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CURRENT POSITION

- **Sep 2015 - Present** : Assistant Professor of Statistics, Mathematics & Statistics, Lancaster University, UK

EDUCATION & PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- **2013 – 2015**: Postdoctoral Scholar, Mines ParisTech/Curie Institute, Paris, France.
- **2010 – 2013**: Ph.D. Mathematics, Université de Lille I & INRIA, Lille, France.
- **Jun – Sep 2013**: Graduate Summer Intern, Walt Disney Animation Studios, Burbank, CA, USA
- **2007 – 2009**: MSc. Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.
- **2003 – 2007**: BSc. Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- **2019/20**: Google Faculty Research Award, USD 58000
- **2019/20**: Lancaster University Department of Mathematics & Statistics Tower of Teaching Award Nominee
- **2019**: London Mathematical Society (LMS) Scheme 4 Grant, £4000
- **2017**: Adobe Research Grant, USD 15000
- **2017**: London Mathematical Society (LMS) Scheme 1 Grant, £600
- **2016**: Certificates of the Higher Education Academy (PG-CAP I-II) Teaching Qualifications
- **2015**: French Research & Teaching Qualifications
- **2013**: E. M. Gold Award for the best paper at the ALT International Conference
- **2013**: PhD at INRIA - Université de Lille I with distinction (mention “très honorable”)
- **2010**: INRIA Doctoral Grant
- **2006 – 2009**: University of Toronto MSc Fellowship, NSERC Undergraduate Research Award, University of Toronto's Faculty Undergraduate Research Award

RESEARCH VISITS

- **Feb – Mar 2020**: Gabor Lugosi, Department of Economics, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain
- **Jan – Feb 2020**: Olivier Collier, Laboratoire Modal'X, Université Paris-Nanterre, Paris, France
- **Feb – Mar 2018**: Statistical Scalability Programme, Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK

NOTABLE PRESENTATIONS

- **Sep 2020:** Symposium on Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto, Canada
- **Feb 2020:** Pompeu Fabra University, Department of Economics, Barcelona, Spain
- **Sep 2019:** Data, Learning and Inference (DALI) Meeting, San Sebastian, Spain
- **Mar 2019:** Université Paris-Nanterre, Laboratoire Modal'X, Paris, France
- **Apr 2018:** Isaac Newton Institute (INI) for Mathematical Sciences, Workshop on heterogeneity, model misspecification and change points, Cambridge/Windermere, UK
- **Feb 2018:** University of Cambridge, Statistical Laboratory, Cambridge, UK
- **Feb 2018:** University of Warwick, Department of Statistics, Coventry, UK
- **Jul 2017:** ISI2017 61st World Statistics Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- **Apr 2017:** Adobe Research, San Jose, CA, USA
- **Mar 2017:** University of Bristol, School of Mathematics, Bristol, UK
- **Sep 2016:** Royal Statistical Society (RSS) Conference, Manchester, UK
- **Jun 2014:** International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Beijing, China
- **Mar 2014:** Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, NC, USA

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- **Sep 2019:** *Multi Armed Bandits*, at Imperial College, London
- **May 2018:** *Lancaster Probability Days*, at Lancaster University
- **Dec 2017:** *NeurIPS 2017 Time-Series Workshop*, at the NeurIPS international conference, LB, CA, USA
- **Mar 2017:** *Statistical Learning Workshop*, at Lancaster University
- **Dec 2016:** *NeurIPS 2016 Time-Series Workshop*, at the NeurIPS international conference, Barcelona, Spain
- **Dec 2015:** *NeurIPS 2015 Time-Series Workshop*, at the NeurIPS international conference, Montreal, Canada

TEACHING

- **Machine Learning (MATH336):** Lancaster University 2016 – present
 - Designed the course as a new addition to the curriculum upon the Department's request.
 - Topics: Mathematical foundations of **Statistical Learning Theory**, feasibility of learning, theory of generalization, probabilistic framework for learning, Bayes optimal predictor, Empirical Risk Minimization, VC-theory.
- **Probability & Stochastic Processes (STOR602ii):** Lancaster University, 2019
 - Designed the course as part of the new curriculum design for the Doctoral Training Center.
 - Topics: Fast-paced introduction to **measure-theoretic probability** geared towards the needs of prospective statistics PhD students at the Doctoral Training Center.
- **Probability & Stochastic Processes (MATH580 / STOR602i):** Lancaster University, 2015 – 2018
 - Introduction to probability *service course* for finance students.
- **Project Skills (MATH390/MATH240):** Lancaster University, 2015 – present
- **MSc/MSci Supervision:** Lancaster University, 2015 – present

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

■ Sep 2020 – present: APTS Executive Committee Member

- Contribute to the curriculum design the Academy for PhD Training in Statistics (APTS), a collaboration between major UK statistics research groups to organize courses for first-year PhD students in statistics and applied probability nationally.

Remark. From 2018 to 2020 I served on the APTS Advisory Committee, and organized an APTS Week, a Statistics “Summer School” which took place at Lancaster University in July 2020.

■ Oct 2015 – present: Early Career Research Representative

- Represent early career staff at the Department’s Research Committee meetings.

■ Oct 2015 – present: Lancaster University Open Day Female Representative

- Represent the Department at Undergraduate Open Days to increase awareness around women’s achievements in mathematical sciences and to encourage women and minority groups to consider careers in mathematics.

■ Oct 2019 – present: Equality and Diversity Committee Member

- Contribute to the Department’s policies on actively promoting equal opportunities, as well as high-quality and inclusive learning and working experiences for all, and ensuring appropriate procedures for fairness in assessment and treatment.

■ Oct 2018 – Sep 2019: Postgraduate Research Tutor

- Contributed to decisions on PhD admissions, coordinated the regular progress reviews of PhD students, and monitored the results of the 1 year confirmation panels.

■ Oct 2017 - Sep 2019: Head of Computing Committee

- Represented the Department at the Faculty of Science and Technology’s forum on computing policies, needs and objectives.

OTHER SKILLS

■ Programming

Python, Matlab, R, C/C++

■ Languages

■ **English:** Native ■ **French:** Bilingual level

■ Music

■ **Classical Piano:** Able to play at Canada’s RCM Gr-10 Standard

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

- S. Grünewälder, **A. Khaleghi**, Oblivious Data for Fairness with Kernels, arXiv:2002.02901.
- **A. Khaleghi**, D. Ryabko, Clustering piecewise stationary processes, In Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, 2020.
- S. Grünewälder, **A. Khaleghi**, Approximations of the Restless Bandit Problem, Journal of Machine Learning Research, 20:1–37, 2019.
- **A. Khaleghi**, D. Ryabko, J. Mary, P. Preux, Consistent Algorithms for Clustering Time Series, Journal of Machine Learning Research, 17(3):1–32, 2016.
- **A. Khaleghi**, D. Ryabko, Nonparametric Multiple Change Point Estimation in Highly Dependent Time Series, Theoretical Computer Science, 620:119–133, 2016.
- **A. Khaleghi**, D. Ryabko, Asymptotically Consistent Estimation of the Number of Change Points in Highly Dependent Time Series In Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, 2014.
- **A. Khaleghi**, D. Ryabko, Locating Changes in Highly-Dependent Data with an Unknown Number of Change-Points, In Proceedings of Neural Information Processing Systems, 2012.
- **A. Khaleghi**, D. Ryabko, J. Mary, P. Preux, Online Clustering of Processes, In Proceedings of Artificial Intelligence & Statistics, 2012.
- **A. Khaleghi**, D. Silva, F. R. Kschischang, Subspace Codes, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 2009.
- **A. Khaleghi**, F. R. Kschischang, Projective Space Codes for the Injection Metric, In Proceedings of the Canadian Workshop on Information Theory 2009.