

# Curriculum Vitae

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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computer vision, self-supervision, vision-language models, privacy, bias

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### University of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, NL

*Assistant Professor in Computer Vision and Machine Learning and Science Manager of the QUVA Lab* Oct. 2021 –

- Co-supervision of 6 PhD students with C.G.M. Snoek, M. Welling, E. Gavves

### EDUCATION

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#### University of Oxford

Oxford, UK

*DPhil in Autonomous Intelligent Machines and Systems @ Visual Geometry Group (VGG)* Oct. 2017 – Sep. 2021

- Supervisor: Andrea Vedaldi; Examiners: Philip Torr, Phillip Isola
- Result: ‘no corrections’ (highest award possible)

#### University of Oxford

Oxford, UK

*MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing* (overall: Pass, thesis: Distinction) Oct. 2015 – Sep. 2016

#### University of Hagen

Hagen, Germany

*BSc Business Administration and Economics* (overall: 1.4, GPA = 3.6/4) Oct. 2012 – Aug. 2017

#### Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Munich, Germany

*BSc. Physics* (overall: 1.2, GPA = 3.8/4) Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2014

### PUBLICATIONS

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According to Google scholar, my publications have  $\approx 1400$  citations and my h-index is 14. \*: joint first-authorship

#### Main Conferences/Journals

##### Self-Guided Diffusion Models

VT. Hu, DW. Zhang, **YM. Asano**, GJ. Burghouts, CGM. Snoek

*IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2023.

##### Causal Representation Learning for Instantaneous and Temporal Effects in Interactive Systems

P. Lippe, S. Magliacane, S. Löwe, **YM. Asano**, T. Cohen, E. Gavves

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023

##### The Augmented Image Prior: Distilling 1000 Classes by Extrapolating from a Single Image

**YM. Asano\***, A. Saeed\*

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023

##### VTC: Improving Video-Text Retrieval with User Comments

L Hanu, **YM. Asano**, J. Thewlis, C. Rupprecht

*European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2022.

##### Less than Few: Self-Shot Video Instance Segmentation

P. Yang, **YM. Asano**, P. Mettes, CGM. Snoek

*European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2022.

##### CITRIS: Causal Identifiability from Temporal Intervened Sequences

P. Lippe, S. Magliacane, S. Löwe, **YM. Asano**, T. Cohen, E. Gavves

*International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2022.

##### Self-supervised object detection from audio-visual correspondence

T. Afouras\*, **YM. Asano\***, F. Fagan, A. Vedaldi, F. Metze

*IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2022.

### **Self-Supervised Learning of Object Parts for Semantic Segmentation**

A. Ziegler, **YM. Asano**

*IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2022.

### **Measuring the Interpretability of Unsupervised Representations via Quantized Reversed Probing**

I. Laina, **YM. Asano**, A. Vedaldi

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2022

### **Bias Out-of-the-Box: An Empirical Analysis of Intersectional Occupational Biases in Popular Generative Language Models**

H. Kirk, Y. Jun, H. Iqbal, E. Benussi, F. Volpin, FA. Dreyer, A. Shtedritski, **YM. Asano**

*Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021.

### **Keeping Your Eye on the Ball: Trajectory Attention in Video Transformers**

M. Patrick\*, D. Campbell\*, **YM. Asano\***, I. Misra, F. Metze, C. Feichtenhofer, A. Vedaldi, JF. Henriques

*Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)* [Oral], 2021.

### **PASS: An ImageNet replacement for self-supervised pretraining without humans**

**YM. Asano**, C. Rupprecht, A. Zisserman, A. Vedaldi

*Neural Information Processing Systems Track on Datasets and Benchmarks (NeurIPS-Data)*, 2021

### **Space-Time Crop & Attend: Improving Cross-modal Video Representation Learning**

M. Patrick\*, **YM. Asano\***, B. Huang, I. Misra, F. Metze, JF. Henriques, A. Vedaldi

*International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2021.

### **On Compositions of Transformations in Contrastive Self-Supervised Learning**

M. Patrick\*, **YM. Asano\***, P. Kuznetsova, R. Fong, JF. Henriques, G. Zweig, and A. Vedaldi

*International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2021.

### **Emergent inequality and endogenous dynamics in a simple behavioral macroeconomic model**

**YM. Asano**, J.J. Kolb, J. Heitzig, JD. Farmer

*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, 2021.

### **Support-set bottlenecks for video-text representation learning.**

M. Patrick\*, PY. Huang\*, **YM. Asano\***, F. Metze, A. Hauptmann, JF. Henriques, A. Vedaldi

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)* [Spotlight], 2021

### **Labelling unlabelled videos from scratch with multi-modal self-supervision.**

**YM. Asano\***, M. Patrick\*, C. Rupprecht, A. Vedaldi

*Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020

### **Self-labelling via simultaneous clustering and representation learning**

**YM. Asano**, C. Rupprecht, and A. Vedaldi

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)* [Spotlight], 2020.

### **A critical analysis of self-supervision, or what we can learn from a single image**

**YM. Asano**, C. Rupprecht, and A. Vedaldi

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2020.

### **Rising adoption and retention of meat-free diets in online recipe data**

**YM. Asano\***, G. Biermann\*

*Nature Sustainability*, 2(7):621–627, 2019

### **Monte Carlo Study of the Precision and Accuracy of Proton CT Relative Stopping Power Maps**

G. Dedes and **YM. Asano**, N. Arbor, D. Dauvergne, J. Letang, E. Testa, S. Rit, K. Parodi

*Medical Physics*, 3298-3298, 2015.

## **Workshops**

### **Memes in the Wild: Assessing the Generalizability of the Hateful Memes Challenge Dataset**

H. Kirk, Y. Jun, G. Wachtel, N. Broestl, R. Li, P. Rauba, X. Bai, M. Doff-Sotta, A. Shtedritski, **YM Asano**

*Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms, ACL* 2021

### **Privacy-preserving Object Detection**

P. He, C. Griffin, K. Kacprzyk, A. Joosen, M. Collyer, A. Shtedritski, **YM. Asano**

*ICLR'21 Synthetic Data Generation Workshop*

## TEACHING

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**11/2022: Deep Learning 1** (Full MSc in AI course of 6 ECTS, <https://uvadlc.github.io/>)

Overall student feedback: 92.1% (very) satisfied; score:  $4.5 \pm 0.7$  out of 5

### Teaching Assistant / Practicals

10/19 – 01/21, Deep Learning and Machine Vision for AIMS cohort 2019, 2020 (Andrew Zisserman, Andrea Vedaldi)

01/20 – 01/20, Multiple View Geometry (Victor Adrian Prisacariu, Andrew Zisserman)

01/20 – 03/20, Design and Analysis of Algorithms (Daniel Kroening)

10/19 – 12/19, Machine Learning at CS Dept. (Phil Blunsom, Ani Calinescu)

01/18 – 03/18, Mathematics and Data Science for Development (Neave O’Cleary)

### Certified Instructor workshops for the Nvidia Deep Learning Institute

3x Fundamentals of DL, at the University of Oxford Big-Data Institute and the Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics

### Other Tutorials

01/2019 Introduction to (Deep) NLP at the Oxford Institute for New Economic Thinking

07/2018 Introduction to Machine Learning at Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School

07/2018 Introduction to CNNs and RNNs at Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School

## SUPERVISION

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ongoing:

PhD, Michael Dorkenwald with Cees Snoek

PhD, Mohammadreza Salehidehnavi with Cees Snoek and Efstratios Gavves

PhD, Pengwan Yang with Cees Snoek

PhD, Winfried van den Dool with Max Welling

PhD, Rob Romijnders with Max Welling

PhD, Phillip Lippe with Efstratios Gavves, Taco Cohen, Sara Magliacane

MSc thesis, Lukas Knobler

MSc thesis, Apostolos Panagiotopoulos

MSc thesis, Alfonso Taboada

MSc thesis, Luc Weytingh

MSc thesis, Kaya ter Burg

MSc thesis, Sunny Soni

2022:

MSc thesis, Jochem Loedeman

MSc thesis, Anton Kozackov

BSc thesis, Anne van der Weijden

BSc thesis, Philip de Wolf

OxAI interdisciplinary team on de-biasing in NLP [result: ACL’22 workshop paper]

2021:

MSc thesis, Adrian Ziegler, TUM (top-grade), [result: CVPR’22 paper]

OxAI interdisciplinary team on investigating bias in computer vision [result: ICLR’21 workshop paper]

OxAI interdisciplinary team on investigating hateful memes [result: ACL’21 workshop paper]

OxAI interdisciplinary team on investigating bias in NLP [result: NeurIPS’21 paper]

2020:

MSc thesis, Carlos Roberto Medina Temme, EPFL (top-grade)

OxAI interdisciplinary team working with Ada Lovelace Institute

## AWARDS AND FUNDING

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2022 “Best lecture” at VISUM summer school

2021 Awarded ELLIS membership

2x Google Academic Research Credits Program (PI, Co-PI), USD2K

2020 AWS Machine Learning Research Award (Co-PI with Christian Rupprecht and Andrea Vedaldi), USD80K

Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Winner 2020 (PI), USD40K

2019 International Computer Vision Summer School: best team essay on assistive technology

2018 Edgell Sheppee Fund from Engineering Science Dept., Oxford

Balliol College Graduate Project Grant

2017 Full PhD funding by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, 1 successful EU applicant per year

Open Data Science Conference East Scholarship

2016 Brasenose College Annual Fund  
 2015 MSc bursary of the University of Oxford Mathematical Institute for best applicants  
 National Academic Foundation study abroad scholarship for studying at Oxford  
 2014 Ministry of Science in Japan scholarship, awarded to <1% of international undergraduate students  
 DAAD, German Academic Exchange Service scholarship for studying at the University of Tokyo  
 National Academic Foundation scholarship, for outstanding academic achievement, awarded to <0.4% of students  
 2013 Max Weber scholarship (elite network Bavaria), awarded to <1% of Bavarian students  
 EliteAkademie scholarship, <2% acceptance rate

## INVITED TALKS

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02/2023 Invited talk at Computer Vision Center, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (D. Karatzas)  
 02/2023 Invited lecture at Machine Learning Course, University of Edinburgh (H. Bilen)  
 02/2023 Invited talk at Machine Learning and Computer Vision Group, University of Bristol (D. Damen, M. Wray)  
 02/2023 Invited talk at AIMS seminar, University of Oxford (M. Osborne)  
 12/2022 Invited talk at Computer Vision Group, University of Bern (P. Favaro)  
 10/2022 Invited talk at AWS Research, Tel-Aviv (R. Litman)  
 09/2022 Invited talk at ELLIS Video Understanding Symposium  
 09/2022 Invited talk at the Machine Intelligence Laboratory, University of Cambridge (R. Cipolla, S. Albanie)  
 04/2022 Invited talk at AwesomeIT conference, Amsterdam  
 04/2022 Invited talk at BMVA Symposium, Manchester  
 03/2022 Invited talk at LMSS Seminar at INRIA, Rennes (L. Amsaleg)  
 12/2021 Invited talk at Qualcomm-UvA Deep Vision Seminar at University of Amsterdam (E. Gavves)  
 11/2021 Invited lecture at FACT-AI MSc course at University of Amsterdam (F. Santos)  
 10/2021 Invited talk at CMIC & WEISS at medical imaging group University College London  
 09/2021 Invited talk at International Workshop on Agentization, George Mason University and the Proteus Foundation  
 06/2021 Invited talk at Imagine group at ENPC ParisTech (D. Picard)  
 05/2021 Invited talk at Computer Vision Center, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (D. Karatzas)  
 03/2021 Invited talk at Zalando Data Science Community Knowledge Exchange  
 01/2021 Invited talk at Torr Vision Group and FiveAI (P. Torr)  
 10/2020 Invited talk at UnitaryAI  
 06/2019 Invited talk at Robotics and Autonomous Systems CDT Conference  
 03/2018 Networks seminar, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford  
 01/2018 Balliol College interdisciplinary student seminar, University of Oxford  
 11/2017 Networks seminar, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford  
 10/2017 Complexity Economics meeting, Institute for New Economic Thinking  
 08/2017 Transdisciplinary methods research group, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Facebook AI Research:</b> Intern & Contractor; Host: A. Joulin	Jun. 2020 – Feb. 2021
<b>TransferWise:</b> Machine Learning Intern & Contractor	Mar 2017 – Jan. 2019
<b>Rakuten:</b> Cloud Infrastructure Engineering Intern	Aug. 2015 – Sep. 2015
<b>Siemens Technology Accelerator:</b> Working student	Apr. 2015 – Aug. 2015
<b>180 Degrees Consulting Munich e.V.:</b> President & Founder	Dec. 2016 – Jun. 2017
<b>SOS Children's villages International:</b> Project lead	Mar 2017 – Jun. 2017
<b>McKinsey &amp; Company:</b> Fellow Intern	Apr. 2015 – Aug. 2015

## SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

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**PhD Jury member:**  
 2023 Vladimir Iashin (Tampere University)  
 Mohamed Sayed (University College London)  
**Committee:**  
 2022 Member in the Ethical Committee for Student Projects at University of Amsterdam, Information Sciences  
**Area Chair:**  
 2023 CVPR, NeurIPS  
 2022 ECCV, ECCV workshop 1x, NeurIPS workshop 1x

## Reviewer:

2023 ICCV

2022 CVPR, ICML (outstanding reviewer), ECCV, ECCV workshops (1x), IJCV, NeurIPS, ACM Multimedia, IJCV

2021 CVPR, (outstanding reviewer), ICCV (outstanding reviewer), NeurIPS Track on Datasets & Benchmarks,

TPAMI, IJCV, NeurIPS workshops (3x): SSL Theory and Practice, Pregistration of Experiments, ImageNet PPF

2020 ACCV, NeurIPS workshops (2x): SSL Theory and Practice; Pregistration of Experiments

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

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University Teaching Qualification (BKO) courses (5 days) + Inclusive Learning Environment Trajectory (1 day)

Academic Leadership (8 days), University of Amsterdam

Superb Supervision (4 days), University of Amsterdam

Entrepreneurship (0.5 day), Said Business school, University of Oxford

Looking behind the label: mental ill-health in the workplace (0.5 day), University of Oxford

Core writing skills (0.5 day), University of Oxford

Public Engagement (0.5 day), University of Oxford

Presentation Skills (0.5 day), University of Oxford

Beyond Communication: Effective Two-way Engagement (0.5 day), University of Oxford

## SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOL LECTURES

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12/2022 Lecturer at Intelligent Sensing Winter School of Queen Mary Univ. of London (virtual)

09/2022 Lecturer at IPM-AI summer school (virtual)

07/2022 Lecturer at VISUM Summer school by INESC TEC (elected “best lecture”)

05/2022 Lecturer at ASCI Computer Vision Summer School, Amsterdam

08/2021 Organiser and Lecturer: Introductory 10-day workshop titled *Self-supervised learning and ethics* for the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung) summer academy, co-organized with C. Rupprecht

## ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS & COMMUNITY

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*ongoing* Organizing a focus group on privacy in computer vision with leading researchers in the field

*ongoing* ICCV workshop on *Big Model Adapting for Computer Vision (BigMAC)*

**YM. Asano**, T. Han, M. Caron, P. Isola, S. Belongie

10/2022 ECCV workshop on *Self-Supervised Learning*

**YM. Asano**, C. Rupprecht, D. Larlus, A. Zisserman

12/2022 NeurIPS workshop on *Self-Supervised Learning: Theory and Practice*

I. Misra, P. Xie, X. Wang, G. Varol, Y. Song, **YM. Asano**, P. Luc

08/2020 ECCV workshop on *Self-Supervised Learning*

**YM. Asano**, C. Rupprecht, and A. Joulin, A. Vedaldi

## MEDIA

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*ongoing*: Organizer of the Deep Vision Seminar at the UvA with more than 2200 members on MeetUp

2021 Community blogposts about our PASS dataset and paper: ImportAI, Synced, Deep Learning Weekly

Blogpost from Facebook AI about applying our method in Instagram Reels

2020 Advisor for projects at OxAI, a society to educate, build and connect an interdisciplinary AI community

Blogpost from Facebook AI about our GDT paper

Interviewed for the CTDS podcast

Community video analyses (1 2) about our ICLR 2020 paper

Community blogposts (1, 2) about our ICLR 2020 spotlight paper

## OTHER

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**Languages:** German (native), Japanese (native), English (fluent, IELTS 8.5/9), French (basic)

**Nationality:** German & Japanese

**Hobbies:** Hiking, Tree & Plant identification, (Ultra)-running