

Alexandros Efstratiou CV

Education

PhD in Cybersecurity**Sep 2020 - Present***University College London (UCL), London, UK*

Supervisors: Prof. Emiliano De Cristofaro, Dr Tristan Caulfield

My research looks at intergroup interaction/polarization dynamics and how they affect the spread of misinformation.

MSc in Behavioural Science (Distinction – 79.2)**Sep 2019 – Sep 2020***Durham University, Durham, UK***BSc in Psychology (First Class Honours – 78.85, GPA 4.25)****Sep 2016 – June 2019***University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK*

Relevant experience

Behavioural science practice intern**July 2019***Ogilvy UK, London, UK***Research intern****June – July 2018***UEA School of Psychology, Norwich, UK*

Other experience

Senior ambassador**Sep 2017 – June 2019***UEA Award, Norwich, UK***Advocacy Assistant****Oct 2017 – June 2019***UEA Students' Union, Norwich, UK***Second lieutenant****July 2014 – July 2016***Cypriot National Guard*

Publications

Efstratiou, A., Blackburn, J., Caulfield, T., Stringhini, G., Zannettou, S., & De Cristofaro, E. (2023). Non-polar opposites: Analyzing the relationship between echo chambers and hostile intergroup interactions on Reddit. *In the 17th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM '23)*.

Efstratiou, A., & De Cristofaro, E. (2022). Adherence to misinformation on social media through socio-cognitive and group-based processes. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction (CSCW2 2022)*.

*Hughes, J. P., Efstratiou, A., Komer, S., Baxter, L. A., Vasiljevic, M., & Leite, A. C. (2022). The impact of risk perceptions and belief in conspiracy theories on COVID-19 pandemic-related behaviours. *PLOS One*, 17(2), e0263716.

*Joint first author.

Conference talks

Efstratiou, A., & Marcinko, A. J. (2021). The leader oversight bias in justice and hypocrisy evaluations of organisational diversity practices. *Academy of Management Annual Proceedings*, 2021(1).

Invited research talks

GESIS (2023). Non-Polar Opposites: An examination of the interplay between echo chambers and hostile intergroup interactions online.

Works in progress

Efstratiou, A., Efstratiou, M., Yudhoatmojo, S., Blackburn, J., & De Cristofaro, E. (2023). Following the Science, But Only Just: False Consensus in Public Twitter Discussions of COVID-19 Preprints. *Manuscript in preparation*.

Efstratiou, A. (2023). Deliberate Exposure to Opposing Views and its Association with Behavior and Rewards on Political Communities. *Under submission*.

Service

- Program Committee: ICWSM 2023-2024
- Reviewer: CHI 2024, CogSci 2023, CSCW 2023, EPJ Data Science
- Shadow Reviewer: S&P 2023, WWW 2023, NDSS 2023, IMC 2022, ICWSM 2022

Teaching

Teaching Assistant: Cybersafety and Online Harms (confirmed to start) <i>UCL, MSc course, London, UK</i>	January 2024 – June 2024
Teaching Assistant: People and Security <i>UCL, MSc course, London, UK</i>	September 2023 – January 2024
Teaching Assistant: Probability, Statistics, & Modelling <i>UCL, BSc course, London, UK</i>	September 2023 – January 2024
Teaching Assistant: Evidence for Decision-Making <i>UCL, MPA course, London, UK</i> Delivered guest lecture on executing search strategies	September 2022 – January 2023 <i>November 29th, 2022</i>
Guest Lecture on Sunk Cost Fallacy (Social Cognition) <i>Durham University, BSc Psychology course, Durham, UK</i>	November 2019

Awards & Honors

- Kurt Lewin prize as top performer in the 2019-2020 MSc Behavioural Science cohort at Durham University
- British Psychological Society Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Degree Performance as top performer of the BSc Psychology cohort at UEA in all three years of study
- UEA School of Psychology prize for best dissertation project