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## Professional Appointments

2023 – now **Lecturer**

School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science  
Queen Mary, University of London

2021 – 2023 **Research Associate**

Max Planck Institute for Software Systems  
Advised by: Joël Ouaknine and James Worrell

2019 – 2021 **Research Associate**

University of Oxford  
Advised by: Joël Ouaknine and James Worrell

2018 – 2019 **Research Associate**

University of Warsaw  
Advised by: Mikołaj Bojańczyk

2017 – 2018 **Research Associate**

Technical University of Munich  
Advised by: Anca Muscholl and Jan Křetínský

## Education

2013 – 2016 **Doctorate**, LaBRI, Université de Bordeaux, France

*Thesis title:* Two-Player Stochastic Games with Perfect and Zero Information

*Advisors:* Hugo Gimbert and François Dufour

2011 – 2013 **Masters**, Université de Bordeaux, France

*Thesis title:* Value 1 Problem for Probabilistic Automata

*Advisor:* Hugo Gimbert

*Mention:* Très bien

2007 – 2010 **BEng**, Informatics, Universiteti i Prishtinës, Republic of Kosovo

## Interests

I am broadly interested in theoretical computer science, with a focus on algorithmic verification, logics, automata, games, and dynamical systems.

## Awards and Grants

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2026 - 2029	Leverhulme Research Project Grant	£202,936
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## Publications

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### Journal Articles

- 2023 Hugo Gimbert, Edon Kelmendi. Submixing and Shift-Invariant Stochastic Games. *International Journal of Game Theory (IJGT)* 52(4): 1179-1214. doi:[10.1007/S00182-023-00860-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/S00182-023-00860-5) 
- 2023 Edon Kelmendi. Computing the Density of the Positivity Set for Linear Recurrence Sequences. *Logical Methods in Computer Science (LMCS)*, November 28, 2023, Volume 19, Issue 4 doi:[10.46298/LMCS-19\(4:16\)2023](https://doi.org/10.46298/LMCS-19(4:16)2023)
- 2022 Julia Eisentraut, Edon Kelmendi, Jan Křetínský, Maximilian Weininger. Value Iteration for Simple Stochastic Games: Stopping Criterion and Learning. *Information and Computation*, Volume 285, Part B, 104886 (Inf. Comput. 285) doi:[10.1016/j.ic.2022.104886](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ic.2022.104886) 
- 2022 Toghrul Karimov, Edon Kelmendi, Joël Ouaknine, James Worrell. What's Decidable About Discrete Linear Dynamical Systems? In: Raskin, JF., Chatterjee, K., Doyen, L., Majumdar, R. (eds) **Principles of Systems Design**. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 13660. Springer, Cham. doi:[10.1007/978-3-031-22337-2\\_2](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-22337-2_2) 
- 2015 Nathanaël Fijalkow, Hugo Gimbert, Edon Kelmendi, Youssouf Oualhadj. Deciding the Value 1 Problem for Probabilistic Leaktight Automata. *Logical Methods in Computer Science (LMCS)* Volume 11, Issue 2 doi:[10.2168/LMCS-11\(2:12\)2015](https://doi.org/10.2168/LMCS-11(2:12)2015) 

### Conference Proceedings

- 2025 Toghrul Karimov, Edon Kelmendi, Joël Ouaknine, James Worrell. Multiple Reachability in Linear Dynamical Systems *Proceedings of the 40th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS)*.
- 2023 Faraz Ghahremani, Edon Kelmendi, Joël Ouaknine. Reachability in Injective Piecewise Affine Maps *Proceedings of the 38th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS)* doi:[10.1109/LICS56636.2023.10175723](https://doi.org/10.1109/LICS56636.2023.10175723) 
- 2023 Toghrul Karimov, Edon Kelmendi, Joris Nieuwveld, Joël Ouaknine, James Worrell. The Power of Positivity. *Proceedings of the 38th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS)* doi:[10.1109/LICS56636.2023.10175758](https://doi.org/10.1109/LICS56636.2023.10175758)
- 2022 Edon Kelmendi. Computing the Density of the Positivity Set for Linear Recurrence Sequences. *Proceedings of the 37th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS)* doi:[10.1145/3531130.3532399](https://doi.org/10.1145/3531130.3532399). **Distinguished Paper Award**. 
- 2021 Shaull Almagor, Toghrul Karimov, Edon Kelmendi, Joël Ouaknine, James Worrell. Deciding  $\omega$ -Regular Properties on Linear Recurrence Sequences. *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (POPL)*, Volume 5, Article No.: 48 doi:[10.1145/3434329](https://doi.org/10.1145/3434329) 

2020	Shaull Almagor, Edon Kelmendi, Joël Ouaknine, James Worrell. Invariants for Continuous Linear Dynamical Systems. <i>Proceedings of the 47th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP)</i> , 107:1–107:15 doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2020.107">10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2020.107</a>	
	Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Edon Kelmendi, Rafał Stefański, Georg Zetzsche. Extensions of $\omega$ -Regular Languages. <i>Proceedings of the 35th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS)</i> , Pages 266-272 doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/3373718.3394779">10.1145/3373718.3394779</a>	
2019	Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Edon Kelmendi, Michał Skrzypczak. MSO+ $\nabla$ is undecidable. <i>Proceedings of the 34th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS)</i> , Pages 1-13 doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1109/LICS.2019.8785892">10.1109/LICS.2019.8785892</a>	
2018	Edon Kelmendi, Julia Krämer, Jan Křetínský, Maximilian Weininger. Value Iteration for Simple Stochastic Games: Stopping Criterion and Learning Algorithm. In <i>Computer Aided Verification (CAV). Lecture Notes in Computer Science</i> , vol 10981. pp 623-642. Springer, Cham. doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-96145-3_36">10.1007/978-3-319-96145-3_36</a>	
2017	Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Hugo Gimbert, Edon Kelmendi. Emptiness of Zero Automata is Decidable. In <i>Proceedings of the 44th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP)</i> , 106:1–106:13 doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2017.106">10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2017.106</a>	
	Nathanaël Fijalkow, Hugo Gimbert, Edon Kelmendi, Denis Kuperberg. Stamina: Stabilisation Monoids in Automata Theory. In <i>Implementation and Application of Automata (CIAA). Lecture Notes in Computer Science</i> , vol 10329. Springer, Cham. doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-60134-2_9">10.1007/978-3-319-60134-2_9</a>	
2016	Edon Kelmendi, Hugo Gimbert. Deciding Maxmin Reachability in Half-Blind Stochastic Games. In <i>Symposium of Algorithmic Game Theory (SAGT). Lecture Notes in Computer Science</i> , vol 9928. Springer, Berlin. doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-53354-3_5">10.1007/978-3-662-53354-3_5</a>	

## Program Committees

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- 2025 Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science  
 2024 Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science

## Teaching

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2023 – now	<i>Algorithms and Data Structures</i> Queen Mary University of London.	UG
2023 – now	<i>Object-Oriented Programming</i> , Queen Mary University of London.	UG
2020 – 2021	<i>Probabilistic Model Checking</i> , Tutorials. University of Oxford	PG
2016 – 2017	<i>Logique et Preuve</i> , Tutorials and some lectures. Université de Bordeaux. <i>Coloration Informatique</i> , Tutorials. Université de Bordeaux.	UG
2015 – 2016	<i>Informatique Théorique 1</i> , Tutorials and some lectures. Université de Bordeaux. <i>Algorithmes et Programmes</i> , Tutorials. Université de Bordeaux.	UG

## Student supervision

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### Intern

2022 – 2022 Faraz Ghahremani  
Summer internship at Max Planck Institute for Software Systems

## Languages

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Albanian Native

English Fluent

French Advanced