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## Personal information

Name Barbier Jean  [0000-0002-2652-6727](#)  
Birth 23 June 1989, French national  
Main positions Research Scientist (Associate Professor) at [ICTP](#) and Adjunct Professor at [SISSA](#)

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## Education

2012–2015 [Physics Laboratory of ENS](#), Paris FR  
PhD in Theoretical Physics and Signal Processing, supervised by [Pr. F. Krzakala](#)  
Obtained with “Congratulations of the Jury” (top 10%)  
2010–2012 University Paris-Sud, Politecnico di Torino, SISSA and ICTP, IT and FR  
[International MSc in Physics of Complex Systems](#) (double degree)  
Obtained with the highest honours

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## Current and previous positions

fall 2021 Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, Berkeley US  
Invited long-term Scientist, program in [Computational complexity of statistical inference](#)  
2020–present [International School for Advanced Studies](#) (SISSA), Trieste IT  
Adjunct Professor in the Department of Data Science  
2019–present [International Center for Theoretical Physics](#) (ICTP), Trieste IT  
Associate Research Officer  
2018–2019 Physics Laboratory of ENS, Paris FR  
[Laplace Junior Professor in Data Science](#)  
2017–2018 [Probability Group](#), Queen Mary University, London UK  
Permanent Lecturer in Statistical Machine Learning  
2015–2018 [Communication Theory Laboratory](#), Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), Lausanne CH  
Postdoc in the group of [Dr. Nicolas Macris](#)

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## Scientific activity

High-dimensional statistics, probability, random matrix theory • Bayesian inference • information theory • mathematical and statistical physics (spin glasses) • statistical machine learning • probabilistic graphical models, message-passing • signal processing

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## Fellowships and grants

2022–2027 1.3 million euros ERC Starting Grant from the [European Research Council](#) obtained in PE1–Mathematics for the project CHORAL: Computational Hardness Of RepresentAtion Learning  
fall 2021 Long-term visit fellowship from the [Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing](#), Berkeley  
2015 Awarded the chair of [Laplace Junior Professor in Data Science](#), ENS Paris. Funding from “ENS-CFM Research Chair on Models and Science of Data” from Capital Fund Management  
2012 [VINCI PhD fellowship](#) from the University Franco-Italienne (one/year in France): declined  
[Selective PhD fellowship](#) from the French Army Ministry (DGA): accepted

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## Supervision

2019–present ICTP and SISSA, Trieste IT  
4 MSc students, 1 PhD student (T. Hou) and 1 Postdoc (M. Sáenz)

2015–2018 EPFL, Lausanne CH  
2 MSc students (1 leading to [publication](#) with E. Biyik).  
Co-supervision with Dr. N. Macris of 3 PhD students (M. Dia, C-L. Chan and C. Luneau)

### Teaching activities

2020–present SISSA PhD programs in Mathematics, Physics and Data Science, Trieste IT  
Mean-field theory of high-dimensional Bayesian inference (25 hours, online)

2020 [International MSc in Mathematics](#), Lahore PAK  
Machine learning (20 hours, online)

2019–present ICTP, Trieste IT  
Statistical mechanics with python (30 hours) and Machine learning (20 hours)

2012–2013 Universities Paris 5 and 7, FR  
Probability (30 hours) and Classical mechanics (30 hours)

### Organisational activity

2021 Area Chair for the [Neural Information Processing Systems conference](#) (NeurIPS)

2020 and 2021 Main organizer of a recurrent four days online conference  
[Youth in high-dimensions](#): machine learning, statistics and inference for the new generation

2020 and 2021 Princeton US and EPFL, Lausanne CH. Program committee member  
[Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning conference](#) (MSML)

2020 CSRC-ICTP one day online workshop  
[Big data, machine learning and complexity research](#)

2020 Two days online conference  
[Mathematical methods and models in machine learning](#)

2019 [IEEE CAMSAP conference](#), Guadeloupe FR. Special session  
Statistical physics for signal processing and learning

### Reviewing activities

American Math. Society Jrnl. (AMS) - Neural Info. Processing Systems Conf. (NeurIPS) -  
Math. and Scientific Machine Learning Conf. (MSML) - Intl. Conf. on Machine Learning  
(ICML) - Intl. Conf. on Learning Representations (ICLR) - Math. Statistics and Learning -  
IEEE Trans. on Info. Theory - IEEE Intl. Symposium on Info. Theory (ISIT) - IEEE Info.  
Theory Workshop (ITW) - Jrnl. of Phys. A - Jrnl. of Stat. Phys. - Jrnl. of Stat. Mech.

### Major collaborations

N. Macris, F. Krzakala and L. Zdeborová (EPFL) - D. Panchenko (Toronto U) - W.K. Chen  
(Minnesota U) - P. Contucci (Bologna University) - F. Ricci-Tersenghi (Sapienza University)  
- L. Miolane and M. Gabrié (NYU) - C. Rush (Columbia) - G. Reeves (Duke) - M. Mézard  
(ENS) - E. Roldán and A. Ingrosso (ICTP) - S. Goldt (SISSA) - M. Mondelli (IST Austria)