# **Imanol Schlag**

CONTACT INFORMATION

RESEARCH

INTERESTS

IDSIA: The Swiss AI Lab Galleria 2 - Room 224 Via Cantonale 2, 6928 Manno, Switzerland

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Machine Learning and Artificial Neural Networks for Artificial Intelligence I'm interested in the systematic generalisation of neural networks. To this end, I'm investigating the networks ability to learn structured representations that enable algebraic compositionality. My most recent work augments a recurrent neural network with fast weights such that it learns to reason form natural language question-answer pairs.

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September 2016 to present

CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Doctoral Assistant**, IDSIA - The Swiss AI Lab Istituto Dalle Molle di Studi sull'Intelligenza Artificiale Università della Svizzera italiana

Faculty of Informatics

**EDUCATION** 

Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

PhD, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, candidate

• Adviser: Professor Jürgen Schmidhuber

• Area of Study: Machine Learning with Neural Networks

University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Scotland

MSc, Artificial Intelligence, August 2016

• With Distinction

• Thesis Topic: Face Recognition from Ancient Roman Coins

• Adviser: Professor Ognjen Arandjelović

University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland, Brugg, Switzerland

BSc, Computer Science, August 2015

• With specialisation in Information Processing and Visualization

• Thesis Topic: Face Similarity - Finding Lookalikes from Images

Swiss Armed Forces Special Forces Training Center, Isone, Switzerland

Sergeant, Swiss Commando Special Forces, August 2011

- Basic training and non-commissioned officer school
- Instructor and squad leader

**PUBLICATIONS** 

- I. Schlag and J. Schmidhuber. Learning to Reason with Third-Order Tensor Products. Neural Information Processing Systems, 2018.
- I. Schlag and J. Schmidhuber. Gated Fast Weights for On-The-Fly Neural Program Generation. Neural Information Processing Systems, 2017. Workshop on Meta-Learning.
- I. Schlag and O. Arandjelovic. Ancient Roman Coin Recognition in the Wild Using Deep Learning Based Recognition of Artistically Depicted Face Profiles. In Proc. IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2017.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

Teaching Assistant

September 2018 to March 2019

• Assisted Deep Learning Lab

Teaching Assistant

September 2017 to March 2018

- Assisted Machine Learning and Deep Learning Lab
- Held weekly tutorials of roughly 90 minutes each
- Developed and graded monthly assignments and exams

# Swiss Armed Forces, Grenadier-Battalion 30/2, Isone, Switzerland

Military Instructor

2011 to 2019

• Yearly 4 week repetition course

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Basler Kantonalbank, Basel, Switzerland

Apprentice in Informatics

September 2006 to June 2010

#### **AWARDS**

## **University of St Andrews**

• Medal for the best dissertation in Computer Science, 2016

### **NVIDIA Pioneer Award**

• For Learning to Reason with Third-Order Tensor Products. Received at NeurIPS, 2018.

# REFERENCES AVAILABLE TO CONTACT

### **Dr. Jürgen Schmidhuber** (e-mail: juergen@idsia.ch; phone: +41 58 666 666 2)

- Scientific Director of IDSIA
- Professor of AI at USI
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- \* Dr. Schmidhuber is my current doctoral supervisor.

## Dr. Ognjen Arandjelović (e-mail: ognjen.arandjelovic@gmail.com)

- Professor at the University of St Andrews, School of Computer Science
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- \* Dr. Arandjelović was my MSc thesis supervisor

# Dr. Manfred Vogel (e-mail: manfred.vogel@fhnw.ch; phone: +41 56 202 77 36)

- Professor, Head of degree programme Master of Science in Engineering at the FHNW, Director of the Institute of Data Science at the FHNW
- Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz FHNW, Hochschule für Technik, Bahnhofstrasse 6, CH-5210 Windisch
- \* Dr. Vogel was my BSc thesis supervisor