Nina Deliu

Researcher RTDA, MEMOTEF, Sapienza Università di Roma Visiting Researcher, MRC – BSU, University of Cambridge Personal Webpage: https://nina-dl.github.io/Mail: nina.deliu@uniroma1.it; deliunina@gmail.com

EDUCATION

2021	PhD in Methodological Statistics (33 cycle) - Sapienza Università di Roma Reinforcement Learning in Modern Biostatistics: Benefits, Challenges and New Proposals Internal Supervisor: Pierpaolo Brutti
	External Supervisors: BIBHAS CHAKRABORTY, JOSEPH JAY WILLIAMS
2017	MSc in Statistics and Decisions - Sapienza Università di Roma
201/	Deep Learning to the Test: an Application to Traffic Data Streams
	Supervisor: Pierpaolo Brutti. Grade: 110 cum laude
2016	MSc in Mathématiques, Informatique, Décision, Organisation
2010	Double degree - Université Paris-Dauphine
	Evidence Estimation of State Space Models: Sequential Monte Carlo ² and Chib's Method
	Supervisor: Christian P. Robert
2014	BSc in Statistics, Economics and Society - Sapienza Università di Roma
	Income distribution analysis in post-communist economies
	Supervisor: Alessandro Roncaglia. Grade: 110 cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

12/2021 - current	Sapienza Università di Roma - Researcher RTDA (PON-DM1062)
02/2022 - current	University of Cambridge - Long-term Visiting Researcher
11/2020 - 12/2021	University of Cambridge - Postdoctoral Research Associate
01/2020 - 03/2020	University of Toronto - Visiting PhD Student
03/2019 - 06/2019	National University of Singapore - Visiting PhD Student
06/2016 - 06/2018	Fondazione GIMEMA, Franco Mandelli ONLUS - Biostatistician

EXTERNAL COLLABORATIONS

EXTERNATE O	
2023 - current	NADO Italia: A Copula-based Hierarchical Framework for Doping Detection
2023 - current	International Business College Mitrovica & MEMOTEF: Cultural and Scientific
	Collaboration Agreement (PI)
2022 - current	Papworth Hospital & Cambridge University: Design of Adaptive Clinical Trials
2022 - current	ISTAT: Accuracy estimation in register data
2022 - current	IZI Spa: Metodi per la Stima della Soddisfazione delle Politiche di Gestione del
	Verde Pubblico nei Grandi Centri Urbani
2021 - current	Partnership with Toronto Uni, Carnegie Mellon Uni & North Carolina State Uni
	Adaptive Experimentation Accelerator in Education
	Winner of the XPRIZE \$1M Digital Learning Challenge
2022 - 2023	Collaboration with Toronto Uni, Northwestern Uni & Microsoft
	Mental Health America: Personalized Text Messaging
2022 - 2023	Fondazione Brodolini, INAPP: Intergenerational Learning and COVID-19
2020 - 2021	Università Urbaniana: Multicultural and Intercultural Competencies
2019 - 2020	University of California Berkeley: DIAMANTE Adaptive Notification Tracking
2016 - 2018	Fondazione GIMEMA. PROMOTION Registry
2016 - 2018	Fondazione GIMEMA, EORTC: Project Manager for the EORTC QLQ-CML24

TEACHING

Instructor	
2023 - 2024	MEMOTEF, Sapienza U - Advanced Statistics with R (PhD Course 12h; ENG)
2023 - 2024	MEMOTEF, Sapienza U - Time Series and Financial Time Series (MSc Course
	72h; ENG)
2022 - 2023	MEMOTEF, Sapienza U – Time Series Analysis (MSc Course 48h; IT)
2022 - 2023	MEMOTEF, Sapienza U - Advanced Statistics with R (PhD Course 28h; ENG)
2021 - 2022	MEMOTEF, Sapienza U - Advanced Statistics with R (PhD Course 28h; ENG)
2020 - 2021	Auxilium U - Methods for Social Research (MSc Course 20h; IT)
2020 - 2021	DSS, Sapienza U - ET _F X e Beamer nella Ricerca (Undergrad Course 10h; IT)
2019 - 2020	DSS, Sapienza U – ET _F X e Beamer nella Ricerca (Undergrad Course 10h; IT)
2019 - 2020	DSS, Sapienza U – Intro to SAS (Master II in Big Data; IT)
2019 - 2020	DSS, Sapienza U - Intro to ETFX and Beamer (Master II in Big Data; IT)
Training	
APR 2022	Training seminars for the Erasmus+ Programme ResearchCult in Higher Ed-
	ucation in Kosovo, Pristina (Kosovo)
	- A review of the main models and techniques for data analysis (ENG)
	- Use of LATEX for writing your research article (ENG)
<u>TA</u>	
2020 - 2021	Cambridge U - Statistical Methods in Population Health (MPhil Course; ENG)
2019 - 2020	DIAG, Sapienza U – Statistics for Data Science (MSc Course; ENG)
2018 - 2019	DIAG, Sapienza U – Statistics for Data Science (MSc Course; ENG)
2017 - 2018	DSS, Sapienza U – Statistical Inference (Undergrad Course; IT)
2017 - 2018	Economics, Roma Tre U – Statistics for Economics (Undergrad Course; IT)
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<u>Tutor</u>	
2019 - 2020	DSS, Sapienza U - University Master of Level II in Big Data: Statistical Meth-
	ods for the Knowledge Society (150h; IT)

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 2024 **World Anti-Doping Agency** WADA Research Grant, Funding of \$50K (Co-PI) Title: Enhancing the methodological framework for doping detection: from univariate to multivariate testing analysis on Athlete Biological Passport profiles
- 2023 **EU Commission HORIZON MSCA Doctoral Networks 2023** (24 Partners; €3.5M) Title: Statistical Methodologies for Personalised Approaches to Healthcare Delivery Proposal rejected with a score of 88% (threshold: 70/100); to be resubmitted in 2024
- 2022 **Sapienza U** Academic Research Project, Funding of €3K (PI)
 Title: Development of a Methodological Framework for Enhancing the Fight Against
 Doping. Using Copulae for Multivariate Testing Analysis on ABP Profiles
- Turing Institute and Roche Partnership Structured Missingness, £250K (Co-I)
 Title: Personalized Cancer Treatment with Missing Data: An Optimization Approach
 Proposal rejected due to budget limitations
- 2022 INAPP Gara di Appalto, Funding of €98K (Component of the research group)
 Title: Supporto all'analisi dell'impatto del coronavirus sulle pratiche di age
 management nei processi formativi aziendali. Il ruolo dell'intergenerational learning
- 2019 Sapienza U Academic Starting Research Project, Funding of €1000 (PI)
 Title: Contextual Bandits for Developing Personalized Mobile Health Interventions
- 2018 Sapienza U Academic Starting Research Project, Funding of €1000 (PI)
 Title: Self-reported health outcomes in cancer risk prediction using the UK Biobank

AWARDS

2023	ICSDS2023 Conference - IMS Travel Award (\$1200)
	Title: Modeling considerations when designing experiments with reinforcement learning
2023	XPRIZE - Digital Learning Challenge Award (\$500K)
	Title: Adaptive Experimentation Accelerator: Al experiments to enhance education
2019	DLRL Summer School @ University of Alberta - CIFAR & AMII Travel Award (\$1750)
2018	SIS Annual Meeting - Best Poster Prize 2018 (€250 + Stata Course)
	Title: Deep Learning to the Test: an Application to Traffic Data Streams
2017	International Society for Quality of Life (ISOQOL) - New Investigator Award (\$1500)
	Title: Modelling Strategies to Improve Estimates of Prognostic Factors Analyses with PROs
2014	MIUR - Graduation Prize (€500)

TALKS AND SEMINARS

Upcoming	
12/2024	Invited @ ICSDS2024, Nice (FR)
00/0004	Finite-sample and Asymptotic Error Control of a Novel Test for Response-adaptive Designs
09/2024	Poster @ COPA2024, Milano (IT) Anomaly Detection in Multivariate Profiles with Conformal Bayesian Inference
06/2024	Invited @ SIS2024, Bari (IT)
00/2024	Finite-sample inference in response-adaptive designs: an application to Thompson sampling
06/2024	Invited @ BMS-ANed (the Dutch Section of the IBS), Rotterdam (NH)
,	Online sequential-decision making via bandit algorithms
2024	
05/2024	Contributed @ AUEB Sports Analytics Workshop 2024, Athens (GR)
0.7.10.00.4	A Multivariate Copula-based Conformal Bayesian Framework for Doping Detection
05/2024	Seminar @ Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padua (IT)
04/2024	Designing experiments via bandit algorithms: modeling considerations for better outcomes Keynote @ ALBECS-2024, Australia (online)
04/2024	Designing adaptive experiments via bandits: modeling considerations for better outcomes
03/2024	Contributed @ MEMOTEF Research Days 2024, Sapienza (IT)
03/2021	Reinforcement learning for sequential decision-making: from healthcare to finance
02/2024	Invited @ RAR Workshop, University of Cambridge (UK)
	Thompson sampling for zero-inflated count data in mobile health trials
<u>2023</u>	
12/2023	Invited @ ICSDS 2023, Lisbon (PR)
	Modeling considerations when designing experiments with reinforcement learning
09/2023	Invited @ StaTalk 2023, Roma (IT)
	On the finite-sample and asymptotic validity of an allocation-probability test for adaptively-collected data
09/2023	Invited @ Bayesian Day 2023, Roma (IT)
09/2023	Enhancing Patient Outcomes and Statistical Efficiency in Rare Disease Phase-II Trials
08/2023	Invited @ JSM 2023 , Toronto (online)
,	An Allocation-probability Test for Adaptive Experiments
08/2023	Poster @ ISCB 2023, Milano (IT)
	Enhancing Patient Outcomes and Statistical Efficiency in Rare Disease Phase-II Trials
08/2023	Contributed @ EcoSta 2023, Tokyo (JP)
-61	Probabilistic and Distance-based Approaches for Computing Highest-Density Regions
06/2023	Contributed @ SIS 2023, Ancona (IT)
06/2023	Computing Highest Density Regions with Copulae Poster @ MEMOTEF Research Days 2023, Roma (IT)
00/2023	Computing Highest Density Regions with Copulae
06/2023	Invited @ ITACOSM 2023, Arcavacata di Rende (IT)
1 - 3	Assessing the predictive accuracy of official-statistics registries: the Global MSE

05/2023	Seminar @ Federico II U, Napoli (IT)
•	Multinomial Thompson Sampling for Online Sequential Decision Making with Rating Scales
04/2023	Contributed @ ICNA-STA 2023, Prishtina (Kosovo)
•	Adaptive Experiments for Digital Education: Benefits and Statistical Challenges
02/2023	Seminar @ BSU Together, Cambridge U (online)
•	Enhancing the fight against doping: using copulae for multivariate testing analysis
2022	
06/2022	Invited @ IMS Annual Meeting 2022, London (UK)
	Multinomial Thompson Sampling for adaptive experiments with rating scales data
06/2022	Contributed @ SIS 2022 Annual Meeting, Caserta (IT)
·	Multinomial Thompson Sampling for adaptive experiments with rating scales data
06/2022	Invited @ 7th ICSPM 2022 (online)
·	Just-in-Time Adaptive Interventions to Guide Healthy Behavioral Changes
06/2022	Contributed @ MEMOTEF Research Days 2022, Roma (IT)
·	Enhancing the fight against doping: using copulas for multivariate testing analysis
05/2022	Contributed @ AUEB SPORTS ANALYTICS WORKSHOP 2022, AUEB, Athens (GR)
	Enhancing the fight against doping: using copulas for multivariate testing analysis
05/2022	Seminar @ Inserm-Singapore COLLAB: Next Generation Trials (online)
	Design-based Inference for Thompson Sampling
2021	
11/2021	Invited @ 18th Armitage Workshop and Lecture, Cambridge U (UK)
	Design-based Inference in Response-Adaptive Randomization
11/2021	Invited @ International Congress on Multiculturality - Urbaniana U (IT)
	Multiculturality and Interculturality: a qualitative analysis of focus groups
07/2021	Invited @ Benoulli-IMS Young Research Meeting (online)
	Using Reinforcement Learning to Design Just-in-Time Adaptive Interventions
03/2021	Contributed @ Stat.Edu21: New perspectives in Statistics Education (online)
	Adaptive Experiments for Digital Education: Benefits and Statistical Challenges
2017-20	
12/2020	Seminar @ Camplus College, Roma (IT)
	Reading the Numbers in Medicine: the Role of Statistics in Biomedical Studies
07/2019	Poster @ University of Alberta, Edmonton (CA)
	Deep Learning to the Test: an Application to Traffic Data Streams
06/2018	Poster @ Italian Statistical Society (SIS) Annual Meeting, Palermo (IT)
	Deep Learning to the Test: an Application to Traffic Data Streams
06/2018	Poster @ Fifth Annual Workshop of the DSS PhD School, Roma (IT)
	Deep Learning to the Test: an Application to Traffic Data Streams
10/2017	Contributed @ ISOQOL 2018, Philadelphia (USA)
246240	Modelling Strategies to Improve Estimates of Prognostic Factors Analyses with PROs
'16-'18	Invited @ EORTC, Paris, Manchester, Brusseles (EU)
	An international field study for the reliability and validity of the EORTC-CML24

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Interview Editor	Susan Athey, Professore @ Stanford University, IMS Bulletin, 53(1), 2024 Editorial Board Member of the Young Statisticians Europe Project (2020+) Associate editor assistant: <i>Health and Quality of Life Outcomes</i> (2017-2018)
MEMBERSHIP	IMS, ACM, SIS, YoungSIS, ISCB, IBS Italy
CURATOR	Twitter page @WomenInStat; One World YoungStatS Webinars
Reviewer	Biometrics; JASA; SMMR; SMAP; Biometrical Journal; NeuroCOMP; AISTATS; AMIA
SCIENTIFIC EVENTS COORDINATOR SCI COMMITTEE	MEMOTEF Research Days 2024 MEMOTEF Research Days 2023; ICNA-STA 2023

ORGANIZER **EcoSta 2023** - Innovative design and analysis methods for optimizing healthcare

IMS Annual Meeting 2022 - Statistical methods for innovative experimental designs OneWorld YoungStatS 2022 - Theory and Methods for Inference in MAB Problems

CHAIR X Giornata del Dottorato in Scuola di Scienze Statistiche 2023, DSS, Sapienza U

ICNA-STA 2023 - Education Sciences

GdR MEMOTEF 2023 – *Networks and Graphs*

IMS 2022 - Inference Methods for Adaptively Collected Data

ICNA-STA 2022 – Social and Humanity Sciences

CO-SUPERVISION

2024 - *current* Amy Armento, PhD Student @ University of Cambridge and @ Google 2021 - *current* Xinru Wang, PhD Candidate @ National University of Singapore Xueqing Liu, PhD Student @ National University of Singapore

2023 Sagnik Biswas, Internship @ Duke-NUS (Singapore)

Modeling non-stationarities in multi-armed bandit problems

SUPERVISION

2023 Cristofaro Indorato, MSc in FINASS @ Sapienza U (110 cum laude) Scenari Futuri nel Metaverso: Predizione e sentiment analysis tramite RNN

2023 Emilio Tarducci, MSc in FINASS @ Sapienza U (110 cum laude)

Thompson Sampling per decisioni ottime in finanza: scelta del modello e di portafogli

2022 Thomas Slater, Summer Internship @ Cambridge U (UK)

Adaptive allocation under high dimensional contexts

COMPUTER & LANGUAGE SKILLS

Computer: R, R Studio, Python, ETeX, Microsoft Office, SAS, BUGS, WinBUGS, JAGS, Stan

R Packages

countts https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/countts/

HDR2D https://github.com/nina-DL/HDR2D

Languages: Advanced: Italian, Romanian, English; Intermediate: Russian, French

PUBLICATIONS & PROCEEDINGS

- 2024 Deliu, N., Williams, J. J. and Villar, S. S. Finite-sample inference in response-adaptive designs: an application to Thompson sampling. **Book of Short Papers SIS2024** (To Appear)
- 2024 Deliu, N., Williams, J. J. and Chakraborty, B., Reinforcement Learning in Modern Biostatistics: Constructing Optimal Adaptive Interventions. International Statistical Review (Accepted; To Appear). Arxiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.02605
- 2024 Deliu, N. and Chakraborty, B., Artificial Intelligence-based Decision Support Systems for Precision and Digital Health. In Frontiers of Statistics and Data Science, IISA Series on Statistics and Data Science, Springer (Accepted; To Appear)
- 2024 X. Wang, N. Deliu, Y. Narita, and B. Chakraborty, Incorporating participants' welfare into sequential multiple assignment randomized trials. Biometrics 80(1); https://doi.org/10.1093/biomtc/ujad004
- 2024 Kumar, H. et al., Using Adaptive Bandit Experiments to Increase and Investigate Engagement in Mental Health. Proceedings of the AAAI Annual Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence IAAI-24, 38(21), 22906-22912; https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v38i21.30328
- 2024 Musabirov, I. et al., Platform-based Adaptive Experimental Research in Education: Lessons Learned from Digital Learning Challenge. Proceedings of The International Conference on Learning Analytics & Knowledge LAK24 (To Appear; https://www.solaresearch.org/events/lak/lak24/accepted-papers/)

- 2023 Deliu, N. Multinomial Thompson Sampling for Rating Scales and Prior Considerations for Calibrating Uncertainty. Statistical Methods and Applications (Online first; https://doi.org/10.1007/s10260-023-00732-y)
- 2023 Deliu, N. Reinforcement Learning for Sequential Decision-Making in Population Research.

 Quality and Quantity (Online first; https://doi.org/10.1007/s11135-023-01755-z)
- 2023 Bhattacharjee, A., et al. *Informing Users about Data Imputation: Exploring the Design Space for Dealing With Non-Responses*. Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing 11(1), 14-26; https://doi.org/10.1609/hcomp.v11i1.27544
- 2023 Deliu, N., Liseo, B. Computing Highest Density Regions with Copulae. Book of Short Papers SIS2023, pages 1065–1070. Pearson ISBN 9788891935618
- 2023 Liu, X., Deliu, N., and Chakraborty, B., Microrandomized trials: Developing just-in-time adaptive interventions for better public health. American Journal of Public Health, 113(1):60-69; https://doi.org/10.2105/ajph.2022.307150
- 2023 Deliu, N., Multiculturality and Interculturality: Qualitative Analysis of the Perspective of Focus Group Participants. In Education in Multiculturality, Education to Interculturality. Urbaniana University Press ISBN 978-88-401-9061-7
- 2022 Deliu, N., *Multinomial Thompson Sampling for adaptive experiments with rating scales.*Book of Short Papers SIS2022, pages 1065–1070. Pearson ISBN 9788891932310
- 2022 Deliu, N. and Chakraborty, B., Dynamic Treatments Regimes for Optimizing Health-care. In The Elements of Joint Learning and Optimization in Operations Management, pages 391-444. Springer; https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-01926-5_15
- 2022 Chien, I., Deliu, N., Turner, R.E., Weller, A., Villar, S.S., Kilbertus, N. *Multi-disciplinary fairness considerations in machine learning for clinical trials*, Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT '22); https://doi.org/10.1145/3531146.3533154
- 2022 Figueroa, C. A., Deliu, N., Chakraborty, B. et al., Daily Motivational Text-Messages to Promote Physical Activity in University Students: Results from a Micro-Randomized Trial, Annals of Behavioral Medicine 56(2):212-218; https://doi.org/10.1093/abm/kaab028
- 2021 Figueroa, C. A., Aguilera, A., Chakraborty, B. et al., Adaptive Learning Algorithms to Optimize Mobile Applications for Behavioral Health: Guidelines for Design Decisions. J Am Med Inform Assoc 12;28(6):1225-1234; https://doi.org/10.1093/jamia/ocab001
- 2019 Cottone, F., Deliu, N., Collins, GS, et al. Modeling strategies to improve parameter estimates in prognostic factors analyses with patient-reported outcomes in oncology, Qual Life Res; https://doi.org/10.1007/s11136-018-02097-2
- 2019 Cottone, F., et al. The prognostic value of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) for survival outcomes in cancer patients: A systematic review, JCO 37 (15_suppl), e18223-e18223; https://ascopubs.org/doi/abs/10.1200/JCO.2019.37.15_suppl.e18223
- 2019 Sparano, F., et al. Clinician-reported symptomatic adverse events in cancer trials: Are they concordant with patient-reported outcomes?, J Comp Eff Res 8(5):279-288; https://doi.org/10.2217/cer-2018-0092
- 2018 Deliu N., et al. Evaluating methodological quality of Prognostic models Including Patient-reported HeAlth outcomes iN oncologY (EPIPHANY): a systematic review protocol, BMJ Open 8(10):e025054; http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2018-025054
- 2018 Deliu, N. and Brutti, P. Deep Learning to the Test: an Application to Traffic Data Streams, Book of Short Papers SIS2018, ISBN-9788891910233

2018 Ousmen A., Touraine, C., Deliu, N., Cottone, F., et al. Distribution and anchor based methods to determine the minimally important difference on patient reported outcome questionnaires in oncology, HQLO 16:228; https://doi.org/10.1186/s12955-018-1055-z

PREPRINTS AND WORKING PAPERS

- **Under Review (after minor revision)** Deliu, N. and Liseo, B. *Alternative Approaches for Computing Highest-Density Regions*. Arxiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.00245
- In Revision Liu, X., Deliu, N., Chakraborty, T., Bell, L., Chakraborty, B., Thompson sampling for zero-inflated count outcomes with an application to the Drink Less mobile health study. Arxiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.14359
- Under Review Deliu, N. and Liseo, B. A Multivariate Copula-based Hierarchical Framework for Doping Detection. Arxiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.12499
- **Under Review** Deliu, N. and Villar, S.S., *Finite-sample and asymptotic validity of a novel design-based test statistic for response-adaptive randomisation*
- **Under Review** Liu, X., Deliu, N., Bell, L., Chakraborty, B., A comparison of longitudinal models for analyzing contextual bandit collected count data in mobile health
- Under review Deliu, N. et al, StratosPHere 2: A response-adaptive randomised placebocontrolled Phase II trial to evaluate hydroxychloroquine and phenylbutyrate in pulmonary arterial hypertension caused by mutations in BMPR2. Preprint: https://doi.org/10. 21203/rs.3.rs-3392621/v1
- Preprint Li, T., Nogas, J., Song, H., Kumar, H., Durand, A., Rafferty, A., Deliu, N., Villar, S.S., Williams, J.J. Algorithms for Adaptive Experiments that Trade-off Statistical Analysis with Reward: Adaptively Combining Uniform Random Assignment and Thompson Sampling. Presented at the Workshop on Causal Sequential Decisions 2021, NeurIPS 2021. Arxiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.08507
- Preprint Williams, J. J., Nogas, J., Deliu, N. et al., Challenges in Statistical Analysis of Data Collected by a Bandit Algorithm: An Empirical Exploration in Applications to Adaptively Randomized Experiments. Arxiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.12198
- **In Submission** Deliu, N, Falorsi, PD, Falorsi, S., Chianella, D, Alleva, G. Assessing the predictive accuracy of official-statistics registries: the Global Mean Squared Error

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