# Desmond Elliott

#### Education

- Jun 2015 Ph.D Computer Science, University of Edinburgh
- May 2011 MSc(R) Computing Science, University of Glasgow
- May 2007 BSc (Hons) Computer Science, University of Edinburgh

# Employment

- 2024- University of Copenhagen, Associate Professor, Denmark
- 2018–2024 University of Copenhagen, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Denmark
- 2017–2018 University of Edinburgh, Postdoctoral Researcher, United Kingdom
- 2015–2017 University of Amsterdam, Postdoctoral Researcher, The Netherlands
- 2014–2015 CWI, Postdoctoral Researcher, The Netherlands

# Visiting Positions

- 2021 University of Trento, Visiting Scholar, Italy
- 2018 Johns' Hopkins University, Visiting Scholar, U.S.A

# Teaching

- 2023-2024 Fair and Transparent Machine Learning, 7.5 ECTS MSc Course
- 2023–2024 Natural Language Processing, 7.5 ECTS MSc Course
  - 2023- Fundamentals of Data Science, 7.5 ECTS BSc Course
- 2021–2023 Data Science, 15 ECTS BSc Course
  - 2019– Advanced Topics in NLP, 7.5 ECTS MSc Course
- 2019–2021 Information Retrieval, 7.5 ECTS MSc Course

#### Selected Funded Grants

- 2023 Horizon Europe, TrustLLM, DKK 3.6M
- 2023 Villum Young Investigator, Pixel-based Encoding of Language, DKK 6M
- 2022 Facebook Research Award, Massively Multilingual Multimodal Data, \$54K

#### Awards

- 2021 EMNLP Best Long Paper Award
- 2019 LANTERN Workshop Best Paper Award
- 2018 COLING Area Chair Favourite Paper

# Keynote Talks

- 2024 3rd Workshop on Multimodal Understanding for the Web and Social Media
- 2023 Machine Learning in Poland
- 2022 MMLow Workshop at ICON 2022
- 2021 2nd Workshop on NLP Beyond Text, WWW 2021
- 2019 6th Workshop on Asian Translation, EMNLP 2019

# Postdoctoral Mentorship

- 2024– Ilker Kessen
- 2024 Danae Sanchez Villegas
- 2021–2022 Xiang Dai

# Ph.D Supervision

- 2024 Israfel Salazar
- 2024- Ingo Ziegler
- 2024 Konstantin Dobler (main advisor: Gerard de Melo)
- 2024 Mehmet Onurcan Kaya (main advisor: Dim P. Papadopoulos)
- 2022 Jonas F. Lotz (main advisor: Christian Igel)
- 2022 Wenyan Li (main advisor: Anders Søgaard)
- 2020 Rita Ramos (main advisor: Bruno Martins)
- 2019–2023 Emanuele Bugliarello
- 2015–2019 Emiel van Miltenburg (main advisor: Piek Vossen)

#### Selected Publications

A more complete publication list can be found on Google Scholar.

- 10. W. Li, J. Li, R. Ramos, R. Tang, and **D. Elliott**. Understanding Retrieval Robustness for Retrieval-augmented Image Captioning. ACL 2024.
- 9. S. Yagcioglu, O. B. İnce, A. Erdem, E. Erdem, **D. Elliott**, and D. Yuret. Sequential Compositional Generalization in Multimodal Models. NAACL 2024.
- 8. L. Cabello, E. Bugliarello, S. Brandl, and **D. Elliott**. Evaluating Bias and Fairness in Gender-Neutral Pretrained Vision-and-Language Models. EMNLP 2023.
- 7. R. Ramos, B. Martins, **D. Elliott**, and Y. Kementchedjhieva. *SmallCap: Lightweight Image Captioning Prompted with Retrieval Augmentation*. CVPR 2023
- 6. P. Rust, J. F. Lotz, E. Bugliarello, E. Salesky, M. de Lhoneux, and **D. Elliott**. Language Modelling with Pixels. ICLR 2023.
- 5. E. Bugliarello, F. Liu, J. Pfeiffer, S. Reddy, **D. Elliott**, E. M. Ponti, and I. Vulić. *IGLUE: A Benchmark for Transfer Learning across Modalities, Tasks, and Languages*. ICML 2022.
- 4. E. Bugliarello, R. Cotterell, N. Okazaki, and **D. Elliott**. Multimodal Pretraining Unmasked: Unifying the Vision and Language BERTs. TACL.
- 3. F. Liu, E. Bugliarello, E. M. Ponti, S. Reddy, N. Collier, and **D. Elliott**. Visually Grounded Reasoning across Languages and Cultures. EMNLP 2021.
- 2. E. Bugliarello, R. Cotterell, N. Okazaki, and **D. Elliott**. 2021. Multimodal Pretraining Unmasked: Unifying the Vision and Language BERTs. TACL.
- 1. S. Frank, E. Bugliarello, and **D. Elliott**. 2021. Vision-and-Language or Vision-for-Language? On Cross-Modal Influence in Multimodal Transformers. In Proceedings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing.

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