

# Georgios (Yiorgos) Chochlakis

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Scalable multimodal & multilingual affective analysis on social media; language grounding and grounding language; leveraging language for zero-shot learning; scientific rigor and reproducibility

## EDUCATION

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**University of Southern California (USC)**, Los Angeles, CA 08/2021 – Present  
*MSc & PhD in Computer Science* (Expected Graduation) 05/2026

Current GPA: **4.0**/4.0

Advisor: Prof. Shri Narayanan

**National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)**, Athens, Greece 09/2015 – 10/2020  
*BSc & MEng in Electrical and Computer Engineering (5-year joint degree)*

Cumulative GPA: **9.56**/10.0 (98th percentile)

Thesis advisor: Prof. Alexandros Potamianos

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Machine Learning Engineer**, Behavioral Signals, Los Angeles, CA 12/2020 – 07/2021

Improved speaker identification in a call center to near-perfect accuracy

Experimented with speaker features to perform caller matching and diarization

Tested ML models on the cloud for deployment

**Machine Learning Intern**, SCiO, Lefkippos Attica Technology Park, Greece 07/2019 – 08/2019

Built dataset with relevant features and model for rice cultivation in India

## PROJECTS

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**DARPA INCAS**, Information Science Institute, USC, Los Angeles, CA 09/2021 – Present

Identifying meaningful early indicators of influence campaigns from social media

Developing tools to handle multilingual data, and a novel annotation scheme

My SOTA emotion recognition models ranked 1st among 3 teams in 2 evaluation phases

*Tools:* python3.7, torch, transformers, git, scikit-learn

**Diploma Thesis**, NTUA, Greece 03/2020 – 11/2020

Examined the problem of zero-shot classification of images

Integrated few-shot learning techniques to make zero-shot training end-to-end, achieving SOTA

*Tools:* python3, torch, torchvision, git, scikit-learn

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research Assistant**, SAIL, USC, Los Angeles, CA 05/2021 – Present

Conducting research in multilingual and multimodal affective analysis on social media

Developing scalable, generalizable, and robust models for emotion recognition

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, SLP group, NTUA, Greece 03/2020 – 11/2020

Developed novel framework for generative zero-shot learning for my diploma thesis

**Research Intern**, IIT, NCSR Demokritos, Greece 10/2019 – 06/2020

Published research on elevation surface reconstruction using deep learning

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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**G. Chochlakis**, G. Mahajan, S. Baruah, K. Burghardt, K. Lerman, S. Narayanan. *Using Emotion Embeddings to Transfer Knowledge between Emotions, Languages, and Annotation formats*. Under review.

**G. Chochlakis**, G. Mahajan, S. Baruah, K. Burghardt, K. Lerman, S. Narayanan. *Leveraging Label Correlations in a Multi-label Setting: A Case Study in Emotion*. Under review.

T. Srinivasan, T.Y. Chang, L.L.P. Alva, **G. Chochlakis**, M. Rostami, J. Thomason. *CLiMB: A Continual Learning Benchmark for Vision-and-Language Tasks*. NeurIPS, 2022.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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**Top Reviewer**, NeurIPS 2022

**Highest GPA in school of ECE Award**, Thomaidis Foundation Grant, NTUA 2019-2020

**Publication Award**, Thomaidis Foundation Grant, NTUA 2020

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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**SAIL**, USC, Los Angeles, CA

Founded and currently running the lab's 17-member reading group

Actively mentoring 2 graduate and 2 undergraduate students

**IEEE K-12 Outreach** program, USC, Los Angeles, CA

Served as *team lead* for Fall 2022 USC campus visit for approx. 90 students

Presented introduction and a demo in Spring 2022 USC campus visit to approx. 90 students

**Google ExploreCSR** program, USC, Los Angeles, CA

Serving as *student mentor* for Spring 23 for approx. 50 students

**Peer-reviewing**

NeurIPS 2022, Track Datasets and Benchmarks: 3 papers

ICASSP 2023: 1 paper