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## EDUCATION

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### Doctorate in Mathematics

University of Cologne

Started at University of Leicester

Supervisor: Sibylle Schroll

*Summa cum laude*

*September 2018 – May 2022*

*April 2021 – May 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

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### Postdoctoral Research Associate

Lancaster University

With David Pauksztello

*September 2022 – March 2025*

### 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

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|---|------------------|
| 8. Triangulations of prisms and preprojective algebras of type $A$<br>With Osamu Iyama<br><i>International Mathematics Research Notices</i>   | <i>To appear</i> |
| 7. A survey of congruences and quotients of partially ordered sets<br><i>EMS Surveys in Mathematical Sciences</i>   | <i>To appear</i> |
| 6. The two higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are equal<br><i>Journal of the European Mathematical Society</i>   | <i>To appear</i> |
| 5. Stability spaces of string and band modules<br>With Sibylle Schroll, Aran Tattar, Hipolito Treffinger, and Yadira Valdivieso<br><i>Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra</i> , Volume 228, no. 4, 107503 | <i>2024</i>      |
| 4. Quiver combinatorics and triangulations of cyclic polytopes<br><i>Algebraic Combinatorics</i> , Volume 6, no. 3, pp. 639–60  | <i>2023</i>      |
| 3. The first higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are quotients of the higher Bruhat orders<br><i>Electronic Journal of Combinatorics</i> , Volume 30, no. 1, P1.29  | <i>2023</i>      |

2. New interpretations of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders  
*Advances in Mathematics*, Volume 407, 108552

2022
1. The combinatorics of tensor products of higher Auslander algebras of type  $A$   
 With Jordan McMahon  
*Glasgow Mathematical Journal*, 63(3), pp. 526–546

2021

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## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

3. The higher Stasheff–Tamari orders in representation theory  
*Representations of Algebras and Related Structures*

2023
2. Studying triangulations of even-dimensional cyclic polytopes via directed graphs  
*Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire* 89B, Art. 4

2023
1. The first higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are quotients of the higher Bruhat orders  
*Proceedings of the 33rd International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire* 85B, Art. 6

2021

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## OTHER CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. Triangulations of cyclic polytopes and the higher Auslander algebras of type  $A$   
*Various issues on representation theory and related topics*  
*RIMS Kōkyūroku No.2234*

2022

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2. Microthesis: Triangulations of cyclic polytopes in representation theory  
*London Mathematical Society Newsletter*, No. 501, 33-34

2022
1. Higher-dimensional combinatorics in representation theory  
 Doctoral thesis, University of Cologne

2022

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## PREPRINTS

4. Donaldson–Thomas invariants for the Bridgeland–Smith correspondence  
 With Omar Kidwai  
 arXiv:2401.10093

2024
3. Steenrod operations via higher Bruhat orders  
 With Guillaume Laplante-Anfossi  
 arXiv:2309.16481

2023
2. A geometric perspective on the  $\tau$ -cluster morphism category  
 With Sibylle Schroll, Aran Tattar, and Hipolito Treffinger  
 arXiv:2302.12217

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

2023

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## PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| <b>Gibbs prize for Mathematics &amp; Philosophy</b><br>University of Oxford<br>For top performance in Mathematics papers | 2016 |
| <b>Gibbs prize for Mathematics &amp; Philosophy</b><br>University of Oxford<br>For top performance in Mathematics papers | 2015 |

**Academic scholarship**  
Worcester College, Oxford

2013

**Honorary scholarship**  
Westminster School

2007

## INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS (IN PERSON)

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**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)

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**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)

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**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** *April 2023*  
*Maurice Auslander Distinguished Lectures and International Conference*

**Cyclic polytopes and representation theory** *December 2022*  
*Representation theory of algebras session*  
Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting, Toronto

**Algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders** *July 2022*  
*Various issues on representation theory and related topics*  
Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Kyoto University

**Higher analogues of Grassmannian clusters** *April 2019*  
*Maurice Auslander Distinguished Lectures and International Conference*

**Higher analogues of Grassmannian clusters** *April 2019*  
*New Connections and Directions in Representation Theory*  
University of Leeds

**Higher analogues of Grassmannian clusters** *April 2019*  
*Tropical Geometry meets Representation Theory*  
University of Leicester

## CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALKS (VIRTUAL)

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**The first higher Stasheff–Tamari orders are quotients of the higher Bruhat orders**

*Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics*

Bar-Ilan University

*January 2022*

## SEMINAR TALKS (IN PERSON)

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**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

**SEMINAR TALKS (VIRTUAL)**

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**Cyclic polytopes and higher Auslander–Reiten theory III***July 2022*

Tokyo–Nagoya algebra seminar

University of Tokyo and Nagoya University

**Cyclic polytopes and higher Auslander–Reiten theory II***June 2022*

Tokyo–Nagoya algebra seminar

University of Tokyo and Nagoya University

**Mutating cluster-tilting objects in  $(d + 2)$ -angulated cluster categories***June 2022*

FD seminar

**Cyclic polytopes and higher Auslander–Reiten theory I***June 2022*

Tokyo–Nagoya algebra seminar

University of Tokyo and Nagoya University

**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

**POSTERS**

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> prize in poster competition**An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders***May 2021**Advances in Representation Theory of Algebras*

Online

<b>New interpretations of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders</b> <i>Combinatorial algebra meets algebraic combinatorics</i> Université du Québec à Montréal Online	<i>January 2021</i>
<b>An algebraic interpretation of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders</b> <i>International Conference on Representations of Algebras</i> “Research snapshot” Online	<i>November 2020</i>
<b>New interpretations of the higher Stasheff–Tamari orders</b> <i>Virtual Heidelberg Laureate Forum</i> Online	<i>September 2020</i>
<b>Representation theory and Grassmannians</b> <i>STEM for Britain</i> Poster competition at UK Parliament	<i>March 2019</i>

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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London Mathematical Society Scheme 1 Conference grants <i>Silting, simple-minded, and stability</i> Co-organised with Raquel Coelho Simões and David Pauksztello GBP 4,000	<i>October 2023</i>
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Short Term Postdoctoral Research Fellowship JPY 5,384,000 12 months awarded but 3 months taken	<i>December 2021</i>
London Mathematical Society Scheme 8 Postgraduate research conference grants <i>Categorifications in Representation Theory</i> Co-organised with Aran Tattar GBP 2,500	<i>April 2020</i>

## ORGANISATION

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<b>Silting, simple-mindedness, and stability</b> Co-organising with Raquel Coelho Simões and David Pauksztello Ambleside Campus, University of Cumbria	<i>July 2024</i>
<b>Köln Algebra and Representation Theory seminar</b> Co-organised with Daniel Schaefer University of Cologne Online	<i>April 2021 – May 2022</i>
<b>Categorifications in Representation Theory</b> Co-organised with Aran Tattar Online	<i>September 2020</i>
<b>Mathematics PhD seminar</b> University of Leicester	<i>September 2019 – August 2020</i>
<b>Interactions between Representation Theory and Homological Mirror Symmetry</b> Local organising committee University of Leicester	<i>May 2019</i>

## RESEARCH STAYS

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University of Copenhagen  
Visiting: Guillaume Laplante-Anfossi  
Host: Nathalie Wahl  
1 week

*January 2024*

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology  
Exact Asymptotics: From Fluid Dynamics to Quantum Geometry  
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*

University of Cambridge  
Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences  
Cluster algebras and representation theory programme  
Invited participant  
1 week

*December 2021*

University of Graz  
Visiting: Jordan McMahon  
Host: Karin Baur  
1 week

*April 2019*

## REFEREEING

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Communications in Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Electronic Research Archive, Journal of Algebra, Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics

## REVIEWING

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AMS MathSciNet  
6 reviews written

*October 2022 – present*

zbMATH  
11 reviews written

*September 2020 – present*

## TEACHING

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**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**

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Mathematics &amp; 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**

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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***OTHER**

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London Mathematical Society

Associate member

3 reports on conferences written for the LMS newsletter

*June 2019 – present***Programming**

Python, Sage, Maple, node.js, Haskell

Git

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X**Languages**

(CEFR levels)

English Native

French B1

German B1

Japanese B1