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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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

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

Modeling Complex Systems I - Instructor

Fall 2024

FUNDING & AWARDS

Government of Spain (MICIU/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

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 \(2020\)](#)

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TALKS

- [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

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

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

Programming languages and tools

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

Languages

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