of HUG

Sports Telemark skiing (including ski touring), rock climbing, hiking