## **Christos Baziotis**

**Email:** christos.baziotis@gmail.com 16 (1F2) Grindlay Street, EH3 9AS **CONTACT** Edinburgh, UK Website: cbaziotis.github.io **INFORMATION Publications:** Google Scholar +44 7935 476755 RESEARCH Natural Language Generation, Machine Translation & Multilingual NLP, Representation Learning, Latent Structure, Unsupervised & Low-Resource Learning **INTERESTS EDUCATION** 2019 - Present Ph.D. Candidate University of Edinburgh (ILCC), UK Topic: Low-Resource/Unsupervised Machine Translation Supervisors: Dr. Barry Haddow, Dr. Alexandra Birch M.Sc. in Advanced Computing and Informatics Systems 2017 University of Piraeus, Greece, Department of Informatics First-Class Honours (GPA 9.46/10) Thesis: "Sentiment Analysis in Twitter with Deep Neural Networks" Supervisors: Prof. Nikos Pelekis, Prof. Christos Doulkeridis - Top scoring system in Semeval 2017, Task4A "Sentiment Analysis in Twitter" **B.Sc.** in Computer Science 2014 University of Piraeus, Greece, Department of Informatics Thesis: "Web-based Android Application for Appointment Scheduling" Supervisor: Prof. Efthimios Alepis RESEARCH 2017 - 2019 **Research Assistant EXPERIENCE** National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece Research Topic: Low-Resource Neural Text Generation, Transfer Learning Supervisors: Prof. Alexandros Potamianos, Prof. Ion Androutsopoulos - Teacher Assistant in Speech and Language Processing - Leader of NTUA-SLP Team for SemEval 2018 in Tasks 1, 2, 3 (1st in Task1E) 2017 - 2019 Research Assistant Institute of Communication and Computer Systems (ICCS), Athens, Greece Project: "BabyRobot: Child-Robot Communication and Collaboration" (EU Horizon 2020) - Object Recognition, for enabling the robots to identify children's workspace. - Speech Emotion Recognition, for tracking children's emotions. - Text Affect Recognition, for monitoring children's affective state (ASR transcripts). WORK **Software Engineer** 2014 - 2016 **EXPERIENCE** Profile Systems and Software S.A. - Banking & Investment Management - Web software engineer (lead front-end), at Profile's R&D department.

CONFERENCES

<u>Baziotis, C.</u>, Haddow, B. and Birch, A "Language Model Prior for Low-Resource Neural Machine Translation". EMNLP 2020. [paper] [code]

- Developed Axia, Profile's cloud-based solution for wealth management.

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#### WORKSHOPS

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Baziotis, C., Pelekis, N., and Doulkeridis, C. "DataStories at SemEval-2017 Task 4: Deep LSTM with Attention for Message-level and Topic-based Sentiment Analysis". SemEval (ACL) 2017. [paper] [code]

Baziotis, C., Pelekis, N., and Doulkeridis, C. "DataStories at SemEval-2017 Task 6: Siamese LSTM with Attention for Humorous Text Comparison". SemEval (ACL) 2017. [paper] [code]

### **COMPETITIONS**

- 1st place in Semeval 2017, Task4A "Sentiment Analysis in Twitter"
- 1st place in Semeval 2018, Task1E "Affect in Tweets"
- 2nd place in Semeval 2017 Task4 [B, C, D] (Sentiment Analysis), Semeval 2017 Task6A (Humor), Semeval 2018 Task2 (Emoji Prediction), Semeval 2018 Task3 (Irony Detection)

## **OPEN-SOURCE PROJECTS**

**ekphrasis** (Text Preprocessing)

Text processing tool, targeted at messages from social networks (e.g. Twitter)

**NeAt-Vision** (Visualization / Model Analysis)

Visualization of the behaviour of deep-learning models for NLP (attention, predictions)

# SKILLS

**PROGRAMMING** Proficient: Python (machine learning stack; PyTorch, NumPy/SciPy, scikit-learn, Keras),

JavaScript (front-end stack; AnglularJS, VueJS) **Familiar**: Java, C/C++, SQL, RegEx, Linux Shell

**LANGUAGES** 

**Greek** (native), **English** (fluent)