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EDUCATION

Doctorate in Mathematics

University of Cologne
Started at University of Leicester
Supervisor: Sibylle Schroll
Summa cum laude

September 2018 – April 2022

April 2021 – April 2022

September 2018 – April 2021

Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Economics

Birkbeck, University of London
Distinction

October 2017 – June 2018

MMathPhil in Mathematics & Philosophy

Worcester College, Oxford
Double First Class Honours

October 2012 – June 2016

EMPLOYMENT

Research Associate

University of Cambridge
With Ailsa Keating

October 2024 – September 2026

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Lancaster University
With David Pauksztello

September 2022 – September 2024

JSPS Short Term Postdoctoral Research Fellow

University of Tokyo
With Osamu Iyama

May 2022 – August 2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant

King's College London

September 2021 – December 2021

Guest Teacher

London School of Economics

September 2021 – December 2021

Feedback Session Leader

University of Leicester

January 2019 – December 2020

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

9. The two higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are equal *To appear*
Journal of the European Mathematical Society
8. Steenrod operations via higher Bruhat orders *2025*
With Guillaume Laplante-Anfossi
Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, Volume 130, no. 2, e70024
7. A survey of congruences and quotients of partially ordered sets *2024*
EMS Surveys in Mathematical Sciences, Volume 11, no. 1, pp. 153–203
6. Triangulations of prisms and preprojective algebras of type A *2024*
With Osamu Iyama
International Mathematics Research Notices, rnae059

5. Stability spaces of string and band modules 2024
 With Sibylle Schroll, Aran Tattar, Hipolito Treffinger, and Yadira Valdivieso
Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra, Volume 228, no. 4, 107503
4. Quiver combinatorics and triangulations of cyclic polytopes 2023
Algebraic Combinatorics, Volume 6, no. 3, pp. 639–60
3. The first higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are quotients of the higher Bruhat orders 2023
Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, Volume 30, no. 1, P1.29
2. New interpretations of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders 2022
Advances in Mathematics, Volume 407, 108552
1. The combinatorics of tensor products of higher Auslander algebras of type A 2021
 With Jordan McMahon
Glasgow Mathematical Journal, 63(3), pp. 526–546

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

4. From higher Bruhat orders to Steenrod cup- i coproducts 2024
 With Guillaume Laplante-Anfossi
Proceedings of the 36th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire 91B, Art. 10
3. The higher Stasheff–Tamari orders in representation theory 2023
Representations of Algebras and Related Structures
2. Studying triangulations of even-dimensional cyclic polytopes via directed graphs 2023
Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire 89B, Art. 4
1. The first higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are quotients of the higher Bruhat orders 2021
Proceedings of the 33rd International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire 85B, Art. 6

OTHER CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2. Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence 2024
Cluster Algebras and Its Applications
Oberwolfach Reports, No. 2/2024
1. Triangulations of cyclic polytopes and the higher Auslander algebras of type A 2022
Various issues on representation theory and related topics
RIMS Kōkyūroku, No. 2234

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2. Microthesis: Triangulations of cyclic polytopes in representation theory 2022
London Mathematical Society Newsletter, No. 501, 33-34
1. Higher-dimensional combinatorics in representation theory 2022
 Doctoral thesis, University of Cologne

PREPRINTS

3. Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence 2024
 With Omar Kidwai
 arXiv:2401.10093
2. A geometric perspective on the τ -cluster morphism category 2023
 With Sibylle Schroll, Aran Tattar, and Hipolito Treffinger
 arXiv:2302.12217

1. A structural view of maximal green sequences 2023
 With Mikhail Gorsky
 arXiv:2301.08681

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Gibbs prize for Mathematics & Philosophy** 2016
 University of Oxford
 For top performance in Mathematics papers
- Gibbs prize for Mathematics & Philosophy** 2015
 University of Oxford
 For top performance in Mathematics papers
- Academic scholarship** 2013
 Worcester College, Oxford

INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS (IN PERSON)

- Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence** May 2024
Algebraic Geometry Days in Glasgow
 University of Glasgow
- Triangulations of cyclic polytopes through the lens of reconfiguration** August 2023
Minisymposium on Combinatorial Reconfiguration
International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics
 Waseda University, Tokyo
- A structural view of maximal green sequences** June 2023
Cluster structures in the North
 University of Central Lancashire
- A structural approach to maximal green sequences** September 2022
Silting theory, algebras and representations
 Charles University, Prague

INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS (VIRTUAL)

- An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders** November 2020
International Conference on Representations of Algebras
 Selected to give talk by scientific committee based on research snapshot

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALKS (IN PERSON)

- Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence** August 2024
International Conference on Representations of Algebras
 Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence** February 2024
Clusters and their Applications in the North
 University of Glasgow
- Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence** January 2024
Cluster Algebras and Its Applications
 Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach
- Triangulations of prisms and preprojective algebras of type A** July 2023
Combinatorial representation theory in Leeds
 University of Leeds

A structural view of maximal green sequences <i>Maurice Auslander Distinguished Lectures and International Conference</i> Woods Hole, Massachusetts	<i>April 2023</i>
Cyclic polytopes and representation theory <i>Representation theory of algebras session</i> Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting, Toronto	<i>December 2022</i>
Algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders <i>Various issues on representation theory and related topics</i> Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Kyoto University	<i>July 2022</i>
Higher analogues of Grassmannian clusters <i>Maurice Auslander Distinguished Lectures and International Conference</i> Woods Hole, Massachusetts	<i>April 2019</i>
Higher analogues of Grassmannian clusters <i>New Connections and Directions in Representation Theory</i> University of Leeds	<i>April 2019</i>
Higher analogues of Grassmannian clusters <i>Tropical Geometry meets Representation Theory</i> University of Leicester	<i>April 2019</i>

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALKS (VIRTUAL)

The first higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are quotients of the higher Bruhat orders <i>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</i> Bar-Ilan University	<i>January 2022</i>
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SEMINAR TALKS (IN PERSON)

Steenrod operations via higher Bruhat orders Algebra, Number Theory, Logic and Representation theory seminar University of East Anglia	<i>December 2024</i>
Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence Algebraic Geometry Seminar University of Cambridge	<i>October 2024</i>
Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence Geometric, Algebraic, and Physical structures around the moduli of Meromorphic Quadratic Differentials Simons Center for Geometry and Physics Stony Brook University	<i>June 2024</i>
Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence Leeds Algebra Seminar University of Leeds	<i>April 2024</i>
Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence Algebra and Number Theory Seminar University of Vienna	<i>April 2024</i>
Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence Paris Algebra Seminar Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu-Paris Rive Gauche	<i>March 2024</i>

- Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence** *October 2023*
 Sheffield Geometry and Physics seminar
 University of Sheffield
- Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence** *October 2023*
 EGRET seminar
 University of Edinburgh
- Donaldson–Thomas theory of quivers with potential** *September 2023*
 Exact Asymptotics Theoretical Sciences Visiting Program
 Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology
- Higher-dimensional cluster combinatorics and representation theory** *August 2023*
 OIST Representation Theory Seminar
 Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology
- Combinatorics of KP solitons** *August 2023*
 Exact Asymptotics Theoretical Sciences Visiting Program
 Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology
- A structural view of maximal green sequences** *February 2023*
 Algebra Group Seminar
 University of Cologne
- The higher Stasheff–Tamari orders on triangulations of cyclic polytopes** *November 2022*
 Séminaire du LaCIM
 Université du Québec à Montréal
- Cyclic polytopes and representation theory** *November 2022*
 Geometry and Mathematical Physics Seminar
 University of Birmingham
- Cyclic polytopes and representation theory** *October 2022*
 Pure Mathematics Seminar
 Lancaster University
- Mutation in higher cluster categories** *October 2022*
 Seminar@Aarhus
 Aarhus University
- Equivalence of maximal green sequences** *April 2022*
 Working Seminar in Algebra and Geometry
 University of Cologne
- Equivalence of maximal green sequences** *February 2022*
 Paris Algebra Seminar
 Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu-Paris Rive Gauche
- An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders** *November 2019*
 Pure Mathematics Seminar
 University of East Anglia
- Higher analogues of Grassmannian clusters** *April 2019*
 Algebra and Number Theory Seminar
 University of Graz

SEMINAR TALKS (VIRTUAL)

- Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the barbell quiver with potential** *June 2024*
Cologne algebra seminar
University of Cologne
- Mutating cluster-tilting objects in $(d+2)$ -angulated cluster categories** *June 2022*
FD seminar
- An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders** *January 2022*
Aachen–Bochum–Cologne Darstellungstheorie Seminar
RWTH Aachen University, Ruhr-University Bochum, and University of Cologne
- Cyclic polytopes and higher Auslander–Reiten theory** *December 2021*
Tokyo–Nagoya algebra seminar
University of Tokyo and Nagoya University
- The two higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are equal** *May 2021*
Working seminar in algebra and geometry
University of Cologne
- The higher Stasheff–Tamari orders in representation theory** *April 2021*
Paris algebra seminar
Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu-Paris Rive Gauche
- New interpretations of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders** *March 2021*
Diskrete Mathematik / Geometrie Forschungsseminar
TU Berlin

LECTURE SERIES (IN PERSON)

- Introduction to Donaldson–Thomas theory for quivers with potential** *October 2023 – February 2024*
Lancaster University
12 lectures

LECTURE SERIES (VIRTUAL)

- Cyclic polytopes and higher Auslander–Reiten theory** *June – July 2022*
Tokyo–Nagoya algebra seminar
University of Tokyo and Nagoya University
3 lectures

POSTERS

- From higher Bruhat orders to Steenrod cup- i coproducts** *July 2024*
Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- Studying triangulations of even-dimensional cyclic polytopes via directed graphs** *July 2023*
Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics
University of California, Davis
- An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders** *June 2021*
Young Researchers in Mathematics
Online
Winner of 1st prize in poster competition

An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders*May 2021**Advances in Representation Theory of Algebras*

Online

New interpretations of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders*January 2021**Combinatorial algebra meets algebraic combinatorics*

Université du Québec à Montréal

Online

An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders*November 2020**International Conference on Representations of Algebras*

“Research snapshot”

Online

New interpretations of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders*September 2020**Virtual Heidelberg Laureate Forum*

Online

Representation theory and Grassmannians*March 2019**STEM for Britain*

Poster competition at UK Parliament

GRANTS AND AWARDS

London Mathematical Society Scheme 1

October 2023

Conference grants

Silting, simple-minded, and stability

Co-organised with Raquel Coelho Simões and David Pauksztello

GBP 4,000

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

December 2021

Short Term Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

JPY 5,384,000

12 months awarded but 3 months taken

London Mathematical Society Scheme 8

April 2020

Postgraduate research conference grants

Categorifications in Representation Theory

Co-organised with Aran Tattar

GBP 2,500

ORGANISATION

*Simple-mindedness, silting, and stability**July 2024*

Co-organising with Raquel Coelho Simões and David Pauksztello

Ambleside Campus, University of Cumbria

*Köln Algebra and Representation Theory seminar**April 2021 – May 2022*

Co-organised with Daniel Schaefer

University of Cologne

Online

*Categorifications in Representation Theory**September 2020*

Co-organised with Aran Tattar

Online

*Mathematics PhD seminar**September 2019 – August 2020*

University of Leicester

RESEARCH STAYS

Simons Center for Geometry and Physics Stony Brook University <i>Geometric, Algebraic, and Physical structures around the moduli of Meromorphic Quadratic Differentials</i> Invited participant 2 weeks	June 2024
University of Copenhagen Visiting: Guillaume Laplante-Anfossi Host: Nathalie Wahl 1 week	January 2024
Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology <i>Exact Asymptotics: From Fluid Dynamics to Quantum Geometry</i> Theoretical Sciences Visiting Program Invited participant 2 months	August – October 2023
Université du Québec à Montréal Visiting: Hugh Thomas 2 weeks	November 2022
University of Aarhus Visiting: Raphael Bennett-Tennenhaus and Amit Shah 1 week	October 2022
University of Cologne Visiting: Sibylle Schroll and Aran Tattar 1 week	April 2021
Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences University of Cambridge <i>Cluster algebras and representation theory</i> Invited participant 1 week	December 2021
University of Graz Visiting: Jordan McMahon Host: Karin Baur 1 week	April 2019

REFEREEING

Algebraic Geometry and Physics, Annals of Representation Theory, Communications in Algebra, Discrete Mathematics (x2), Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, Electronic Research Archive, Journal of Algebra, Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics

JSPS Short Term Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowships

REVIEWING

AMS MathSciNet
10 reviews written

October 2022 – present

zbMATH
14 reviews written

September 2020 – present

TEACHING

Part IB Groups, Rings, and Modules
Lecture cover: 1 lecture
University of Cambridge

February 2025

Part II Algebraic Geometry
Supervisor
University of Cambridge

January 2025 – March 2025

Real analysis
Class teacher (online)
King's College London

September 2021 – December 2021

MA107: Quantitative methods
Class teacher
London School of Economics

September 2021 – December 2021

Calculus & analysis
Class teacher (online)
University of Leicester

October 2020 – December 2020

Second-year algebra
Class teacher
University of Leicester

January 2020 – April 2020

Calculus & analysis
Class teacher
University of Leicester

October 2019 – April 2020

Elements of number theory
Class teacher
University of Leicester

October 2019 – December 2019

Calculus & analysis
Class teacher
University of Leicester

January 2019 – March 2019

COMMITTEE ROLES

Mathematics & Philosophy Representative
Joint Consultative Committee with Undergraduates
University of Oxford

2015 – 2016

Undergraduate Representative
Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy
University of Oxford

2015 – 2016

Undergraduate Representative
Mathematics Department Art Committee
University of Oxford

2015 – 2016

OUTREACH

University of Leicester Representative
Research in the UK afternoon
University of Cambridge

November 2018, 2019, 2020

Student Helper
Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences

March 2013, 2014, 2015

MEMBERSHIPS

London Mathematical Society
Associate member
3 reports on conferences written for the LMS newsletter

June 2019 – present

Trinity College Postdoctoral Society

January 2025 – present

OTHER

Programming Python, Sage, Maple, node.js, Haskell
 Git
 \LaTeX

Languages

	(CEFR levels)
English	Native
French	B1
German	B1
Japanese	B1