# Konstantinos Voudouris

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### EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral Research Scientist, Helmholtz Munich

Institute for Human-Centered AI (PI: Eric Schulz)

Munich, Germany Jul 2024-Present

Post-doctoral Research Assistant/Associate, University of Cambridge

Major Transitions in the Evolution of Cognition (PIs: M. Halina, A. Barron, C. Klein)

Cambridge, UK Nov 2023-Jul 2024

**COVID-19 Infection Survey Analyst** 

Office for National Statistics

Newport, Wales Jul-Oct 2021

#### EDUCATION

PhD (Psychology, Philosophy of Science, Artificial Intelligence)

Passed with no corrections (Thesis: From Animals to Algorithms).

Visiting Scholar

Psychology Department (Sponsor: Alison Gopnik)

MPhil (Biological Sciences: Psychology)

Passed with minor corrections

MA Cantab. (Theoretical and Applied Linguistics)

Starred Double First, 1st in cohort

University of Cambridge

Oct 2020-Mar 2024

University of California, Berkeley

Jul-Sep 2023

University of Cambridge

Oct 2019-Sep 2020

University of Cambridge

Oct 2016-Jun 2019

# Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications (\*First Author)

Voudouris, K.\* (forthcoming). Analogies And The Associative-Cognitive Distinction In Comparative Psychology. Biology & Philosophy.(Pre-Print)

Voudouris, K.\*, Schulze-Buschoff, L. M.\*, Akata, E., Bethge, M., Tenenbaum, J., & Schulz, E. (2025) Testing the limits of fine-tuning for improving visual cognition in vision language models. 42nd Intl Conference on Machine Learning. (Pre-Print)

Pacchiardi, L., Voudouris, K., Slater, B., Martinez-Plumed, F., Zhou, L., Hernández-Orallo, J., & Schellaert, W. (2025) PredictaBoard: Benchmarking LLM Score Predictability. Findings of the ACL. (Pre-Print)

Voudouris, K.\*, Cheke, L. G., & Schulz, E. Bringing comparative cognition approaches to AI systems. Nature Reviews Psychology.

Voudouris, K.\*, ..., & Cheke, L. G. (2025) The Animal-AI Environment: A Virtual Laboratory For Comparative Cognition and Artificial Intelligence Research. Behavior Research Methods, 57:107.

Kipnis, A., Voudouris, K., Buschoff Schulze, L., & Schulz, E. (2025) metabench-A sparse benchmark for reasoning and knowledge in large language models. 13th Intl Conference on Learning Representations. (ICLR) 2025. (Pre-Print).

Voudouris, K.\*, Farrar, B. G., Cheke, L. G., & Halina, M. (2025) Morgan's Canon and the Associative-Cognitive Distinction Today: A Survey of Practitioners. Journal of Comparative Psychology (Pre-Registration; Pre-Print).

Voudouris, K.\* & Roe, N. (2024) Metatheoretical Linguistics: A Philosopher's Guide. Biolinguistics, 18, 1–15.

Voudouris, K.\*, Liu, J. D., Siwinska, N., Schellaert, W., & Cheke, L. G. (2024). Investigating Object Permanence in Deep Reinforcement Learning Agents. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 46).

Voudouris, K.\*, Cheke, L. G., & Halina, M. (2024). The Future is Computational Comparative Cognition. Comparative Cognition & Behavior Reviews, 19.

Voudouris, K.\*, Donnelly, N., Rutar, D., Burnell, R., Burden, J., Hernández-Orallo, J., & Cheke, L. G. (2022). Evaluating Object Permanence in Embodied Agents Using the Animal-AI Environment. EBeM'22: Workshop on AI Evaluation Beyond Metrics, July 25, 2022, Vienna, Austria.

Voudouris, K.\*, Crosby, M., Beyret, B., Hernández-Orallo, J., Shanahan, M., Halina, M., & Cheke, L. (2022). Direct Human-AI Comparison in the Animal-AI Environment. Frontiers in Psychology 13:711821.

### RESEARCH PROJECT SUPERVISION

#### PhD Student Assistant Supervisor

Helmholtz Munich - 2 students

Psychology & Behavioural Sciences Dissertation Supervisor

Jul 2024—Present Munich, Germany Oct 2021—Jun 2023 Cambridge, UK

Department of Psychology (Statistics, AI Evaluation, Cognitive Modelling) - 4 Students

## Selected Invited Talks, Workshops, & Symposia (†Co-Presented)

What Are AI Capabilities & How Can We Measure Them? Science of Intelligence Seminar, March 20 2025, TÜ Berlin.

Generalization in Fine-Tuned Vision Language Models Kinds of Kinds of Intelligence, January 31 2025, University of Cambridge.

Intuitive Physics in Animals and Machines Intuitive Physics Across Species and Development Workshop, December 17-18 2024, MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.

Measurement Layouts for Capability-oriented AI Evaluation<sup>‡</sup> AAAI-24, February 20 2024, Vancouver, Canada.

Studying Artificial and Natural Intelligence with the Animal-AI Environment ARCANI Workshop, March 28 2024, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

Oops, I Did It Again: A typology of phonological iterativity<sup>†</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference March 20 2021.

## Workshops, Tutorials, & Symposia

Co-organiser and co-presenter of the *Measurement Layouts for Capability-oriented AI Evaluation* Lab at AAAI-24 (Vancouver, Feb 2024).

Co-organiser of the *Predictable AI* Conference in Valencia, Spain (8th March 2023).

### RESEARCH GRANTS

Voudouris, K.. Graham, C. R. Scimeca, L, Roll, N. Methods for evaluating short-cut learning in transformer-based ASR systems and its implications. (£3,120). Cambridge Language Sciences Incubator Fund 2021.

Voudouris, K.. Graham, C. R., and Shinohara, Y. AccentBench: A Framework for evaluating ASR generalisation from native to non-native speech. (£2,960). Cambridge Language Sciences Incubator Fund 2022.

#### Teaching

Cambridge University Undergraduate Supervision: Cognitive Neuroscience & Experimental Psychology (Part IB, second-year; 2022-2023), Philosophy of Cognitive Science (Part II, third-year; 2022-2023), Comparative Cognition (Part II, third-year; 2022-2023), Phonological Theory (Part II, second- and third-year; 2020-2022). Introduction to Linguistics (2020, 2021; Syllabus).

#### Media & Professional Services

Interview with Greg Goth for Communications of the ACM (Sept 2022) Is AI Becoming Sentient? Podcast with Kyle Polich for DataSkeptic (May 2024) Evaluating AI Abilities. CFI Blog (June 2024) Cognitive Psychology for AI Evaluation. Reviewer for Synthese, Linguistics Vanguard, ICLR 2025, British Journal of Philosophy of Science, CogSci 2025, CCN 2025, AI & Society.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, Julia, R, PowerShell, SQL, LATEX.

Libraries and Frameworks: git, Docker, Lux.jl, MySQL, SLURM, tidyverse, torch, transformers, trl, unsloth.

Natural Languages: English (native), Greek (C1), French (B2), German (B1), Turkish (A2), Mandarin Chinese (A2).

#### References

Eric Schulz Postdoc Advisor (eric.schulz@helmholtz-munich.de)

Lucy Cheke PhD Supervisor (lgc23@cam.ac.uk)

Marta Halina PhD Supervisor (mh801@cam.ac.uk)

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Nicola Clayton PhD Examiner (nsc22@cam.ac.uk)

Cameron Buckner PhD Examiner (cjbuckner@uh.edu)