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PRINCIPAL INTERESTS

My work focuses on assessing, modeling, and understanding the impacts of natural hazards (specifically droughts) on social-ecological systems. I apply text mining, machine learning and natural language processing, and participatory modeling.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

M.Sc. Computational Social Science

2021

BACKGROUND Linköping University, Sweden

• Thesis title: Economic heterogeneity, inequality and forest transitions: an empirically-grounded dynamic evaluation of agricultural land-cover change. Grade: A (excellent)

B.Sc. Environmental System Science and Geography

2019

University of Osnabrück, Germany

• Thesis title: Participatory modelling for investigating the complexity of social, demographic and cultural issues linked to the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in the Omo-Turkana Basin.

Grade: 1.0 (excellent)

EMPLOYMENT Doctoral Researcher

2021 - Present

Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research, Germany

• Research on the assessment and modeling of drought impacts through computational and participatory methods. Supervised by Dr. Mariana M. de Brito and Prof. Christian Kuhlicke.

Thesis working title: Assessing current and future droughts impacts: A mixed-methods approach

• Member of the working group social-science water research

Research Assistant 2018 - 20189

University of Osnabrück, Institute for Environmental System Science, Germany

 Assistance in the DAFNE project, writing and editing of project-related reports and newsletters, overall project organization.

INTERNSHIPS Research Internship

2019 - 2020

Center for research in economics and Statistics (CREST), France

• Contribution to the development of a statistical software for self-organizing maps. Supervised by Etienne Ollion and Julien Boelaert.

TEACHING Teaching Assistant

2019 - 2020

University of Osnabrück, Institute for Environmental System Science, Germany

• Participatory Modelling (winter term 2019), agent-based modelling (winter term 2019), ecological modelling (winter term 2019, 2020)

AWARDS

• Helmholtz Information and Data Science Academy Annual Conference, award for the best scientific telegram

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Boelaert, Julien, Etienne Ollion, Jan Sodoge, Mohamed Megdoud, Otmane Naji, Arnaud Lemba Kote, Theo Renoud, Samuel Hym, and Maintainer Julien Boelaert. "Package 'aweSOM'." (2021).
- Akinsete, Ebun, Phoebe Koundouri, Xanthi Kartala, Nikolaos Englezos, Zeray Yihdego, Julie Gibson, Jonathan Lautze, Caroline van Bers, Geeske Scholz, and Jan Sodoge. Sustainable WEF Nexus Management: A Conceptual Framework to Integrate Models of Social, Economic, Policy and Institutional Developments. No. 2107. Athens University of Economics and Business, 2021.

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1. JSodoge, J., de Brito, M. M., and Kuhlicke, C.: Automatized drought impact detection from newspaper articles using natural language processing and machine learning, EGU General Assembly 2022, Vienna, Austria, 23–27 May 2022.
- Jan Sodoge, Mariana M. de Brito, Christian Kuhlicke (2022): Automatized drought impact detection using natural language processing. World Canals Conference 2022.
- 3. Madruga de Brito, M., Sodoge, J., Kreibich, H., and Kuhlicke, C.: Text-mining of natural hazard impacts (TM-Impacts): an application to the 2021 flood in Germany, EGU General Assembly 2022, Vienna, Austria, 23–27 May 2022.

INVITED TALKS

 Text mining of natural hazard impacts (TM-Impact) - University of Leipzig, Germany - 11.2021

LANGUAGES & German (native speaker)

SOFTWARE

English (fluent)

French (basic)

R (proficient, among others: tidymodels, tidyverse, shiny, targets, sf)

Python (intermediate)

NetLogo (proficient) & Repast Simphony (intermediate)

HTML & CSS & Javascript (learning in progress)
QGIS (basic spatial analysis and map creation)

PROJECTS

Computational Social Journalism

2020 - Present

I co-founded this web-based platform as an outlet to develop a personal vision on journalism. It covers the intersection of data-driven storytelling and computational social science.

Basketball Statistics Consultation

2016 - Present

Development of basketball advanced statistics and analytics solutions for multiple German professional basketball teams. I have worked together with coaches, trying to establish statistical measures and tools that support coaching workflows.