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EDUCATION

ILLC, University of Amsterdam, NL

09/21 - 09/25

PhD candidate in NLP

- Topic: Implicit bias and stereotypes in Large Language Models

Advisors: Dr. Katia Shutova & Prof. Dr. Robert van Rooij

University of Augsburg, DE

07/20 - 07/21

Research Assistant in HCI, NLP

Technical University of Munich, DE

10/16 - 08/19

MSc Mathematics in Data Science

High Distinction

- Thesis topic: Mathematical Analysis of Neural Networks, 1.0 (top grade)

Imperial College London, UK

10/13 - 07/16

BSc Mathematics

First Class Honours

- Thesis topic: Robust Joint and Individual Variance Explained, CVPR 2017

PUBLICATIONS

G. Pistilli*, **A. Leidinger***, Y. Jernite, A. Kasirzadeh, A. Luccioni, M. Mitchell. 2024. [CIVICS: Building a Dataset for Examining Culturally-Informed Values in Large Language Models](#). *Under review*.

A. Leidinger and R. Rogers. 2024. How are LLMs mitigating stereotyping harms? Learning from search engine studies. *Under review*.

A. Leidinger, R. van Rooij, E. Shutova. 2024. [Are LLMs classical or nonmonotonic reasoners? Lessons from generics](#). *ACL 2024 (main)*

A. Leidinger, R. van Rooij, E. Shutova. 2023. [The language of prompting: What linguistic properties make a prompt successful?](#) *Findings of EMNLP 2023*

G. Starace, K. Papakostas, R. Choenni, A. Panagiotopoulos, M. Rosati, **A. Leidinger**, E. Shutova. 2023. [Probing LLMs for Joint Encoding of Linguistic Categories](#). *Findings of EMNLP 2023*

A. Leidinger and R. Rogers. 2023. [Which Stereotypes Are Moderated and Under-Moderated in Search Engine Autocompletion?](#) *ACM FAccT 2023*

O. van der Wal, D. Bachmann, **A. Leidinger**, L. van Maanden, J. Zuidema, K. Schulz. 2022. [Undesirable biases in NLP: Averting a crisis of measurement](#). *JAIR*

C. Sagonas, I. Panagakis, **A. Leidinger**, S. Zafeiriou. 2017. [Robust Joint and Individual Variance Explained](#). *CVPR 2017*

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- Workshop [GenBench](#), collocated with EMNLP 12/23
- Workshop on Ethical AI, [Comète](#) (Inria Polytechnique) 11/23
- Workshop on generative AI and search engines, HAW Hamburg 09/23
- [Interview](#) at Tech Policy Press podcast 08/23
- Invited talk at Civic AI Lab, UvA 02/23
- Flash talk for deans of the faculties of humanities and science, UvA 02/23
- Presentation at ELLIS PhD Symposium, University of Alicante 09/22

EXPERIENCE

HuggingFace <i>Research collaboration on CIVICS</i>	09/23 - 05/24
LMU Munich, CIS <i>Visiting PhD researcher</i> <i>Host: Prof. Dr. Hinrich Schütze</i>	09/23 - 10/23
BMW <i>Machine Learning Intern</i>	06/18 - 12/18
TUM, Chair of Computer Vision <i>Student research assistant</i>	07/17 - 09/17
MunichRe, MEAG <i>Statistical Modelling Intern</i>	07/15 - 08/15

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching assistant: Advanced Topics in Computational Semantics *Spring '22, '23, '24*
- Teaching assistant: Natural Language Processing 1 *Fall '22, '23*
- Teaching assistant: Basic Probability: Programming *Fall '21*
- Master thesis supervisor: Debiasing LMs at the data level using Influence Functions. *10/22 - 06/23*

SERVICE

- Reviewing: *ACL, ARR
- Co-organiser of [Computational Linguistics Seminar](#) at ILLC *04/22 - ongoing*

AWARDS & PRIZES

- **Finalist at [UvA 3MT competition](#)** *08/22*
Science communication competition for PhD students
- **[ScienceHack at TUM](#)** *12/19*
First prize at hackathon for building a CO₂ Counter
- **[Deutschlandstipendium](#)** *'17 - '18*
Scholarship awarded by German Federal State to < 2% of students
- **[PreDoc programme at TUM](#)** *'16 - '18*
PhD preparation programme for outstanding mathematics students

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming** Python (PyTorch, transformers, numpy, pandas, sklearn), R
- **Visualization** matplotlib, seaborn
- **Tools** git, slurm, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

GERMAN: C2 | ENGLISH: C2 | FRENCH: B2 | ITALIAN: B2 | DUTCH: B1