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Memberships

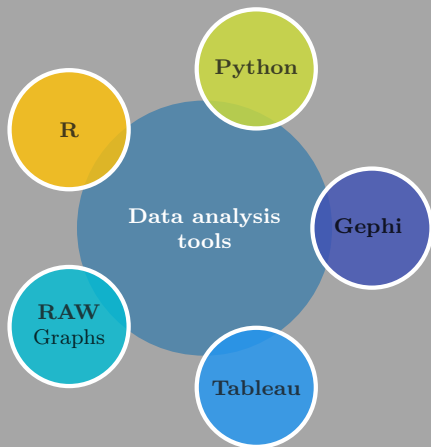
Tracking Exposed - "Tools for data scraping".
 National Net Against Hate Discourses.

Languages

Italian ● ● ● ● ●
 Native language
English ● ● ● ● ●
 IELTS Academic 2021 - C1
Spanish ● ● ● ● ●
 DELE 2019 - B2

Computer Skills

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JavaScript HTML Markdown
 GitHub LaTeX Linux Office

</> Text Analysis (NLP, LIWC, autoIC)

Surveys(SurveyMonkey, Qualtrics, JS)

Working Experience

July 2021 **Research Coordinator** Ledger, Horizon2020
 (ongoing) Member of the project Youchoose.ai, investigating shadow-ban and algorithmic bias on Youtube.
 Jan. 2021 **Researcher** Reset Foundation
 (ongoing) Data Analysis on Youtube and PornHub's algorithm with Tracking Exposed tool, in order to provide evidence for strategic litigations.
 2020 **Research Internship** University of Amsterdam - M. Heerdink
 Investigating Polarization on social media using Integrative Complexity.
Teaching Assistant University of Padova
 2021 Persuasion and Social Influence master course: "Hate Speech and Integrative Complexity in political communication".
 2021 Social Network Analysis master course: "Semantic analysis of hate speech and negative campaign".
 2020 Persuasion and Social Influence master course: "The psychological profile of the online hater".
 2019 **Researcher: Analysis of Amazon's algorithm.** Rai2
 TV Program: "Petrolio", Episod: "Il mondo (segreto) di Amazon".

Participation in conferences

2021 **Forum for Public and Common Goods at Pre-COP** Unimi, Stanford
 "Climate Change and New Technologies": Presenting the CO-Project about greenwashing on Youtube. Slides
Training for journalist National Order Of Journalists
 "Tools for Data Journalists: what is an algorithm and how can we study it?" Slides
E-privacy 2021 Conference Winston Smith, HERMES
 "Two examples of algorithmic bias: polarization on Youtube and heteronormativity on Pornhub." Slides Video
Political Psychology Master Course University of Padova
 Lecture on "Negative Campaign as predictor of online Hate Speech during 2019 European elections in Italy." Slides, Video.
Digital Methods Winter School University of Amsterdam
 2021 project pitch and Tutorial on "Youtube Tracking Exposed: measuring polarization of the debate ad filter bubbles".
 2020 project pitch and Tutorial on "Youtube Tracking Exposed: crowdsourced data donations".
 2020 **Remote Chaos Experience Conference 2020** Berlin
 Tutorial on "Youtube Tracking Exposed: algorithm audit".
Data Cities: Smart Technologies, Tracking and Human Rights Disruption Lab, Berlin
 Workshop conduction: "Smash your filter bubble".
 Radio Interview: "The power of algorithms"

Education

2017-2020 **Master degree - Social and Communication Psychology** University of Padova
Master Thesis: "Haters gonna (make you) hate: Negative Campaign as predictor of online Hate Speech during 2019 European elections in Italy."
 2014-2017 Bachelor degree - Psychology University of Padova

- 2021 **"The platformization of gender and sexual identities: algorithmic analysis of Pornhub" (Accepted with minor revision)**
Iir Rama, Lucia Bainotti, Alessandro Gandini, Giulia Giorgi, Silvia Semenzin, Claudio Agosti, Giulia Corona, Salvatore Romano.
Porn studies journal.
- 2021 **"YTREX: crowdsourced analysis of YouTube's recommender system during COVID-19 pandemic"**
Leonardo Sanna, Salvatore Romano, Giulia Corona, Claudio Agosti
Information Management and Big Data, Springer.
- Data sprint reports supervised at Digital Methods Winter Schools, University of Amsterdam.**
2021 *"Echo Chambers, Filter Bubble and Polarization on Youtube: the USA's post-electoral debate".*
2020 *"Investigating polarization via YouTube's Recommender Systems: how is Brexit polarized on youtube?".*

References

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Univ. of Amsterdam - Sociology

Marc Heerdink (m.w.heerdink@uva.nl)

Univ. of Amsterdam - Psychology