LUCA GANASSALI

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Assistant professor (Maître de conférences) in Statistics, Université Paris-Saclay

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Assistant professor (Maître de conférences) in Statistics — Jan. 2024 -
Université Paris-Saclay, Laboratoire de Mathématiques d'Orsay — *Orsay, France*

Postdoctoral Researcher — Oct. 2022 - Nov. 2023
EPFL — *Lausanne, Switzerland*

Chair of Business Analytics (BAN), led by Pr. Negar Kiyavash

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Machine Learning and Statistics — Oct. 2019 - Sept. 2022
Inria, DI/ENS, PSL Research University — *Paris, France*

The graph alignment problem: fundamental limits and efficient algorithms. Advisors: Pr. Laurent Massoulié, Pr. Marc Lelarge. Funded by Prairie Institute.

MsC (Master 2) Probability and Statistics — 2018-2019
Université Paris-Sud — *Orsay, France*

Inference on graphs, random walks and graphs, stochastic calculus and brownian motion, concentration of measure. Mention 'Très Bien' (summa cum laude).

École Polytechnique — 2015-2019
Engineer degree — *Palaiseau, France*

Applied mathematics (probability, statistics), computer science, physics, economics. Overall GPA: 3.92/4.

TEACHING

Courses at Univ. Paris-Saclay — 2024-
Univ. Paris-Saclay — *Orsay, France*

· 2025-2026 (150h) – ENSTA/M1MA : Statistiques (cours et TD). M1 Maths&IA : Modélisation statistique, première partie (cours et TD). L3 Magistère : Théorie de la mesure (TD), M1 Mathématiques fondamentales : Statistiques (cours et TD).
· 2024-2025 (150h) – M1 Maths&IA : Modélisation statistique, première partie (cours et TD). L3 Magistère : Théorie de la mesure (TD), M1 Mathématiques fondamentales : Statistiques (cours et TD).
· 2023-2024 (équiv. 150h) – L3 Magistère : Théorie de la mesure (TD), M1 Mathématiques fondamentales : Statistiques (TD).

Lecturer, Data driven business analytics — Spring 2023
EPFL — *Lausanne, Switzerland*

Bachelor 3rd year.

TA, Statistics and Probability — 2021-2022
Université de Paris — *Paris, France*

· Spring 2022, Spring 2021: *Statistics (MA1BY020)*, master's degree (1st year).
· Fall 2021: *Probability (MT15Y030)*, bachelor's degree (3rd year).
· Spring 2021: *Statistics and numerical simulations (MA16Y020)*, bachelor's degree (3rd year).

Tutoring, Ecole Polytechnique 2020
École Polytechnique *Palaiseau, France*

Tutoring for the probability course (MAP361) at Ecole Polytechnique.

PUBLICATIONS (JOURNALS, CONFERENCES)

[C6]   M. Even, L. Ganassali, J. Maier, L. Massoulié. Aligning Embeddings and Geometric Random Graphs: Informational Results and Computational Approaches for the Procrustes-Wasserstein Problem, 2024, *NeurIPS 2024.* [paper]

[C5]   F. Jamshidi, L. Ganassali, N. Kiyavash. On sample complexity of conditional independence testing with Von Mises estimator with application to causal discovery, 2023, *ICML 2024.* [paper]

[J3]   L. Ganassali, L. Massoulié, G. Semerjian. Statistical limits of correlation detection in trees, 2022, *Advances in Applied probability.* [paper]

[J2]   L. Ganassali, M. Lelarge, L. Massoulié. Correlation detection in trees for partial graph alignment, 2021, *full paper, improved version of* [C4]*, in Advances in Applied Probability.* [paper]

[C4]   L. Ganassali, M. Lelarge, L. Massoulié. Correlation detection in trees for planted graph alignment, 2021, *extended abstract at Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS 2022).* [extended abstract]

[C3]   L. Ganassali, M. Lelarge, L. Massoulié. Impossibility of Partial Recovery in the Graph Alignment Problem, 2021, in *Proceedings of Thirty Fourth Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2021).* [paper]

[C2]   L. Ganassali. Sharp threshold for alignment of graph databases with Gaussian weights, 2020, *Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning (MSML21).* [paper]

[C1]   L. Ganassali, L. Massoulié. From tree matching to sparse graph alignment, 2020, in *Proceedings of Thirty Third Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2020).* [paper]

[J1]   L. Ganassali, M. Lelarge, L. Massoulié. Spectral alignment of correlated Gaussian random matrices, 2019, in *Advances in Applied Probability.* [paper]

WORKSHOP PAPERS, PREPRINTS

[P3]   Learning causal graphs via monotone triangular transport maps, 2023, *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on Optimal Transport and Machine Learning.* [preprint]

[P2]   E. Daoud, L. Ganassali, M. Lelarge, F. Reyal. SiMCa: Sinkhorn Matrix Factorization with Capacity Constraints, 2021, *preprint.* [preprint]

[P1]   M. Akian, L. Ganassali, S. Gaubert, L. Massoulié. Probabilistic and mean-field model of COVID-19 epidemics with user mobility and contact tracing, 2020, *preprint.* [preprint]

PHD MANUSCRIPT

L. Ganassali. The graph alignment problem: fundamental limits and efficient algorithms, *PhD dissertation*, 2022. [pdf]

TALKS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

International conferences

– Dec. 15-18, 2025. *IMS International Conference on Statistics and Data Science (ICSDS)*, Sevilla. (talk).

– June 28-30, 2023. *21st INFORMS Applied Probability Society Conference*, Nancy. (talk).

– Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2022. *Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS)*, Berkeley (talk).

– Sept. 6 – 10, 2021: *Junior conference "Random networks and interacting particle systems"*, virtual (talk).

– Aug. 16 – 19, 2021: *Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning (MSML)*, EPFL (talk).

– Aug. 15 – 19, 2021: *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, virtual (talk + poster).

– July 9 – 12, 2020: *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, virtual (talk).

Workshop, national conferences

– June 2-6, 2025 *Journées de Statistique*, Marseille. (talk).

– Jan. 27-Feb. 7, 2025 *Workshop – Towards a Theory for Typical-Case Algorithmic Hardness*, Les Houches. (talk).

– Mar. 19th, 2025. *PEPR IA Days.* (poster).

– Apr. 3rd, 2024. *9th Statistics & Computer Science Day for Data Science in Paris-Saclay, IHES.* (talk).

– Feb. 20th, 2024. *3rd ASCAI Workshop*, Postdam. (talk).

– Mar. 27-31, 2023. *Young European Probabilists (YEP) workshop*, Eindhoven. (talk).

– May 23-27, 2022. *Theoretical Computer Science Spring School: Machine Learning*, CIRM, Marseille (poster).

– Nov. 10, 2021: *Prairie Workshop*, Paris (poster).

– Oct. 25 – 29, 2021: *Colloquium "Jeunes Probabilistes et Statisticiens"*, St-Pierre d'Oléron (talk).

– Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2021: *Workshop "On Future Synergies for Stochastic and Learning Algorithms"*, Marseille (poster).

Seminars

– Oct. 9th, 2025. *SML-MTP: Machine Learning in Montpellier*, Inria Montpellier. (talk).

– Apr. 14th, 2025. *Séminaire parisien de Statistique*, Paris. (talk).

– Feb. 28th, 2024. *Séminaire de Modélisation Stochastique, LPSM*, Paris. (talk).

– Feb. 20th, 2024. *3rd ASCAI Workshop*, Postdam. (talk).

– Jan. 12, 2023. *Séminaire de Probabilités/Statistiques*, Institut de mathématique d'Orsay, Orsay. (talk).

– Nov. 15, 2022. *Séminaire de Probabilités*, Centre de Mathématiques et Informatique, Université d'Aix-Marseille, Marseille. (talk).

– Mar. 17, 2022. *CDM Seminar*, EPFL (talk).

– Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2022. *DACO Seminar*, ETH Zürich (talk).

– Dec. 9, 2021. *Stochastics Seminar*, Georgia Tech (talk).

– June 25, 2020: *Dyogene team seminar*, Inria, Paris (talk).

– Oct. 23, 2019: *Networking days*, Orsay (talk).

SERVICE

Co-organized events

October 20-24, 2025: Winter School on Causality and Explainable AI, SCAI, Jussieu, Paris

August 25-26, 2025: Annual workshop : Causal Modelling and Inference, Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France

Research seminars

2020-2022: Organizer of the Argo seminar at Inria.

2022-2023: Co-organizer of the team seminar in BAN chair.

2024-2025: Co-organizer of the SuperGrandMa seminar at Orsay.

2024-...: Organizer of the *Séminaire de culture mathématique* for 3rd year Bachelor students at Orsay.

Reviewing

Conferences: COLT, AISTATS, ICML, Neurips, ISIT, UAI, MSML.

Journals: Journal of Machine Learning Research, Annals of Statistics, Annals of Probability, Annals of Applied Probability, IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, Foundations of Computational Mathematics, IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory.

AWARDS

Prix de la chaire Modélisation et Biodiversité, 2018: Research Internship award from the chair 'Mathematical modelling and Biodiversity' (Ecole Polytechnique).

LANGUAGES

French (native), **English** (fluent, TOEIC : 990/990), **Italian** (fluent).