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My work has focused on **designing**, **developing** and **evaluating** tools that support health and wellbeing. I have been particularly interested in investigating how these tools are used in people's everyday lives and how, in turn, they shape individuals' behaviors.

EDUCATION

- 2013-2019 **PhD, Computer Science and Engineering (specialization in Human-Computer Interaction)**, University of Madeira (under the Carnegie Mellon University | Portugal partnership)
Areas: HCI, Ubicomp, Persuasive Computing, Health Informatics
Advisor: Ass. Prof. Evangelos Karapanos
PhD thesis: Tracking in the wild: Understanding User Engagement with Physical Activity Trackers
- 2009-2011 **MS, Computer Science and Engineering**, University of Madeira (under the Carnegie Mellon University | Portugal partnership)
Areas: HCI, e-Learning.
MS Thesis: eGuided: Sharing Media in Academic and Social Networks Based on Peer Assisted Learning e-Portfolios
- 2006-2009 **BS, Computer Science and Engineering**, University of Madeira

GRANTS

- 2015 Visiting Researcher Grant, University of Washington. Grant awarded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), ~€5,000
- 2013 National PhD studentship awarded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), ~€60,000 [Acceptance Rate: 25% (1100/4400)].
Grant number: SFRH/BD/89796/2012

AWARDS

- 2018 Finalist - [UbiComp Gaetano Borriello Outstanding Student Award](#)
Award given to a student who has made outstanding research contributions and leadership to the field of Ubiquitous and Pervasive Computing.
- 2015 Ubicomp2015 Best Paper Honorable Mention for: How do we engage with activity trackers?: a longitudinal study of Habito

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2019-present **Assistant Professor**, University of Twente.
Promotion from *Universitair docent* rank 2 to rank 1, November, 2021
Department of Design, Production and Management.
- 2018-2019 **Senior researcher**, Offenburg University of Applied Science
under the scope of *SUITCEYES*, a European funded H2020 project, aimed at developing assistive technology for individuals with deaf blindness.

Fall 2017-2018 **Research Visitor**, Cyprus University of Technology

Summer 2015 **Research Visitor**, University of Washington

2012-2013 **Research Assistant**, Madeira Interactive Technologies Institute

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **Tactile Navigation with Checkpoints as Progress Indicators? Only when Walking Longer Straight Paths**
 Oliver Korn, James Gay, [Rúben Gouveia](#), Lea Buchweitz, Annika Sabrina Schulz, Moritz Umfahrer
PETRA 2020 [Acceptance Rate: 26% (27/104)]
- 2019 **Gamifying Onboarding: How to Increase Both Engagement and Integration of New Employees**
 Louisa Heimburger, Lea Buchweitz, [Rúben Gouveia](#), Oliver Korn
AHFE 2020
- 2018 **Activity Tracking in vivo**
[Rúben Gouveia](#), Evangelos Karapanos, Marc Hassenzahl
CHI 2018 [Acceptance Rate: 23% (666/2590)]
- Branded Gamification in Technical Education**
 Annika Sabrina Schulz, Franziska Schulz, [Rúben Gouveia](#), Oliver Korn
VS-GAMES 2018 [Acceptance Rate: 65% (43/66)]
- 2016 **Exploring the design space of glanceable feedback for physical activity trackers**
[Rúben Gouveia](#), Fabio Pereira, Evangelos Karapanos, Sean Munson, Marc Hassenzahl
Ubicomp 2016 [Acceptance Rate: 26% (101/389)]
- 2015 **How do we engage with activity trackers?: a longitudinal study of Habito**
[Rúben Gouveia](#), Evangelos Karapano, March Hassenzahl.
Ubicomp 2015 [Acceptance Rate: 26% (101/394)] **Best Paper Honorable Mention (top 5%)**
- 2014 **Beyond gamification: sociometric technologies that encourage reflection before behavior change**
 Vítor Belim, Olga Lyra, Pedro Teixeira, Ana Caraban, Maria Ferreira, [Rúben Gouveia](#), Andrés Lucero, Evangelos Karapanos
ACE 2014 [Acceptance Rate: 40% (196/368)]
- 2013 **Footprint tracker: supporting diary studies with lifelogging**
[Rúben Gouveia](#), Evangelos Karapanos.
CHI 2013 [Acceptance Rate: 20% (392/1963)]
- Towards persuasive sociometric technologies for inclusive educational settings**
 Olga Lyra, Evangelos Karapanos, [Rúben Gouveia](#), Mary Barreto, Valentina Nisi, Nuno Nunes, John Zimmerman, Jodi Forlizzi.
CHIItaly 2013 [Acceptance Rate: 49% (29/59)]
- Engaging children in longitudinal behavioral studies through playful technologies**
 Olga Lyra, Evangelos Karapanos, [Rúben Gouveia](#), Valentina Nisi, Nuno Nunes.
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**JOURNAL
PUBLICATIONS**

- 2021 **How Are Sports-Trackers Used by Runners? Running-Related Data, Personal Goals, and Self-Tracking in Running**
Armağan Karahanoğlu, Rúben Gouveia, Jasper Reenalda, Geke Ludden
Sensors
- 2020 **Understanding Cultural Preferences for Social Robots: A Study in German and Arab Communities**
Oliver Korn, Neziha Akalin, [Rúben Gouveia](#)
Transactions on Human-Robot Interaction
- 2016 **Wellbeing in the Making: Peoples' Experiences with Wearable Activity Trackers**
Evangelos Karapanos, [Rúben Gouveia](#), Marc Hassenzahl, Jodi Forlizzi.
Psychology of Well-Being
- Need fulfillment and experiences on social media: A case on Facebook and WhatsApp**
Evangelos Karapanos, Pedro Teixeira, [Rúben Gouveia](#).
Computers in Human Behavior [Impact Factor (Oct, 2020): 5.0]
- 2010 **Blended Peer-Assisted Learning Platform: Improving Learning Outcomes with a Collaborative Environment**
Paulo Sampaio, João Teixeira, Marlene Camacho, [Rúben Gouveia](#).
Journal of Educational Technology Systems

**WORKSHOPS
ORGANIZED**

- 2020 **Behavior Change Technologies in the Everyday Life**
[Rúben Gouveia](#), Bas de Boer, Roelof de Vries
PHTR 2020
- 2017 **New Frontiers of Quantified Self 3: Exploring Understudied Categories of Users**
Amon Rapp, Federica Cena, Judy Kay, Bob Kummerfeld, Frank Hopfgartner, Till Plumbaum, Jakob Eg Larsen, Daniel A. Epstein, [Rúben Gouveia](#)
UbiComp 2017
- 2016 **New Frontiers of Quantified Self 2: GOING Beyond Numbers**
Amon Rapp, Federica Cena, Judy Kay, Bob Kummerfeld, Frank Hopfgartner, Till Plumbaum, Jakob Eg Larsen, Daniel A. Epstein, [Rúben Gouveia](#)
UbiComp 2016

**WORKSHOP
PUBLICATIONS,
EXTENDED
ABSTRACTS**

- 2016 **Motivating Healthy Water Intake through Prompting, Historical Information, and Implicit Feedback**
Davide Neves, Donovan Costa, Marcio Oliveira, Ruben Jardim, [Rúben Gouveia](#),
Evangelos Karapanos

Persuasive 2016

2015 **You have 5 seconds: designing glanceable feedback for physical activity trackers**

Rúben Gouveia, Fábio Pereira, Ana Caraban, Sean A Munson, Evangelos Karapanos
Ubicomp 2015

CrowdWalk: leveraging the wisdom of the crowd to inspire walking activities

Tiago Ornelas, Ana Caraban, Rúben Gouveia, Evangelos Karapanos
Ubicomp 2015

Social toothbrush: fostering family nudging around tooth brushing habits

Ana Caraban, Maria José Ferreira, Rúben Gouveia, Evangelos Karapanos
Ubicomp 2015

2014 **Understanding users' disengagement with wearable activity trackers**

Rúben Gouveia, Sergio Barros, Evangelos Karapanos
ACE 2014

2013 **Look what i found!: augmenting phone calls with memories of the past**

Élton Gouveia, Francisco Azevedo, Luís Ferreira, Paulo Caldeira, Vítor Almeida, Rúben Gouveia, Evangelos Karapanos
CHI 2013

2012 **Footprint Tracker: reviewing lifelogs and reconstructing daily experiences**

Rúben Gouveia, Evangelos Niforatos, Evangelos Karapanos
DIS 2012

Sense me: Supporting awareness in parent-child relationships through mobile sensing

José Rodrigues, Rúben Gouveia, Olga Lyra, Evangelos Karapanos
DIS 2012

**INVITED TALKS
& PANELS**

Invited Talks “Moving towards lived experiences and evaluations of health and wellbeing systems”
Colloquium at the University of Oldenburg, Department of Informatics. 2 March 2020

“Pride & Prejudice: Chronic Disease Prevention through real-life monitoring and context-aware intervention design”

SPRINT Symposium on Personalized technologies, University of Twente. 13 February 2020.

Panels [“Designing tools that help people feel proud about taking the first steps to making changes in their lifestyles”](#).

Design research panel on health. Design Research & Innovation Festival (DRIVE), Dutch Design Week. 23 October 2020.

[Chronic disease prevention through real-life monitoring and context-aware intervention design](#).

Talkshow on the ecology of design. Design United – Up Close and Personal, Dutch Design Week. 20 October 2020.

Technology and User Interaction: Net-Zero Emissions Challenge

Moderator parallel brainstorm sessions for the Congress on Responsible Societies. 3 June 2021.

**SELECTED
PRESS**

- 2020 *Pride and Prejudice: Chronic disease prevention through monitoring and intervention*
Up Close and Personal Magazine (Design United)
<https://2020.design-united.nl/day-2-eco-logica/pride-and-prejudice-chronic-disease-prevention-through-monitoring-and-intervention/>
- 2016 *Is Your Fitness Tracker Making You Miserable?*
Live Happy (Paula Felps)
<https://www.livehappy.com/self/fitness/your-fitness-tracker-making-you-miserable>
- The Nihilistic Angst of Quitting Your Fitbit*
New York, The Cut (Cari Romm)
<https://www.thecut.com/2016/08/i-quit-fitbit-and-fell-into-nihilistic-despair.html>

**PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES/
SERVICES**

- Conference Committees *Provocations and Work in Progress Chair*. Designing Interactive Systems (DIS 2020).
Poster and Demonstration Chair. International Conference on Healthcare Informatics (ICHI 2020).
Program Committee. Pervasive Health 2020.
Program Committee. International Conference on Healthcare Informatics (ICHI 2019).
- Reviewer CHI'15,'16,'17,'18,'19,'20
Digital Health Journal '21
Interacting with Computers '21
UbiComp '16,'17
- Student Volunteer ACE'14
- Workshop Organization New frontiers of quantified self 3: Exploring understudied categories of users. *UbiComp 2017*.
New frontiers of quantified self 2: going beyond numbers. *UbiComp 2016*.
- Advisory Board *Data Health Advisory Board*, Healthtech Ventures GmbH (2020,2021)
- University Services Examination Board Committee Member, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Twente (2022-2024)
Academic Senate Member, Representative of PhD candidates. University of Madeira (2013-2016)
Board Member Student Association, University of Madeira (2013-2017)

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

*University of
Twente*

- Instructor Designing for Experience (course code: 201900266): Spring 2022

	Designing and Behavior Change (course code: 201700008): Spring 2022 Designing for Experience (course code: 201900266): Spring 2021 Designing and Behavior Change (course code: 201700008): Spring 2021 Designing for Experience (course code: 201900266): Spring 2020 Designing and Behavior Change (course code: 201700008): Spring 2020
Tutor	Design for Specific Users (course code: 201900031). Spring 2022 Scientific Challenges (course code: 201500005). Winter 2022 Human Product Relations (course code: 202000197). Fall 2021 Design for Specific Users (course code: 201900031). Spring 2021 From Idea to Prototype (course code: 201800439). Fall 2020 Human Product Relations (course code: 202000197). Fall 2020 Design for Specific Users (course code: 201900031). Spring 2020 Product Ideation (course code: 201400409). Fall 2019 Human Product Relations (course code: 202000197). Fall 2019
Guest Lecturer	“Evaluating the effectiveness of persuasive technologies” Biomedical Product Design, University of Twente. Lecture on Persuasive Technologies with Geke Ludden. September 2020 “Designing and evaluating tools for behavior change” Biomedical Product Design, University of Twente. Lecture on Persuasive Technologies with Geke Ludden. September 2019

*University of
Madeira*

Teaching
Assistant

Data and Algorithm Structures: Spring 2015, Spring 2016.
Bachelor's in computer science. University of Madeira

**STUDENT
ADVISING AND
MENTORSHIP**

*University of
Twente*

PhD Supervision

Tina Ekhtiar, 2021 -
Goal-directed tracking across the lifespan
Role: Daily supervisor.

Lara Siering, 2021 -
MOCIA: MOCIA - Maintaining Optimal Cognitive function In Ageing. Co-designing a lifestyle intervention with and for older adults
Role: Co-supervisor. Under NWO-funded project [Mocia](#)

*MSc Thesis
Supervision*

“I Keep Coming Back to My Phone”: An Ambient, Reflective and Tangible Approach Towards Digital Wellbeing.

Suhaib Aslam. MSc Interaction Technology (**cum-laude** & recipient of the talent award at [GoodThingsFest](#))

Role: Co-supervisor. Shared supervision with Edwin Dertien and Jelle Van Dijk

A value-based approach for patient-data sharing

Pleun Meurs. MSc Industrial Design and Engineering, Human Technology Relations track

Role: Supervisor. In collaboration with [Radboud University Medical Center](#), under [project R4Heal](#)

Gamified Goal Setting for Encouraging Physical Activity in Children.

Wojtek Jarosinski. MSc Interaction Technology

Role: Co-supervisor. Shared supervision with Randy Klaassen. In collaboration with [8D-Games](#)

What role does self-identification play in engagements with health data?

Maxim Vnoutchkov. MSc Health Science

Role: Co-supervisor. Shared supervision with Saskia Kelders and Nadine Kohle

BS Thesis Supervision Creating safe spaces for women in online health communities

Kirolos Boutros. BS Creative Technology

Role: Supervisor. In collaboration with [Healthcare Ventures GmbH](#)

Development of a power-assisted wheelchair

Rob Van Santen. BS Industrial Design and Engineering

Role: Supervisor. In collaboration with [Ideaal Medical Services](#)

Designing the environment for a healthy lifestyle: reflection or change?

Shifra Barneveld. BS Creative Technology

Role: Co-supervisor. Shared supervision with Bas de Boer and Roelof de Vries

Changing the Environment for Sustainable Living: Reflect or Change?

Lefika Otisitswe. BS Creative Technology

Role: Co-supervisor. Shared supervision with Bas de Boer and Roelof de Vries

*University of
Madeira*

MSc Thesis Supervision

2017 **Context-aware goal-setting for physical activity trackers**

Fábio Pereira. MSc Computer Science

Role: Supporting supervision. Main supervisor: Evangelos Karapanos

Playful nudging mechanisms for increasing physical activity levels of adults

Vitor Teixeira. MSc Computer Science

Role: Supporting supervision. Main supervisor: Evangelos Karapanos

Leveraging the wisdom of the crowd in the creation of location-aware physical activity goals

Tiago Ornelas. MSc Computer Science

Role: Supporting supervision. Main supervisor: Evangelos Karapanos

A uses and gratifications study of physical activity trackers

Marco Leão. MSc Computer Science

Role: Supporting supervision. Main supervisor: Evangelos Karapanos

2016 **Walk 'n Ride: Motivating the use of public transport through just-in-time recommendations**

Sérgio Barros. MSc Computer Science

2015 Role: Supporting supervision. Main supervisor: Evangelos Karapanos

Need Fulfillment and Experiences on Social Media: A case on Facebook and WhatsApp

Pedro Teixeira. MSc Computer Science

Role: Supporting supervision. Main supervisor: Evangelos Karapanos

SenseMe: Supporting awareness in parent-child relationships through mobile sensing

José Rodrigues. MSc Computer Science

Role: Supporting supervision. Main supervisor: Evangelos Karapanos