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Affiliations Tenure-track assistant professor

Department of Economics and Business, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

Affiliate professor

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Spain

Past Positions

Jan-Aug 2017 RWTH Aachen, Germany

Postdoctoral Researcher, under Prof. Michael Schneider

Deutsche Post Chair for the Optimisation of Distribution Networks

Education

2017

2015

2014-16 University of Bologna, Italy

PhD in Automatic Control and Operational Research

Supervisors: Silvano Martello, Daniele Vigo

2011-13 University of Copenhagen, Denmark

MSc in Mathematics, part of the Master of Excellence programme

Grade: 12/12

2008-10 University of Catania, Italy

BSc in Mathematics

Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

Publications Journal Papers (published or submitted)

 Enrico Malaguti, Silvano Martello, and Alberto Santini. "The Traveling Salesman Problem with Pickups, Deliveries, and Draft Limits". In: Omega 74 (2018), pp. 50–58. DOI: 10.1016/j.omega.2017.01.005

2. Fabio Furini, Enrico Malaguti, and Alberto Santini. "An Exact Algorithm for the Partition Coloring Problem". In: Computers & Operations Resarch 92 (2018), pp. 170–181. DOI: 10.1016/j.cor.2017.12.019

3. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Lars Magnus Hvattum. "A comparison of acceptance criteria for the Adaptive Large Neighbourhood Search metaheuristic". In: *Journal of Heuristics (in press)* (2018), pp. 1–33. DOI: 10.1007/s10732-018-9377-x

4. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Christian E.M. Plum. "A branch-and-price approach to the Feeder Network Design Problem". In: *European Journal of Operational Research* 264 (2 2017), pp. 607–622. DOI: 10.1016/j.ejor.2017.06.063

5. Andrea Bettinelli, Alberto Santini, and Daniele Vigo. "A real-time conflict solution algorithm for the Train Rescheduling Problem". In: *Transportation Research Part B* 106 (2017), pp. 237–265. doi: 10.1016/j.trb. 2017.10.005

 Alberto Santini, Henrik Alsing Friberg, and Stefan Ropke. "A note on a model for quay crane scheduling with non-crossing constraints". In: Engineering Optimization 47.6 (2015), pp. 860–865. DOI: 10.1080/ 0305215X.2014.958731

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Publications Journal Papers (in preparation)

2018

- 7. Alberto Santini. "An ALNS heuristic for the Orienteering Problem". In: In preparation (2018)
- 8. Christian Blum and Alberto Santini. "An exact algorithm for a large class of longest arc-preserving common subsequence prblems". In: *In preparation* (2018)
- 9. Eduardo Álvarez-Miranda, Elena Fernández, and Alberto Santini. "Algorithms for the postal zoning problem for packet delivery". In: *In preparation* (2018)
- 10. Alberto Santini, Michael Schneider, et al. "On the impact of decomposition strategies for solving large-scale Capacitated Vehicle Routing Problems". In: *In preparation* (2018)

Technical Reports

2015

11. Valentina Cacchiani, Alberto Santini, and Daniele Vigo. A study on metaheuristic approaches to the energy-efficient Train Timetabling Problem. Tech. rep. OR-15-6. DEI, University of Bologna, 2015

2014

12. Valentina Cacchiani, Alberto Santini, and Daniele Vigo. *A novel modelling approach to the Train Timetabling Problem.* Tech. rep. OR-14-27. DEI, University of Bologna, 2014

Conference Talks

2018

- 13. Alberto Santini. "A hybrid Machine Learning and ALNS approach to the Orienteering Problem". In: EURO/ALIO Conference. 2018
- 14. Alberto Santini. "An ALNS heuristic for the Orienteering Problem". In: EURO Conference. 2018
- 15. Alberto Santini and Christian Blum. "Solving a class of longest subsequence problems via maximum cliques". In: ODS Conference. 2018

2017

16. Fabio Furini, Enrico Malaguti, and Alberto Santini. "Exact and heuristic algorithms for the partition colouring problem". In: ODS Conference. 2017

2016

- 17. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Lars Magnus Hvattum. "Poster: A comparison of acceptance criteria for the ALNS metaheuristic". In: AIRO Conference. 2016
- 18. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Lars Magnus Hvattum. "A comparison of acceptance criteria for the Adaptive Large Neighbourhood Search metaheuristic". In: *EURO Conference*. 2016

2015

- 19. Enrico Malaguti, Silvano Martello, and Alberto Santini. "A maritime version of the Travelling Salesman Problem". In: Odysseus Conference. 2015
- Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Christian E.M. Plum. "A rich maritime extension of the Vehicle Routing Problem". In: AIRO Conference. 2015

2014

21. Enrico Malaguti, Silvano Martello, and Alberto Santini. "The Travelling Salesman Problem with pickup, delivery and draught limits". In: AIRO Conference. 2014

Academic experience Organisation

Jan 2019

Member of the Programme Committee

"HM 2019", the 11th International Workshop on Hybrid Metaheuristics. Concepción, Chile.

SEP 2018

Member of the Organising Committee and Session Chair

"ODS 2018" Conference. Chair of the "AIRO Young" session. Taormina, Italy.

Jun 2018 Session Chair

"EURO Young" session at the EURO 2018 Conference. Valencia, Spain.

Jun 2018 Session Chair

"AIRO Young" session at the EURO/ALIO 2018 Conference. Bologna, Italy.

Mar 2018 Member of the Organising Committee

The 2nd AIRO Young Workshop, on the theme "Logistics optimisation and applied operational research".

Invited speakers: Geir Hasle and Roberto Roberti. Cosenza, Italy, 03-05 Mar 2018.

Sep 2017 Session Chair

"AIRO Young" session at the ODS 2017 Conference. Sorrento, Italy.

Feb 2017 Workshop Organiser

Organised, together with Lavinia Amorosi, the 1st AIRO Young Workshop, on the theme "Emerging Opti-

mization Problems on Complex Networks". Invited speakers: Justo Puerto and Maria Grazia Scutellà. Rome,

Italy, 16-17 Feb 2017.

2016-Present Founder and Coordinator

Founder and coordinator of AIRO Young, the youth chapter of the Italian Operational Research Association.

Sep 2016 Poster Session Chair

"Young OR Researchers Poster Session" at the AIRO 2016 Conference. Trieste, Italy.

Jul 2016 Session Chair

"Methodological advancements in metaheuristics" at the EURO 2016 Conference. Poznan, Poland.

2016 EURO Young Researchers OR Webinars Organiser

Organised a series of OR webinars by and for young researchers from all over the world, sponsored by EURO.

Sep 2015 Session Chair

"Exact Methods for Routing Problems" at the AIRO 2015 Conference. Pisa, Italy.

2015 Seminars Organiser

Organised of a series of doctoral seminars within the Operational Research group at DEI, University of

Bologna, involving local and visiting researchers.

Academic experience Teaching

2018 Operations Management

Pompeu Fabra University, Bachelor in Business Management Administration. Theory and Seminars.

2018 Operations Management

Pompeu Fabra University, Bachelor in International Business Economics. Theory and Seminars.

2017 Optimisation methods for Big Data Analytics

RWTH Aachen, Master in Management, Business, and Economics.

Student evaluation: 1.5 (on a scale where 1.0 is the best evaluation, and 5.0 is the worst).

2016-17 Foundations of OR (teaching assistant)

A-K cohort taught by Enrico Malaguti, L-Z cohort taught by Michele Monaci.

M. Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna.

2014 to 2018 Optimisation Algorithms (teaching assistant)

Course taught by Paolo Toth.

M.Eng. in Computer Engineering, University of Bologna.

Academic experience Evaluation Committees

2018 Member of the MSc Thesis Defence Committee

Academic experience Visiting Positions

Nov 2017 INSEC-TEC, Portugal Visiting Ana Viana, as part of a Short-Term Scientific Mission for COST Action "Eu-

ropean Network for Collaboration on Kidney Exchange Programmes".

JUL-OCT 2016 Amazon Inc.

Visiting Research Scientist in Seattle, USA. Working with Mauricio Resende and Andrew Goldberg.

Feb 2016 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Visiting PhD Student at the Department of Information, Logistics and Innovation. Working with Wout Dul-

laert.

Nov 2015 University of Calabria

Visiting PhD Student at the Department of Mechanical, Energy and Management Engineering. Working with

Demetrio Laganà.

Mar-May 2015 Danish Technical University (DTU)

Visiting PhD Student at the Department of Management Engineering. Working with Stefan Røpke.

Grants

2017 COST STSM Grant

Short-Term Scientific Mission grant to conduct research at INESC-TEC under COST Action "European Net-

work for Collaboration on Kidney Exchange Programmes". Funded: 1 500 Eur.

2016 PRIN (Research Projects of Relevant National Interest) 2016

Part of the group awarded for the project "Transportation and Logistics Optimization in the Era of Big and

Open Data". Total funded: 840 638 Eur.

2016 Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO)

Grant to organise the "EURO Young Researchers OR Webinars". Funded: 1 000 Eur.

2015 Marco Polo scholarship

Grant to conduct research abroad. Funded: 1 878 Eur (three months).

2014-16 PhD grant by the University of Bologna

Ranked 1st out of 9 qualified participants (grade: 92/100). Funded: 40 915 Eur (three years).

Invited talks

2016 "A real-time conflict resolution algorithm for the train rescheduling problem."

Invited to present at: Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (Feb 2016); Danish Technical University, Copenhagen

(Oct 2016); DSB Training Centre, Nyborg (Oct 2016).

2015 "TSP with pickups, deliveries, and draught limits."

University of Bologna. Part of a series of seminars held by PhD students and young researchers.

2014 "Recent trends in Operational Research and practical business applications."

American University of Armenia; series of two seminars at the College of Science and Engineering.

"Data Enevelopment Analysis and OR applications in measuring efficiency."

University of Bologna; part of the course in Resource Optimization, M.Eng. in Management Engineering.

Supervised projects and theses

Apr-Sep 2017	Project, M.Sc. in Business Administration and Computer Science, RWTH Aachen Supervisor, "Improving document-level machine translation with word2vec", Sean Eulenberg.
Apr-Sep 2017	Master Thesis, M.Sc. in Business Administration and Computer Science, RWTH Aachen Co-supervisor, "A heuristic algorithm for the electric pickup and delivery problem", Lutz Venhofen.
Sep-Dec 2016	Master Thesis, M.Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna Co-supervisor, "Embedding robustness in train rescheduling algorithms", Alessandro Morandi.
Feb-Apr 2016	Project, M.Eng. in Computer Engineering, University of Bologna Co-supervisor, "A genetic algorithm for real-time energy optimisation of train timetables", Francesco Di Lella.
Sep-Dec 2015	Master Thesis, M. Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna Co-supervisor, "Metaheuristic algorithms for energy optimisation in train timetabling and rescheduling", Hang Xu.
Mar-Jun 2015	Project, M.Eng. in Computer Engineering, University of Bologna Co-supervisor, "A constructive heuristic for the dispatching problem on multi-track territories", Giacomo Dall'Olio and Simone Laierno.
Aug-Nov 2014	Master Thesis, M.Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna Co-supervisor, "Valutazione della Performance di un caso di Customer Contact Desk attraverso l'applicazione della metodologia Data Envelopment Analysis", Martina Carli.

Work experience

2016	Amazon Research Scientist Intern. Seattle, USA.
2012-13	Procter & Gamble Strategic Sourcing Intern. Bruxelles, Belgium.
2012	WISON Offshore & Marine Procurement Trainee. Shanghai, China.
2011-12	Amiiko Web Developer. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Other

Languages Italian: mothertongue

English: fluent French: very good Spanish: very good

Volunteering Italian Red Cross

Danish Red Cross

Big Brother / Big Sister Project Kongelunden, Copenhagen, Denmark