

# Alexandra Chronopoulou

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## Research Interests

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Efficient Transfer Learning, Machine Translation & Multilingual Natural Language Processing, Language Modeling, Domain Adaptation, Unsupervised & Low-Resource Learning

## Education

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- PhD in Computer Science** **Munich, Germany**  
*University of Munich (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)* *09/2019-present*  
◦ Focus: Low-Resource/Unsupervised Machine Translation and Efficient Transfer Learning  
◦ Supervisor: [Alexander Fraser](#)
- Diploma (BEng & MEng) in Electrical and Computer Engineering** **Athens, Greece**  
*National Technical University of Athens* *09/2012-02/2019*  
◦ GPA : 8.0/10 (top 15%)  
◦ Thesis Topic: *Transfer Learning with Deep Neural Networks for Sentiment Analysis and Semantic Modeling*  
◦ Supervisor: [Alexandros Potamianos](#)
- Erasmus Exchange Student Program** **Barcelona, Spain**  
*Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC)* *01/2016-06/2016*  
◦ Relevant Coursework: Pattern Recognition, Mobile Robots and Navigation
- High School Diploma** **Athens, Greece**  
*Lycée Léonin Nea Smirni* *09/2009-06/2012*  
◦ Highest Honors, top 1% in national qualification exams, GPA: 19.4/20

## Professional Experience

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- Applied Science Intern** **Santa Clara, USA**  
*Amazon Web Services* *08/2022-present*  
I work on speech translation with [Prashant Mathur](#).
- Research Intern** **Seattle, USA (remote)**  
*Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence* *05/2022-08/2022*  
I worked on parameter-efficient transfer learning for large language models, under the supervision of [Jesse Dodge](#) and [Matt Peters](#) (AllenNLP team).
- Research Intern** **Seattle, USA (remote)**  
*Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence* *07/2021-01/2022*  
I worked on efficient domain adaptation for large language models, supervised by Jesse Dodge and Matt Peters.
- Machine Learning Engineer** **Los Angeles, USA (remote)**  
*Behavioral Signal Technologies Inc.* *11/2018-07/2019*  
Basic emotion recognition from conversational data.
- Software Engineer Intern** **Athens, Greece**  
*NOKIA R&D* *07/2017-01/2018*  
Prediction of code fault-proneness based on data from internal team projects.

## Publications

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- [1] [Chronopoulou, A.](#), Peters, M., Dodge, J. (2022). Efficient Hierarchical Domain Adaptation for Pretrained Language Models. NAACL 2022. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

- [2] **Chronopoulou, A.**, Stojanovski, D., and Fraser, A. (2021). Improving the Lexical Ability of Pretrained Language Models for Unsupervised Neural Machine Translation. NAACL 2021. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- [3] **Chronopoulou, A.**, Stojanovski, D., and Fraser, A. (2020). Reusing a Pretrained Language Model on Languages with Limited Corpora for Unsupervised Neural Machine Translation. EMNLP 2020. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- [4] Vernikos, G., Margatina, K., **Chronopoulou, A.**, and Androutsopoulos, I. (2020). Domain Adversarial Fine-Tuning as an Effective Regularizer. Findings of ACL: EMNLP 2020. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- [5] **Chronopoulou, A.**, Stojanovski, D., Hangya, V., and Fraser, A. (2020). The LMU Munich System for the WMT 2020 Unsupervised Machine Translation Shared Task. WMT 2020. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- [6] **Chronopoulou, A.**, Baziotis, C., and Potamianos, A. (2019). An Embarrassingly Simple Approach for Transfer Learning from Pretrained Language Models. NAACL 2019. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- [7] **Chronopoulou, A.\***, Margatina, K.\*, Baziotis, C., and Potamianos, A. (2018). Ensemble of Neural Transfer Methods for Implicit Emotion Classification. WASSA (EMNLP) 2018. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- [8] Baziotis, C., Athanasiou, N., **Chronopoulou, A.**, Kolovou, A., Paraskevopoulos, G., Ellinas, N., Narayanan, S., and Potamianos, A. (2018). NTUA-SLP at SemEval-2018 Task 1: Predicting Affective Content in Tweets with Deep Attentive RNNs and Transfer Learning. SemEval (NAACL) 2018. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

## Honors and Awards

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- **WMT 2020 Unsupervised Task**  
Ranked 1st in the competition. The task was translation for German-Sorbian in both directions.
- **EurNLP 2019**  
Recipient of travel grant from Facebook in order to attend the inaugural EurNLP summit in London, UK.
- **AthNLP Summer School 2019**  
Recipient of scholarship from the Hellenic Artificial Intelligence Society (EETN) to attend the 1st AthNLP Summer School in Athens, Greece.
- **NAACL 2019**  
Recipient of award from ACM-Women to attend NAACL 2019 conference in Minneapolis, USA.
- **WASSA IEST 2018**  
Ranked 3rd at the WASSA 2018 Implicit Emotion Shared Task (IEST).
- **SemEval 2018**  
Ranked 1st at the SemEval 2018 Task1E: Affect in Tweets.

## Programming Skills

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- **Languages (excellent):** Python, Bash
- **Languages (familiar with):** Matlab, SQL
- **Machine learning frameworks:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, keras
- **Natural language processing frameworks:** fairseq, HuggingFace
- **Other:** Git, Docker

## Languages

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Greek (*Native*), English (*C2*), French (*C2*), Spanish (*B2*), German (*B1*)