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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Institute of Functional Biology and Genomics (IBFG), CSIC - Universidad de Salamanca

Salamanca, Spain

2025 - present

#### Postdoctoral Researcher

- Advisor: Álvaro Sánchez

- Objective: Deciphering the role of context-dependent interactions in microbial communities and beyond

### Vermont Complex Systems Institute, University of Vermont

Burlington, VT, USA

2024 - 2025

#### Postdoctoral Researcher

- Advisors: Juniper Lovato & Laurent Hébert-Dufresne

- Objective: Modeling and measuring the spread of social contagions

## EDUCATION

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### Department of Computer Engineering and Mathematics, Universitat Rovira i Virgili

Tarragona, Spain

2020 - 2024

#### Ph.D., Complex Networks

- Advisors: Alex Arenas & Sergio Gómez

- Thesis: *Contagion Processes on Higher-Order Networks*

- Final grade: Excellent cum Laude

### Department of Physics and Astronomy, Università di Catania

Catania, Italy

2017 - 2019

#### M.Sc., Physics (Theoretical Physics curriculum)

- Advisors: Andrea Rapisarda & Alex Arenas

- Thesis: *Evolution of Cooperation in the Presence of Higher-Order Interactions*

- Final grade: 110/110 cum Laude

### Department of Physics and Astronomy, Università di Catania

Catania, Italy

2013 - 2017

#### B.Sc., Physics

- Advisor: Alessandro Pluchino

- Thesis: *Synchronization, Correlations and Pattern Formation in a 2D Lattice of Coupled Maps*

- Final grade: 110/110 cum Laude

## TEACHING

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### University of Vermont - PhD Programme in Complex Systems and Data Science

Modeling Complex Systems I - Instructor

Fall 2024

## FUNDING & AWARDS

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### Government of Spain (MCIU/AEI - ESF+) - Juan de la Cierva Postdoctoral Scholarship

2026 - 2027

Grant reference JDC2024-054148-1 (Juan de la Cierva Programme 2024)

Universitat Rovira i Virgili - Special Doctoral Prize	2025
Top-ranked doctoral thesis in Computer Science and Mathematics for the 2024-25 academic year	
U.S. National Science Foundation (SES): "HNDS-R: Altruistic stress, economic networks, and endogenous organizational change" (grant proposal co-writer)	2025
European Commission & Universitat Rovira i Virgili - Martí i Franquès Doctoral Programme Plus	2021 - 2024
European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 945413 and Universitat Rovira i Virgili	
European Commission - Erasmus+ Traineeship Programme	2019
European Union's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe	

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles published or accepted in a peer-reviewed journal

- A. E. Biondo\*, G. Burgio\*, L. Mazzarino\*, A. Pluchino\*, *Others as our own interests*, *Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination* (2025): 1-23
- L. Hébert-Dufresne, J. Lovato, G. Burgio, J. P. Gleeson, S. Redner, P. L. Krapivsky, *Self-Reinforcing Cascades: A Spreading Model for Beliefs or Products of Varying Intensity or Quality*, *Physical Review Letters* 135 (2025): 087401
- G. Burgio, G. St-Onge, L. Hébert-Dufresne, *Characteristic scales and adaptation in higher-order contagions*, *Nature Communications* 16 (2025): 4589
- B. Steinegger, G. Burgio, P. Castioni, C. Granell, A. Arenas, *The spread of the Delta variant in Catalonia during summer 2021: Modelling and interpretation*, *Journal of Infection and Public Health* 18.7 (2025): 102771
- O. Fajardo-Fontiveros, M. Mattei, G. Burgio, C. Granell, S. Gómez, A. Arenas, M. Sales-Pardo, R. Guimerà, *Machine learning mathematical models for incidence estimation during pandemics*, *PLOS Computational Biology* 20.12 (2024): e1012687
- J. St-Onge\*, G. Burgio\*, S. F. Rosenblatt, T. M. Waring, L. Hébert-Dufresne, *Paradoxes in the co-evolution of contagions and institutions*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* 291.2028 (2024): 20241117
- G. Burgio, S. Gómez, A. Arenas, *Triadic Approximation Reveals the Role of Interaction Overlap on the Spread of Complex Contagions on Higher-Order Networks*, *Physical Review Letters* 132.7 (2024): 077401
- G. Burgio, S. Gómez, A. Arenas, *Spreading dynamics in networks under context-dependent behavior*, *Physical Review E* 107.6 (2023): 064304
- A. E. Biondo\*, G. Burgio\*, A. Pluchino\*, D. Puglisi\*, *Taxation and evasion: a dynamic model*, *Journal of Evolutionary Economics* (2022): 1-30
- G. Burgio, B. Steinegger, A. Arenas, *Homophily impacts the success of vaccine roll-outs*, *Communications Physics* 5.1 (2022): 1-7
- G. Burgio\*, B. Steinegger\*, G. Rapisardi, A. Arenas, *Homophily in the adoption of digital proximity tracing apps shapes the evolution of epidemics*, *Physical Review Research* 3.3 (2021): 033128
- G. Burgio, A. Arenas, S. Gómez, J. T. Matamalas, *Network clique cover approximation to analyze complex contagions through group interactions*, *Communications Physics* 4.1 (2021): 1-10
- G. Burgio, J. T. Matamalas, S. Gómez, A. Arenas, *Evolution of Cooperation in the Presence of Higher-Order Interactions: From Networks to Hypergraphs*, *Entropy* 22.7 (2020): 744
- A. Pluchino, G. Burgio, A. Rapisarda, A. E. Biondo, A. Pulvirenti, A. Ferro, T. Giorgino, *Exploring the Role of Interdisciplinarity in Physics: Success, Talent and Luck*, *PLOS ONE* 14(6) (2019): e0218793

### Preprints

- J. St-Onge, R. Harp, **G. Burgio**, T. M. Waring, J. Lovato, L. Hébert-Dufresne, *Defining and classifying models of groups: The social ontology of higher-order networks*, arXiv preprint arXiv:2507.02758 (2025)
- A. E. Biondo\*, **G. Burgio\***, A. Pluchino\*, D. Puglisi\*, *A dynamic model of Tax Evasion*, arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.11589 (2020)

\* These authors contributed equally

## TALKS

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- [DIMACS Workshop on Spreading on Social Networks – Theory and Applications](#), New Brunswick (NJ, USA), 21 – 23 October 2024
- [SFI 'Postdocs in Complexity Global Conference'](#), Santa Fe (NM, USA), 23 – 26 September 2024
- [International School and Conference on Network Science 2024](#), Québec (QC, Canada), 16 – 21 June 2024
- [Vermont-KIAS Workshop: Group Interactions in Network Science](#), Burlington (VT, USA), 25 – 28 September 2023 [invited talk]
- [International School and Conference on Network Science 2023](#), Vienna (Austria), 10 – 14 July 2023
- [8th URV Doctoral Workshop in Computer Science and Mathematics](#), Tarragona (Spain), 3 May 2023
- [14th International Conference on Complex Networks](#), Aveiro (Portugal), 24 – 28 April 2023
- [Conference on Complex Systems 2022](#), Palma de Mallorca (Spain), 17 – 21 October 2022
- [VII COMSOTEC Workshop](#), Tarragona (Spain), 31 March – 1 April 2022
- [International Workshop BRIDGES, Dialogues between Humanities and Science](#), Ragusa (Italy), 13 December 2021 [invited talk]
- [Conference on Complex Systems 2021](#), Lyon (France), 25 – 29 October 2021
- [Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference](#), TopoNets 2021 Satellite, 30 June 2021
- [12th International \(Online\) Conference on Complex Networks](#), 24 – 26 May 2021
- [Conference on Complex Systems 2019](#), Satellite Workshop of Computational Social Science, Singapore, 2 – 3 October 2019
- [VI Mediterranean School of Complex Networks](#), Salina (Italy), 31 August – 6 September 2019

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

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### Internships

- Visiting Ph.D. student | January – March 2023
  - [Laboratory for Structure and Dynamics](#), Vermont Complex Systems Institute, University of Vermont, Burlington (VT, USA)
  - Advisor: Laurent Hébert-Dufresne
- Visiting M.Sc. student (Erasmus+ Traineeship Programme) | April – June 2019
  - Alephsys Lab, Department of Computer Engineering and Mathematics, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona (Spain)
  - Advisor: Alex Arenas

### Schools

- [Complex Networks Winter Workshop 2025](#), Québec (QC, Canada), 14 – 19 December 2025
- [VII Mediterranean School of Complex Networks](#), Catania (Italy), 25 June – 2 July 2022
- [Winter Workshop on Complex Systems](#), Besançon (France), 24 – 28 January 2022
- [VI Mediterranean School of Complex Networks](#), Salina (Italy), 31 August – 6 September 2019

## SCIENTIFIC SERVICE

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### Reviewer

Journals

Physical Review Letters, Physical Review E, Physical Review Research, Communications Physics, Journal of Physics: Complexity, PNAS Nexus, npj Complexity, Scientific Reports, Journal of Complex Networks, PLOS ONE, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Journal of Computational Social Science

**Conferences**

17th International Conference on Complex Networks, Zaragoza (Spain), 4 - 8 May 2026

**Chair**

International School and Conference on Network Science 2024 - [5-Ea Dynamics on Networks](#) Session  
DIMACS Workshop on Spreading on Social Networks - Theory and Applications - [Flash Talks II](#) Session

**Tutor**

Complex Networks Winter Workshop 2025 - Dynamical Processes on Networks

## TRANSVERSAL SKILLS

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**Programming languages and tools**

Julia, R, Python, Mathematica, C++, Netlogo, LaTeX, Git, MySQL

**Languages**

Italian (native), Spanish (proficient), English (advanced)