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Curriculum Vitae

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in geometric structures on manifolds, discrete subgroups of Lie groups and geometric group theory.

My current research focuses on convex projective structures, Hilbert geometries and various weak hyperbolicity phenomena in such geometric structures. I am also interested in Anosov representations and their generalizations.

# EDUCATION

Heidelberg University

Research Center Geometry and Dynamics

Mentor: Beatrice Pozzetti

Postdoctoral Researcher (2021- Present)

Ph.D. (2016- 2021)

University of Michigan

Dissertation: Rank one phenomena in convex projective geometry

Advisor: Ralf Spatzier

**Indian Statistical Institute** 

Thesis: Non-commutative Geometry of Baumslag-Solitar group BS(1,-1)

M. Math (2014-2016) P.C.Panser Gold Medal

Jadavpur University

Mathematics (Honours)

B. Sc. (2011-2014) University Gold Medal

## Publications and Preprints

 $1. \ \ Convex \ co-compact \ groups \ with \ one \ dimensional \ boundary \ faces \\ \ Joint \ with \ Andrew \ Zimmer.$ 

Submitted. Available at: arxiv:2104.05056

2. Convex co-compact representations of 3-manifold groups Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Submitted. 40 pages. Available at: arXiv:2009.05191

3. Rank-one Hilbert geometries.

Submitted. 34 pages. Available at: arXiv:1912.13013.

4. Convex co-compact actions of relatively hyperbolic groups. Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Geometry & Topology (accepted). 68 pages. Available at: arXiv:1910.08885

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 $5. \ \ A \ flat \ torus \ theorem \ for \ convex \ co-compact \ actions \ of \ projective \ linear \ groups.$  Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Journal of the London Mathematical Society (accepted). 20 pages. Available at: arXiv:1907.03277

# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan	2020-2021
Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan	2020
Mathematics Department Fellowship, University of Michigan	2019
Mathematics Department Fellowship, University of Michigan	2018
Alice Weber Glover in Math Scholarship, University of Michigan	2017 2017
P. C. Panser Gold Medal, Indian Statistical Institute, India	2010-2016
Kishore Vaigynaik Protsahan Yojana, Govt. of India Masters' scholarship, National Board of Higher Mathematics, India	2010-2010
University Gold Medal. Jadavpur University, India	2014
Omversity Gota Medai, Jadavpur Omversity, India	2014

# INVITED TALKS

Colloquium, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India	December 2021
Young Researcher's Meeting of the GDR Platon, CIRM - Marseille	November 2021
Topology and Geometric Group Theory Seminar, Ohio State University	November 2021
Arbeitsgemeinschaft: Thin Groups and Super-strong Approximation, Oberwolfach	October 2021
Geometry Seminar, University of Virginia	March 2021
Geometry Seminar, Indiana University Bloomington	December 2020
McGill Geometric Group Theory Seminar, McGill University	November 2020
MSRI, Random and Arithmetic Structures in Topology (virtual semester)	November 2020
Nearly Carbon Neutral Geometric Topology Conference (NCNGT)	June 2020
Geometry and Topology Seminar, Louisiana State University (cancelled)	March $2020$
Topology Seminar, University of Texas, Austin	November 2019
Indian Statistical institute, Kolkata, India	January 2019
Indian Statistical institute, Kolkata, India	July 2017

# EXPOSITORY TALKS

Learning seminars, University of Michigan	
Introductory talk	February 2019
Geodesic flow is Anosov	February 2019
Student seminars, University of Michigan	
Rank rigidity phenomena in geometry	January 2020
Random walks on word hyperbolic groups	November 2019
Quasimophisms - Cohomological characterization of symmetric spaces	December 2018
Horocycle flow on hyperbolic surfaces	March 2018
Volume entropy	April 2017

## Teaching

I have taught 6 semesters at the **University of Michigan** as the **primary instructor**, following Inquiry Based Learning (IBL) philosophy.

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Math 115 Differential Calculus (5 semesters): Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Winter 2018, Fall 2017, Winter 2017. Math 105 Pre-calculus (1 semester): Fall 2016.

#### Mentoring

Laboratory of Geometry - LoG(M), University of Michigan (January-April 2020)

Project: Entropy degeneration of ideal projective pants

Role: Co-mentored a group of three undergraduate students, alongside two faculty mentors Harrison Bray and Giuseppe Martone. Helped run lectures and discussion sessions. Contributed in the discussion sessions on the computational/coding component of the project.

### OUTREACH

Organizer: **Department of Applied Mathematics**, **University of Calcutta**, **India** (December 2021) Title of the talk: *Hyperbolic Geometry and Beyond - An Algebraic and Dynamical Perspective* 

Acted as a resource person and gave a talk at a webinar organized by University of Calcutta on December 2021. The webinar was targeted towards young students with a goal towards motivating them for mathematics and research.

#### SERVICE

## Heidelberg University

Differential Geometry seminar (co-organizer)

October 2021 - Present

## University of Michigan

Learning seminar ("Super-rigidity of higher rank lattices")	February - June 2020
Learning seminar ("Benoist's work on convex divisible sets")	February - April 2019
Student Geometry/ Topology seminar (co-organizer)	January 2019 - April 2020
Student Dynamics seminar (co-organizer)	January 2019 - April 2020

### Workshops and Conferences

Young researchers meeting of the GDR Platon	November 2021
Arbeitsgemeinschaft: Thin Groups and Super-approximation	October 2021
Random and Arithmetic Structures in Topology (Virtual Semester), MSRI	Fall 2020
Geometric group theory without boundaries (virtual)	July 2020
Nearly Carbon Neutral Geometric Topology Conference 2020, Virtual Conference	June 2020
Midwest Dynamical Systems 2019, University of Illinois at Chicago	November 2019
Aspects of geometric group theory, Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques (IHES), Paris, France	July 2019
Perspectives on convex projective geometry, Séte, France	June 2019
$\label{thm:continuous} Probabilistic\ methods\ in\ negative\ curvature,\ International\ Center\ for\ Theoretical\ Sciences,\ Bengaluru,\ India$	March 2019
Thematic program on Teichmüller theory and its connections to geometry, topology and dynamics, Toronto, Canada	August 2018
Workshop on groups, geometry and dynamics, Uruguay.	July 2018
New methods for Zimmer's conjecture, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IPAM), Univ. of California, Los Angeles.	January 2018
Third GEAR Networks (Junior) Retreat. Stanford University.	August 2017
Houston summer school on dynamical systems, University of Houston.	May 2017

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