

# MIGUEL PEREIRA TORRES COSTA

Risk Analyst at BlackRock's Financial Modelling Group

## ABOUT

**Nationality:** Portuguese  
**Date of Birth:** 25 July 1995

## BOOKS OF INTEREST

**Antifragile**  
Nassim Nicholas Taleb

**Predictably Irrational**  
Dan Ariely

**The Selfish Gene**  
Richard Dawkins

**Long Walk to Freedom**  
Nelson Mandela

**How to Measure Anything**  
Douglas W. Hubbard

**The Price of Inequality**  
Joseph E. Stiglitz

## LANGUAGES

**Portuguese** - Native  
**English** - Bilingual Proficiency

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## ONLINE PRESENCE

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## MISCELLANEOUS

I enjoy any outdoor activities, be it Football, Basketball, Handball, Volleyball, Punting, Croquet, Pool, Bowling, Hiking and many others.



## ACADEMIA (classes taken and respective results available on request)

### MMath in Mathematics at Oxford University

Part A & B: **First Class Honours**  
Part C: **Upper Second Class**

( 5 years ) Oct 2013 – Jun 2018

### High School - Grande Colégio Universal

Final grade: **19.2 / 20**

( 8 years ) Oct 2005 – Jun 2013

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (references available on request)

### Risk Analyst at Blackrock's Financial Modelling Group ( portfolio analytics )

**Manager:** Dr Egon Kalotay

- Responsible for researching and developing cutting edge models and algorithms for portfolio management.
- Performed quality control of our model outputs on live data.
- Coordinated the bridge between research interests and business needs.

Sept 2018 - Present

### Teacher at CamExpress Summer Programme in Shanghai, China

**Manager:** 飞花若梦 ( English name: Evelyn )

- Was responsible for developing lesson plans for classes ranging between 8 and 41 students.
- Developed assessment materials and guided students through their application to University.
- Was awarded monetary prizes based on the quality of teaching and for contributing new teaching materials to CamExpress.

( 2 months ) Jul 2018 - Aug 2018

### Tutor – High School Mathematics (1 on 1 tutorials with 3 students)

- Quickly assessed a student's knowledge and context in order to efficiently teach and share viewpoints.

( 6 months ) Jul 2017 - Dec 2017

### Data Scientist at Farfetch ( E-commerce platform )

**Supervisor:** Dr Ricardo Sousa

- The team's goal was to continuously improve the product ranking algorithms.
- Shared responsibilities and coordinated tasks with coworkers.

( 6 months ) Jul 2017 - Dec 2017

### Researcher computing the Average Rank of Elliptic Curves at Oxford University (Summer Project with 15 students)

**Supervisor:** Dr Jennifer Balakrishnan

- Following a 1 week crash course in Elliptic Curves, we adapted algorithms designed by William A. Stein in order to populate Elliptic Curves' databases.

( 5 weeks ) Jun 2016 - Jul 2016

### Data Scientist Summer Intern at Farfetch ( E-commerce platform )

**Supervisor:** Dr João Gomes

- Self-taught Machine Learning, Python, SQL and R basics in the first 3 weeks.
- Developed an internal Fraud Detection algorithm.
- Co authored a paper detailing the results with Nuno Carneiro, available on request.

( 7 weeks ) Jul 2015 - Aug 2015

## EXTRACURRICULAR

### Croupier for Oxford RAG Casino ( Charity Fundraiser )

- Required me to do fast mental calculations and concentrate for long periods of time.
- Handled complaints and difficult situations, while remaining polite, tactful and friendly.

( 2 years ) 2014 - 2016

### Delfos Project (Mathematical Weekend School for pre-University students)

- Met many friends with whom I still share insights and interesting problems.
- Participated in 8 Math Olympiads, both Nationally and Internationally.
- Got 3 Bronze Medals, 3 Silver Medals and 2 Gold Medals.

( 3 years ) 2010 - 2013