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Selected experience

MIT Senseable City Lab

Dubai, UAE

Visiting Student

September 2024 - February 2025

Conducted research on decarbonisation, on-demand food delivery services, and mobility as part of my master's thesis.

Finnish Geospatial Research Institute (FGI)

Helsinki, FI

Assistant Research Scientist (Trainee)

June 2024 - September 2024

- ♦ Developed the frontend of a prototype (TypeScript, Angular, OpenLayers) of a planning tool for scaling drone operations in Baltic cities (CITYAM project).
- ♦ Built server-side geospatial analysis scripts (Python: GeoPandas, Rasterio, Docker) and integrated them with GeoServer and the frontend.

SPIN Unit Helsinki, FI

Spatial Data Analyst Research Assistant May 2021 - April 2024 March 2019 - May 2021

- ♦ Conducted geospatial data analysis (Python: e.g., PySAL, GeoPandas, igraph; QGIS, GeoDA) and automated workflows (Google Compute Engine).
- Consulted municipal and ministry clients with reports, presentations, and interactive data visualizations (JavaScript: React, Mapbox GL JS, D3; HTML, CSS).

Design Museum & Museum of Finnish Architecture

Helsinki, FI

Civil Service / Sivilipalvelus

September 2022 - August 2023

♦ Integrated data systems for two merging museums, enabling automated KPI reporting using the Microsoft Power Platform (e.g., Power BI, Power Apps).

The University of Chicago, Department of Sociology

Chicago, US

College Research Fellow

January 2018 - May 2021

♦ Analyzed and visualized data (Python: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib) for Professor Marco Garrido's research on the illiberal turn in cities in the Global South.

Community Programs Accelerator

Chicago, US

Data Team, Project Consultant

January 2018 - May 2021

Analyzed and visualized data (Python: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib; Tableau) as part of non-profit consulting engagements, recommending data-driven strategies.

Ernst & Young Manila, PH

Summer Business Analyst

June 2017 - August 2017

♦ Completed the EY Core Consulting program and wrote an R-based implementation of Otsu's method to extract building height information from satellite images.

Education

University of Helsinki & Aalto University

September 2023 - June 2025

Master of Social Sciences, Urban Studies and Planning. GPA 5.0/5.0.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

September 2024 - February 2025

Visiting Student, Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

The University of Chicago

September 2016 - June 2021

Bachelor of Arts, History. Major GPA: 3.97/4.0.

Skills

Skill areas: Data analysis, interactive data visualisation, GIS, research.

Programming languages and technologies: Python (e.g., NumPy, Pandas, GeoPandas, PySAL), R, SQL (PostGIS), JS (e.g., React, D3, Mapbox GL JS), TS (Angular), HTML, CSS, Docker. Software: GeoDA, QGIS, Tableau, Power BI, Rhinoceros3D, Adobe Creative Suite, Figma.