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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

02/2018–01/2019 **Habilitation** in Computer Science from ENS Paris and PSL Research University

06/2007–01/2012 **Ph.D.** in Computer Science from Saarland University, **Summa cum Laude**

10/2005–05/2007 **M.Sc.** in Computer Science from Saarland University, Germany, **Honors degree**

09/2001–06/2005 **Licentiate** (4 years undergrad degree) in Computer Science from "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University, Iaşi, Romania, **Honors degree**

Positions

05/2020–now **Tenured Faculty** at the **Max Planck Institute for Security and Privacy (MPI-SP)** in Bochum, Germany (Research Group Leader with Tenure).

05/2024–now **Adjunct Professor** (APL) in the **Faculty of Computer Science** of **Ruhr University Bochum (RUB)**.

10/2013–04/2020 **Tenured Researcher** (chargé de recherche) at **Inria Paris** in the Prosecco team

09–10/2016 **Visiting Researcher** at **Microsoft Research Redmond**

05/2011–09/2013 **Postdoctoral Research Associate** at **University of Pennsylvania**; DARPA CRASH/SAFE project; Supervisor: Benjamin C. Pierce

09–11/2009 **Research Intern** at **Microsoft Research Cambridge (UK)**

Grants

2020–now **Co-PI of CASA Excellence Cluster** at Ruhr University Bochum (RUB); Two Fundamental Research Projects on *Formal Methods for Side-Channel Secure Hardware* (05/2022 to 04/2025) and *FS-CASA: Formally Secure Compilation Against Spectre Attacks* (02/2026 to 01/2029)

2021–12/2025 **Co-PI of BMBF Grant** *6GEM: 6G research hub for open, efficient and secure mobile communications systems*

01/2017–12/2021 **PI of ERC Starting Grant SECOMP** from the European Research Council on *Efficient Formally Secure Compilers to a Tagged Architecture*

03/2019–05/2020 **Co-PI of Tezos Foundation Grant** on *The Formal Semantics and Evolution of the F* Verification System*

12/2017–05/2020 **Co-PI of DARPA SSITH/HOPE grant** on *Advanced New Hardware Optimized for Policy Enforcement, A New HOPE*

10/2013–04/2020 **Co-PI on Microsoft Project Everest Expedition** funded by MSR-Inria Joint Centre on *Provably Secure Communication Software*

07/2016 **PI of QuickChick Young Researcher grant (JCJC)** from the French National Research Agency (ANR) on *Property-based Testing for Coq* (14.2% acceptance rate, declined in favor of ERC Starting Grant)

Awards

01/2017	**ERC Starting Grant** on Formally Secure Compilation
01/2026	**Most Influential POPL Paper Award** from SIGPLAN for "Dependent Types and Multi-monadic Effects in F*" from POPL 2016.
06/2025	**Distinguished Paper Award** at CSF 2025 for "FSLH: Flexible Mechanized Speculative Load Hardening"
05/2021	**Distinguished Paper Award** at CSF 2021 for "SSProve: A Foundational Framework for Modular Cryptographic Proofs in Coq"
04/2020	**Nominated for EATCS Award** for the best ETAPS paper in theoretical computer science for "Trace-Relating Compiler Correctness and Secure Compilation"
05/2019	**Distinguished Paper Award** at CSF 2019 for "Journey Beyond Full Abstraction"
03/2016	**Inria Award for PhD Supervising and for Research** (PEDR)
02/2008	**Günter Hotz Medal** for outstanding CS graduates, Alumni organization of Saarland University

Fellowships

03/2007–04/2011	**Ph.D. fellowship** from Microsoft Research Cambridge (UK) and the the International Max Planck Research School for Computer Science (IMPRS-CS)

Current Research Group

10/2021–now	Cezar-Constantin Andrici (PhD student, MPI-SP and RUB)
10/2025–now	Jonathan Baumann (PhD student, MPI-SP and RUB)
05/2025–now	Yonghyun Kim (Postdoctoral Researcher, MPI-SP)
11/2025–now	Abigail Pribisova (Research Immersion Lab, cs@max planck student)
02/2018–now	Jérémy Thibault (Visitor & **Graduated PhD student**, MPI-SP; PostDoc at EPFL)

Previous Group Members

07/2025–12/2025	Julay Leatherman-Brooks (Research Intern, Portland State University)
01/2018–04/2025	Roberto Blanco (Postdoctoral Researcher, MPI-SP)
02/2025–06/2025	Basile Schlosser (Research Intern, ENS Paris-Saclay)
04/2024–03/2025	Sebastian Harwig (Research/Teaching Assistant, RUB)
06/2024–09/2024	Ruxandra Icleanu (Research Intern, University of Edinburgh)
10/2024–02/2025	Léon Ducruet (Research Intern, ENS Lyon)
05/2024–07/2024	Lucie Lahaye (Research Intern, ENS Lyon)
02/2024–06/2024	Joseph Lenormand (Research Intern, ENS Paris-Saclay)
02/2023–03/2024	Maxi Wuttke (PhD student, MPI-SP and RUB)
03/2023–09/2023	Dongjae Lee (Research Intern, MPI-SP)
05/2023–10/2023	Eleftherios Ioannidis (Research Intern, MPI-SP)
04/2017–12/2022	Guido Martínez (Co-Supervised PhD Student, NU Rosario)

12/2017–04/2022	Carmine Abate (**Graduated PhD student**, MPI-SP and ENS Paris / RUB)
01/2018–09/2022	Théo Winterhalter (Postdoctoral Researcher, MPI-SP)
07/2022–09/2022	Aïna Linn Georges (Research Intern, MPI-SP)
09/2019–10/2021	Adrien Durier (Postdoctoral Researcher, Inria Paris, then MPI-SP)
03/2019–04/2020	Exequiel Rivas (Starting Researcher Position, Inria Paris)
09/2016–11/2019	Kenji Maillard (**Graduated PhD student**, ENS Paris)
05/2019–04/2020	Antoine Van Muylder (Research Intern, Inria Paris)
07/2018–04/2020	Théo Laurent (Research Intern / Engineer, Inria Paris)
07/2018–12/2019	Éric Tanter (Visiting Professor, University of Chile)
07/2019–04/2020	Ramkumar Ramachandra (Research Engineer, Inria Paris)
04/2018–10/2019	Florian Groult (Research Intern / Engineer)
09/2018–01/2019	Elizabeth Labrada (Research Intern, University of Chile)
01/2017–11/2018	Victor Dumitrescu (Research Engineer, MSR-Inria)
04/2017–09/2018	Danel Ahman (Postdoctoral Researcher)
08/2011–10/2017	Arthur Azevedo de Amorim (**Graduated PhD student**, University of Pennsylvania, co-supervised with Benjamin C. Pierce)
09/2017–07/2018	Amal Ahmed (Visiting Professor, Northeastern University)
09/2017–07/2018	Aaron Weiss (Visiting PhD Researcher, Northeastern University)
01–12/2017	Marco Stronati (Postdoctoral Researcher)
01–12/2017	Guglielmo Fachini (Research Engineer)
10–12/2017	William J. Bowman (Research Intern, Northeastern University)
07–10/2017	Clément Pit-Claudel (Research Intern, MIT)
01–07/2017	Tomer Libal (Research Engineer, MSR-Inria)
05–07/2017	Ana Nora Evans (Visiting PhD Researcher, University of Virginia)
03/2015–09/2016	Yannis Juglaret (Student, Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7)
2008–2016	Supervised 12 MSc internships/theses, 10 of which have resulted in research papers published at good conferences. 10 of the students continued with a PhD (2× Princeton, 1× UPenn, 1× Inria Paris, 1× École Polytechnique, 1× Université Paris-Sud, 1× IST Vienna, 1× IMDEA, 1× MPI-INF Saarbrücken, 1× NU Rosario).

Publications

Conferences

[1] Jérémy Thibault, Joseph Lenormand, and Cătălin Hriţcu. Nanopass back-translation of call-return trees for mechanized secure compilation proofs. arXiv:2503.19609; to appear at ITP'25, March 2025.

[2] Cezar-Constantin Andrici, Danel Ahman, Cătălin Hriţcu, Ruxandra Icleanu, Guido Martínez, Exequiel Rivas, and Théo Winterhalter. SecRef*: Securely sharing mutable references between verified and unverified code in F*. arXiv:2503.00404; to appear at ICFP'25, February 2025.

[3] Jonathan Baumann, Roberto Blanco, Léon Ducruet, Sebastian Harwig, and Cătălin Hriţcu. FSLH: Flexible mechanized speculative load hardening. In *38th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)*. IEEE, June 2025. (Acceptance rate: 38/198=0.19).

[4] Jérémy Thibault, Roberto Blanco, Dongjae Lee, Sven Argo, Arthur Azevedo de Amorim, Aïna Linn Georges, Cătălin Hriţcu, and Andrew Tolmach. SECOMP: Formally secure compilation of compartmentalized C programs. In *31th ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, pages 1061–1075. ACM, October 2024. (Acceptance rate: 328/1964=0.17).

[5] Cezar-Constantin Andrici, Ştefan Ciobâcă, Cătălin Hriţcu, Guido Martínez, Exequiel Rivas, Éric Tanter, and Théo Winterhalter. Securing verified IO programs against unverified code in F*. *PACMPL*, 8(POPL):74:1–74:34, January 2024.

[6] Philipp G. Haselwarter, Benjamin Salling Hvass, Lasse Letager Hansen, Théo Winterhalter, Cătălin Hriţcu, and Bas Spitters. The last yard: Foundational end-to-end verification of high-speed cryptography. In *13th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP)*, pages 30–44. ACM, January 2024. (Acceptance rate: 20/50=0.40).

[7] Akram El-Korashy, Roberto Blanco, Jérémy Thibault, Adrien Durier, Deepak Garg, and Cătălin Hriţcu. SecurePtrs: Proving secure compilation with data-flow back-translation and turn-taking simulation. In *35th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium, (CSF)*, August 2022. (Acceptance rate: 32/165=19.4).

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[9] Maximilian Algehed, Jean-Philippe Bernardy, and Cătălin Hriţcu. Dynamic IFC theorems for free! In *34th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium, (CSF)*, pages 1–14. IEEE, 2021. (Acceptance rate: 43/172=0.25).

[10] Carmine Abate, Roberto Blanco, Ştefan Ciobâcă, Deepak Garg, Cătălin Hriţcu, Marco Patrignani, Éric Tanter, and Jérémy Thibault. Trace-relating compiler correctness and secure compilation. In *29th European Symposium on Programming (ESOP)*, pages 1–28. Springer, April 2020. (Acceptance rate: 27/87=0.31).

[11] Kenji Maillard, Cătălin Hriţcu, Exequiel Rivas, and Antoine Van Muylder. The next 700 relational program logics. *PACMPL*, 4(POPL):4:1–4:33, 2020.

[12] Kenji Maillard, Danel Ahman, Robert Atkey, Guido Martínez, Cătălin Hriţcu, Exequiel Rivas, and Éric Tanter. Dijkstra monads for all. *PACMPL*, 3(ICFP):104:1–104:29, 2019.

[13] Carmine Abate, Roberto Blanco, Deepak Garg, Cătălin Hriţcu, Marco Patrignani, and Jérémy Thibault. Journey beyond full abstraction: Exploring robust property preservation for secure compilation. In *32nd IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)*, pages 256–271. IEEE, June 2019. (Acceptance rate: 30/89=0.34).

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[16] Arthur Azevedo de Amorim, Cătălin Hriţcu, and Benjamin C. Pierce. The meaning of memory safety. In *7th International Conference on Principles of Security and Trust (POST)*, pages 79–105, April 2018. (Acceptance rate: 14/45=0.31).

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[18] Niklas Grimm, Kenji Maillard, Cédric Fournet, Cătălin Hriţcu, Matteo Maffei, Jonathan Protzenko, Tahina Ramananandro, Aseem Rastogi, Nikhil Swamy, and Santiago Zanella-Béguelin. A monadic framework for relational verification: Applied to information security, program equivalence, and optimizations. In *7th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP)*, pages 130–145. ACM, January 2018. (Acceptance rate: 22/51=0.43).

[19] Jonathan Protzenko, Jean-Karim Zinzindohoué, Aseem Rastogi, Tahina Ramananandro, Peng Wang, Santiago Zanella-Béguelin, Antoine Delignat-Lavaud, Cătălin Hriţcu, Karthikeyan Bhargavan, Cédric Fournet, and Nikhil Swamy. Verified low-level programming embedded in F*. *PACMPL*, 1(ICFP):17:1–17:29, September 2017.

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[22] Leonidas Lampropoulos, Diane Gallois-Wong, Cătălin Hriţcu, John Hughes, Benjamin C. Pierce, and Li-yao Xia. Beginner's Luck: A language for random generators. In *44th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)*, pages 114–129. ACM, January 2017. (Acceptance rate: 64/279=0.23).

[23] Yannis Juglaret, Cătălin Hriţcu, Arthur Azevedo de Amorim, Boris Eng, and Benjamin C. Pierce. Beyond good and evil: Formalizing the security guarantees of compartmentalizing compilation. In *29th IEEE Symposium on Computer Security Foundations (CSF)*, pages 45–60. IEEE, July 2016. (Acceptance rate: 31/87=0.36).

[24] Nikhil Swamy, Cătălin Hriţcu, Chantal Keller, Aseem Rastogi, Antoine Delignat-Lavaud, Simon Forest, Karthikeyan Bhargavan, Cédric Fournet, Pierre-Yves Strub, Markulf Kohlweiss, Jean-Karim Zinzindohoue, and Santiago Zanella-Béguelin. Dependent types and multi-monadic effects in F*. In *43rd ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)*, pages 256–270. ACM, January 2016. (Acceptance rate: 59/253=0.23).

[25] Zoe Paraskevopoulou, Cătălin Hriţcu, Maxime Dénès, Leonidas Lampropoulos, and Benjamin C. Pierce. Foundational property-based testing. In *6th International Conference on Interactive Theorem Proving (ITP)*, volume 9236 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 325–343. Springer, 2015. (Acceptance rate: 30/54=0.55).

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[28] Arthur Azevedo de Amorim, Nathan Collins, André DeHon, Delphine Demange, Cătălin Hriţcu, David Pichardie, Benjamin C. Pierce, Randy Pollack, and Andrew Tolmach. A verified information-flow architecture. In *41st ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)*, pages 165–178. ACM, January 2014. (Acceptance rate: 51/220=0.23).

[29] Cătălin Hriţcu, John Hughes, Benjamin C. Pierce, Antal Spector-Zabusky, Dimitrios Vytiniotis, Arthur Azevedo de Amorim, and Leonidas Lampropoulos. Testing noninterference, quickly. In *18th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP)*, pages 455–468. ACM, September 2013. (Acceptance rate: 40/133=0.30).

[30] Cătălin Hriţcu, Michael Greenberg, Ben Karel, Benjamin C. Pierce, and Greg Morrisett. All your IFCException are belong to us. In *34th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland S&P)*, pages 3–17. IEEE, May 2013. (Acceptance rate: 38/315=0.12).

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[32] Michael Backes, Cătălin Hriţcu, and Thorsten Tarrach. Automatically verifying typing constraints for a data processing language. In *First International Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP 2011)*, pages 296–313. Springer, December 2011. (Acceptance rate: 24/49=0.49).

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[37] Michael Backes, Cătălin Hriţcu, and Matteo Maffei. Automated verification of remote electronic voting protocols in the applied pi-calculus. In *21th IEEE Symposium on Computer Security Foundations (CSF 2008)*, pages 195–209. IEEE, June 2008. (Acceptance rate: 21/115=0.18).

Journals

[38] Danel Ahman, Karthikeyan Bhargavan, Barry Bond, Jay Bosamiya, Christopher Brzuska, Antoine Delignat-Lavaud, Cédric Fournet, Aymeric Fromherz, Sydney Gibson, Chris Hawblitzel, Cătălin Hriţcu, Markulf Kohlweiss, Guido Martínez, Haobin Ni, Bryan Parno, Jonathan Protzenko, Tahina Ramananandro, Aseem Rastogi, Exequiel Rivas, Nikhil Swamy, and Santiago Zanella-Béguelin. Project Everest: Perspectives from developing industrial-grade high-assurance software. Draft; Accepted at TOPLAS, September 2025.

[39] Philipp G. Haselwarter, Exequiel Rivas, Antoine Van Muylder, Théo Winterhalter, Carmine Abate, Nikolaj Sidorenco, Cătălin Hriţcu, Kenji Maillard, and Bas Spitters. SSProve: A foundational framework for modular cryptographic proofs in Coq. *ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems (TOPLAS)*, 45(3), July 2023.

[40] Carmine Abate, Roberto Blanco, Ştefan Ciobâcă, Adrien Durier, Deepak Garg, Cătălin Hriţcu, Marco Patrignani, Éric Tanter, and Jérémy Thibault. An extended account of trace-relating compiler correctness and secure compilation. *ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems (TOPLAS)*, 43(4):14:1–14:48, 2021.

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[42] Cătălin Hriţcu, Leonidas Lampropoulos, Antal Spector-Zabusky, Arthur Azevedo de Amorim, Maxime Dénès, John Hughes, Benjamin C. Pierce, and Dimitrios Vytiniotis. Testing noninterference, quickly. *Journal of Functional Programming (JFP); Special issue for ICFP 2013*, 26:e4 (62 pages), April 2016.

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Books

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Chapter

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Research Prototypes / Software Tools

2014 – now **F⋆**: Proof-oriented programming language

2020 – now **SECOMP**: Formally secure compilation chain for compartmentalized C programs

2020 – 2024 **SSProve**: A Foundational Framework for Modular Cryptographic Proofs in Coq

2015 – 2021 **ERC SECOMP**: Formally secure prototype compiler chains to a tagged architecture

2013 – 2021 **Micro-Policies**: Formally verified, tag-based security monitors

2013 – 2016 **QuickChick**: Foundational property-based testing plugin for Coq

2014 – 2016 **Luck**: Domain-specific language for property-based generators for random testing

2011 – 2012 **Breeze**: Language with dynamic information-flow control and label-based access control

2011 – 2013 **CRASH/SAFE**: clean-slate co-design of a secure architecture, including novel hardware, OS, and programming language

2010 – 2011 **DVerify**: Verification tool for the data processing language that served as the main starting point for the query language of Microsoft Power Query for Excel

2009 – 2010 **Dminor**: Type-checker based on semantic subtyping for this data processing language

2009 – 2011 **F5**: Type-checker for concurrent language with refinement, union, and intersection types

2008 – 2011 **Expi2Java**: Turns verifiable protocol models into interoperable Java implementations

2008 – 2011 **zk-typechecker**: First type-checker for protocols that use zero-knowledge proofs

Community Service

PC chair:

- 47th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (IEEE SP 2026) – Associate PC Chair
- 31st ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS 2024) – Track PC Chair for Formal Methods and Programming Languages
- 10th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP 2021)
- 9th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP 2020)
- 2nd Workshop on Principles of Secure Compilation (PriSC 2018)

Steering committees for conferences:

- SC Member at Large for the IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF) since February 2024
- **SC Chair** for ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP) since 2021
- **SC Chair** for Workshop on Principles of Secure Compilation (PriSC) for a full term from January 2019 to June 2023; regular SC member since July 2023

PC member for conferences:

- 30th International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP 2025)
- 51st ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL 2024)

- 37th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF 2024)
- 42nd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (IEEE SP 2021)
- 34th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF 2021)
- 33rd IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF 2020)
- 19th International Conference on Runtime Verification (RV 2019)
- 4th IEEE Cybersecurity Development Conference (SecDev 2019)
- 25th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS 2018)
- 3rd IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P 2018)
- 26th European Symposium on Programming (ESOP 2018)
- 44th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL 2017)
- 6th International Conference on Principles of Security and Trust (POST 2017)
- 29th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF 2016)
- 7th International Conference on Interactive Theorem Proving (ITP 2016)
- 4th ACM-SIGPLAN Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP 2016)

Member of editorial board for journal:

- Editor for ACM Transactions on Privacy and Security (TOPS, formerly TISSEC) (2024–2025)

Reviewer for journals:
JACM (×1), JCS (×5), TOPLAS (×4), JFP (×2), JAR (×1), HOSC (×1), JLAMP (×1)

Reviewer for grants: ERC in 2022, DFG in 2020

Organization

- Test-of-Time Awards Chair for IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF) in 2023 and 2024
- **Conference Chair** for 10th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP 2021)
- **General Chair** for 2nd IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P 2017) (26-28 April 2017, Paris; 250 registered participants)
- **Organizer** of 2 Dagstuhl Seminars on Secure Compilation (May 2018 and December 2021)
- Artifact Evaluation Co-Chair for Principles of Programming Languages (POPL 2018 and 2019)
- Co-Organizer of ESOP Program Committee Workshop at Inria Paris (December 2017, approx 40 participants)
- Organizer of Everest workshop at Inria Paris (October 2017, approx 40 participants)
- Main organizer of the Joint EasyCrypt-F*-CryptoVerif School 2014 in Paris (80+ participants)

More Service

Member of hiring committees

- CS MPIs Tenure-Track Faculty positions, Dec 2023–April 2024 and Dec 2024–April 2025.
- Ruhr University Bochum (RUB), 2 Professor positions in Computer Science, July 2022–May 2023
- MPI-SP, Tenure-Track Faculty positions, December–April 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.
- Ruhr University Bochum (RUB), Professor position in Software Security, August–November 2020
- MPI-SP, Junior Research Group Leader positions (main organizer), May–July 2020

More MPI-SP internal service (selected)

- Mentoring faculty: Marcel Böhme (since 2021) and Clara Schneidewind (since 2024)
- Scribe for faculty meetings, April 2020 - April 2024
- Active member of the MPI-SP Tenure Committee, since May 2020
- Reviewer of internship applications for CS MPIs in winter 2022/23
- Administrator of internal Zulip chat since February 2021
- Ombudperson of MPI-SP since December 2023
- First aid responder, February 2023 – January 2025

PhD thesis reviewer

- Matteo Busi, Secure Compilation All the Way Down, University of Pisa, Italy, 2021.
- Liam O'Connor, Type systems for system types, University of New South Wales, Kensington, Australia, 2019.

PhD defense committee

- Maik Ender, Insights Into FPGA Configuration Security, MPI-SP and RUB, 2024.
- Alejandro Aguirre, Relational logics for higher-order effectful programs, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain, 2021.
- Arthur Azevedo de Amorim, A Methodology for Micro-Policies, University of Pennsylvania, USA, 2017.

PhD follow-up at MPIs

- Lennard Gäher, Area Exam at MPI-SWS, October 2024
- Andrea Borgarelli, Qualifying Exam for CS@max planck, May 2024
- Simon Spies, Area Exam at MPI-SWS, March 2023

PhD follow-up committees in France (fr. comité suivi doctoral)

- Meven Bertrand, Effects in Type Theory, Gallinette Team, Inria, Nantes.
- Balthazar Bauer, Transferable Electronic Currencies, ENS Paris.
- Michele Orrù, Multi-Party Computation and Zero-Knowledge Proofs, ENS Paris.
- Cyprien Mangin, Higher-Dimensional Dependent Pattern Matching, PiR2 team, Inria Paris.
- Thomas Williams, A Principled Approach to Ornamentation in ML, Gallium team, Inria Paris.

Teaching

- **Co-author of 3 volumes of the widely used Software Foundations textbook**: *Logical Foundations*, *Programming Language Foundations*, and ***Security Foundations*** **(main author)**
- *Foundations of Programming Languages, Verification, and Security* course at **Ruhr University Bochum (RUB)**, with Jana Hofmann, Summer Semester 2025 (co-lecturer for 1/2 the course; 12h)
- *Proofs are Programs* course at **Ruhr University Bochum (RUB)**, with Clara Schneidewind, Winter Semester 2024 (co-lecturer for 1/2 the course; 12h)
- *Functional Programming* course at **Ruhr University Bochum (RUB)**, with Roberto Blanco and Clara Schneidewind, Summer Semester 2024 (organization)
- *Foundations of Programming Languages, Verification, and Security* course at **Ruhr University Bochum (RUB)**, with Roberto Blanco, Winter Semester 2023-24 (co-lecturer for 1/2 the course; 12h)
- *Proofs are Programs* course at **Ruhr University Bochum (RUB)**, with Clara Schneidewind, Summer Semester 2023 (co-lecturer for 1/2 the course; 12h)
- *Writing and Verifying Functional Programs in Coq* course at Summer School on Cryptography, Blockchain, and Program Verification, Mathinfoly 2019, 24-31 August 2019 at INSA, Lyon, France (3 full days; 12.5h)
- *Program Verification in F** course at Université de la Grande Région Summer School on Verification Technology, Systems & Applications (VTSA 2019), 1-5 July 2019, Luxembourg (6h)
- *Formally Secure Compartmentalizing Compilation* course at International School on Foundations of Security Analysis and Design (FOSAD), 27-28 August, 2018, Bertinoro, Italy (6h)
- *Program Verification in F** course at EPIT 2018 Software Verification Spring School, 7-11 May 2018, Aussois, France (4.5h)
- *Verifying Cryptographic Implementations with F** course at Computer-aided security proofs summer school. Aarhus, Denmark, October, 2017 (4h)
- *Verifying Cryptographic Implementations with F** course at Models and Tools for Cryptographic Proofs summer school, Nancy, France, July 2017 (4.5h)
- *Program Verification with F** part of *Cryptographic protocols: formal and computational proofs* course at **Parisian Master of Research in Computer Science (MPRI)**, Winter 2016/2017 (co-lecturer for 1/4 of the course; 12h)
- *Verifying Cryptographic Protocol Implementations with F** course at *Computer Aided Analysis of Cryptographic Protocols* summer school, Bucharest, September 2016 (2h)
- *F* Tutorials* at POPL 2015 (3h), ICFP 2015 (3.5h), and the EasyCrypt-F*-CryptoVerif School 2014 (3h).
- *F* Course: Type Systems for Security Verification*, Advanced Block Lecture, **Saarland University**, with Matteo Maffei, March 2015 (**main lecturer**, 6 lectures and 6 tutorial sessions, 24h)
- *Advanced Martial Arts in Coq*, CIS 670, **University of Pennsylvania**, Benjamin C. Pierce, Fall 2012 (guest lecturer for 2 lectures / 3h).
- *Software Foundations*, CIS 500, **University of Pennsylvania**, Benjamin C. Pierce, Spring 2012 (guest lecturer for 6 lectures / 9h; **book co-author**).
- *Advanced Topics in Programming Languages*, CIS 670, **University of Pennsylvania**, Benjamin C. Pierce, Fall 2011 (guest lecturer for 2 lectures / 3h).
- *Security*, Core Lecture, **Saarland University**, Michael Backes, Winter 2010–2011 (guest lecturer for 1 lecture / 2h).
- *Practical Aspects of Security*, Advanced Lecture, **Saarland University**, Michael Backes, 2009 (guest lecturer for 3 lectures / 6.5h; **best course award**).

Teaching Assistant

- *Software Foundations*, CIS 500, University of Pennsylvania, Benjamin C. Pierce, Spring 2012 (teaching assistant – 31h of office hours; **book co-author**).
- *Practical Aspects of Security*, Advanced Lecture, **Saarland University**, Michael Backes, 2009 (teaching

assistant – 14h of office hours; **best course award**).

- *Observational Equivalence for Security Protocols*, Saarland University, Michael Backes, Winter 2008–2009 (seminar organizer and student adviser).
- *The Analysis of Electronic Voting Protocols* and *The Secure Implementation of Cryptographic Protocols*, Saarland University, Michael Backes, Winter 2007–2008 (seminar organizer and student adviser).
- *Introduction to Computational Logic* Core Lecture, Saarland University, Gert Smolka, Summer 2007 (teaching assistant – 33h of recitation sections / tutorials and office hours).
- *Language-based Security* Advanced Lecture, Saarland University, Matteo Maffei, Winter 2006–2007 (teaching assistant – 38h of recitation sections / tutorials and office hours).

Languages

English (proficient, C2), German (intermediate, B2), French (intermediate, B2), Italian (elementary, A1–A2), Romanian (native)

Hobbies

Running 10-21km with a group, Biking, Listening to podcasts, Cooking, Reading

February 18, 2026