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Website

EDUCATION

Gran Sasso Science Institute

L'Aquila, Italy

Ph.D. in Computer Science

November 2018–March 2023

Thesis topic: Adaptive Influence Maximization: Bounding Adaptivity Gaps and Beyond

Advisors: Prof. Gianlorenzo D'Angelo and Dr. Cosimo Vinci

Pondicherry University

Puducherry, India

M.Sc. in Computer Science

July 2015–May 2017

University of Calcutta
B.Sc. in Computer Science

Kolkata, India

July 2012–June 2015

EXPERIENCE

Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici (CMCC)

Venice, Italy

Postdoctoral Researcher

June 2024 -Present

Risk Assessment and Adaptation Strategies Division (RAAS)

Institute for Climate Resilience

Manager Dr. Elisa Furlan

Università Ca'Foscari Venezia

Venice, Italy

Postdoctoral Fellow

IVECO Group

March 2023 -February 2024

Data Science for Society Group

Department of Environmental Science, Informatics and Statistics (DAIS)

Supervisor: Prof. Fabiana Zollo

Turin, Italy

Data Analyst Intern

September 2022 –March 2023

Supplier Warranty Recovery Department

Manager: Marco Surra

Chegg India Pvt. Ltd.

Online

Computer Science Tutor

June 2017 -June 2018

Indian Statistical Institute

Kolkata, India

Summer Research Intern/R.C Bose Center for Cryptology

May 2016 - July 2016

Supported by Microsoft Research India

Advisor: Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy

- (2,n) Visual Cryptographic Schemes for Monochromatic Images.

SUPERVISION

Federico Chiarello, MSc thesis

Venice, Italy

Università degli Studi di Padova

September 2024 –December 2024

Topic: Developing a Chatbot specific to climate change adaptation techniques using Retrival-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Publications

- M. Hroch, P. Kompatsiaris, V. Grassmuck, J. Moreno, L. Peschke, J. Jirák, and D. Poddar, "Futures of algorithms and choices: Structuration of algorithmic imaginaries and digital platforms in europe", Central European Journal of Communication, vol. 17, no. 1(35), Jul. 2024.
- G. D'Angelo, D. Poddar, and C. Vinci, "Better Bounds on the Adaptivity Gap of Influence Maximization under Full-adoption Feedback", in Artificial Intelligence Journal (AIJ), Mar. 2023.
- D. Poddar and F. Zollo. (Oct. 2023). "EUMEPLAT WP4.4: Aggregated Data Analysis on Migration in the EU", [Online]. Available: https://www.eumeplat.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/D4.4 Aggregated-Data-Analysis-Report.pdf.
- G. D'Angelo, D. Poddar, and C. Vinci, "Better Bounds on the Adaptivity Gap of Influence Maximization under Full-adoption Feedback", in The 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), Feb. 2021.
- G. D'Angelo, D. Poddar, and C. Vinci, "Improved approximation factor for adaptive influence maximization via simple greedy strategies", in The 48th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP), Jul. 2021.

SKILLS

- Object-Oriented Programming: C++, Python, Java, Julia
- Procedural Programming: C
- Low-Level Programming: Assembly Language
- Declarative Programming: SQL
- ERP: SAP
- Data Visualization: QlikSense
- MS office: Excel, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint
- Geographic Information System: QGIS
- Soft skills: Communication, Problem-solving, Critical and analytical thinking, Decision making

LANGUAGES

• English: Fluent

• Italian: Basic

• Hindi: Native

• Bengali: Native

Talks and Conferences

Vidyasagar College Delivered a talk on Green Computing Kolkata, India Winter 2014

Max-Planck-Institut für Informatik

Saarbrücken, Germany

Attended the 20th Max Planck Advanced Course on the Foundations of Computer Science

Summer 2019

The 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2021)

Online

Presenting author

February 2021

ACTIVITIES

Pint of Science Italia 2019

L'Aquila, Italy

May 2019

Team L'Aquila staff

SHAring Researchers' Passions for Engaging Responsiveness (SHARPER) Night 2019

L'Aquila, Italy

L'Aquila chapter staff

27 September 2019

Networks 2021

Volunteered as a judge for the lightning talks

Online

July 2021

International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP) 2021

Student volunteer

Online July 2021

SHAring Researchers' Passions for Engaging Responsiveness (SHARPER) Night 2021 L'Aquila, Italy L'Aquila chapter staff 24 September 2021

International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS) 2023 Online
Sub-reviewer November 2022

PROJECTS

EUMEPLAT Venice, Italy

European Media Platforms: assessing positive and negative externalities for European culture March 2023 – Feb 2024 **Topic:** Exclusion: Platformization of Media Representation for Migration related issues in EU.

BlueGreen Governance (BGG)

Venice, Italy

Developing land-sea governance schemes based on scientific evidence & societal choices
June 2024 – Present **Topic:** Governance experimentation in an effort to operationalize the innovative governance schemes with the support of key outcomes from strategic foresight analysis.

DesirMED Venice, Italy

Demonstrating nature-based Solutions for climate Resilience in the MEDiterranean

June 2024 – Present

Topic: Accelerate knowledge and data exchange on Mediterranean landscapes and KCSs to support testing and demonstration of place-based solutions.

NBRACER Venice, Italy

Nature-Based Solutions for Atlantic Regional Climatic Resilience

June 2024 - Present

Topic: Formulate pathways to climate resilience through an integrated approach combining a sound conceptual framework, modelling, mapping and decision support tools, processes, and sustainable governance mechanisms.

AcquaGuard Venice, Italy

Nature-Based Solutions for Flood Prevention

September 2024 –Present

Topic: Create a model for decision support system (DSS) and developing nature-based solutions (NBS) for flood prevention in Italy and Croatia.