# Alexandra Chronopoulou

#### PERSONAL DATA

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#### **EDUCATION**

09/2019- 08/2022

**University of Munich (LMU Munich)** 

PhD in Computer Science Neural Machine Translation

Supervisor: Prof. Alex Fraser [scholar]

09/2012-2/2019

National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)

Diploma (5-year joint degree; 300 ECTS), Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)

Cumulative GPA: 8.00 / 10 (top 15% of class)

Specialization: Systems, Control & Robotics, GPA: 8.32 / 10

Thesis: Transfer Learning with Deep Neural Networks for Sentiment Anal-

ysis and Semantic Modeling

Supervisor: Prof. Alexandros Potamianos [scholar]

01/2016-06/2016

Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC), Barcelona, Spain

Erasmus Exchange Student Program

Coursework: Pattern Recognition, Mobile Robots and Navigation

09/2006-06/2012

Lycée Léonin Nea Smirni, Athens, Greece

Greek-French High School

Apolytyrion, Highest Honors GPA: 19.4 / 20

Top 1% on the national qualification exams. GPA: 19.38 / 20

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

NAACL 2019

"An Embarrassingly Simple Approach for Transfer Learning from Pretrained Language Models", In Proceedings of the 2019 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, Volume 2 (Short Papers)

Alexandra Chronopoulou, Christos Baziotis, Alexandros Potamianos [pdf] [code]

EMNLP 2018-WASSA

"NTUA-SLP at IEST 2018: Ensemble of neural transfer methods for implicit emotion classification", In *Proceedings of the 9th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Subjectivity, Sentiment and Social Media Analysis (WASSA 2018)* 

Alexandra Chronopoulou, Aikaterini Margatina, Christos Baziotis, Alexandros Potamianos [pdf] [code]

#### NAACL 2018-SemEval

"NTUA-SLP at SemEval-2018 Task 1: Predicting Affective Content in Tweets with Deep Attentive RNNs and Transfer Learning", In *Proceedings of The 12th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval 2018)* 

Christos Baziotis, Nikos Athanasiou, **Alexandra Chronopoulou**, Athanasia Kolovou, Georgios Paraskevopoulos, Nikolaos Ellinas, Shrikanth Narayanan, Alexandros Potamianos [pdf] [code]

## HONORS AND AWARDS

#### ACM-W Scholarship for Attendance at NAACL 2019

Recipient of award from ACM-Women to attend a Research Conference in Computer Science.

#### Student Volunteer at NAACL 2019

Recipient of NAACL 2019 volunteer scholarship and of partial financial subsidy.

### Top-ranked participation in WASSA 2018

3rd position in the IEST Task (Implicit Emotion Classification Shared Task) among 30 teams, employing transfer learning from language models for emotion recognition using PyTorch.

## Top-ranked participation in SemEval 2018

2nd position among 3 subtasks in Task 1: Affect in Tweets based on transfer learning methods for deep learning for emotion recognition on both regression and classification tasks using PyTorch.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

NAACL 2019

"An Embarrassingly Simple Approach for Transfer Learning from Pretrained Language Models"

Alexandra Chronopoulou, Christos Baziotis, Alexandros Potamianos [slides]

EMNLP 2018-WASSA

"NTUA-SLP at IEST 2018: Ensemble of neural transfer methods for implicit emotion classification"

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

11/2018-Today

Machine Learning Engineer at Behavioral Signal Technologies, Los Angeles, USA (working remotely)

Building text classification models for emotion recognition from conversational data.

Building neural models using PyTorch for basic emotion recognition. Developing machine learning infrastructure framework.

07/2017-01/2018

Software Engineer (Intern) at NOKIA R&D, Athens, Greece

Implementation of supervised machine learning algorithm based on Random Forest in order to predict code fault-proneness on team projects using a Cassandra NoSQL database. Coding in Python. Frontend with Flask. Also use of Agile Methodologies and Jira, Scrum.

# LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Laboratory Assistant at National Technical University of Athens Natural Language & Speech Processing Pattern Recognition Signals & Systems

# **PROGRAMMING SKILLS**

Languages (Excellent):Python, C, Matlab, UNIX, Bash, SQLLanguages (Familiar with):C++, Java, Asssembly (80x86, AVR)

ML Frameworks: PyTorch, Keras

Agile Development: Git, JIRA, Jenkins, Scrum

# **LANGUAGES**

Greek: Mothertongue

English: professional working proficiency (C2, Certificate of Proficiency, Michigan)

French: professional working proficiency (C2, Certificate of Sorbonne)

Spanish: elementary proficiency (B2, Diploma Instituto Cervantes)

German: elementary proficiency (B1, Goethe Institut)