

Piersilvio De Bartolomeis

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Education

ETH Zurich

PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

2023 – present

Zurich, Switzerland

- Main advisor: Prof. Fanny Yang
- Second advisor: Prof. Jonas Peters
- Research interests: causal inference, treatment effect estimation, drug (re)discovery

ETH Zurich

MSC IN DATA SCIENCE CUM LAUDE

2020 – 2022

Zurich, Switzerland

- Selected courses: Causality, Statistical Learning Theory, Mathematical Statistics, Reinforcement Learning

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

VISITING STUDENT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

2019

Hong Kong

- Advisor: Prof. Gary Chan
- Application of machine learning methods to develop an indoor localization system

Politecnico di Milano

BSC IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING CUM LAUDE

2017-2020

Milan, Italy

- Selected courses: Probability Theory, Mathematical Analysis, Linear Algebra

Conference and Journal Publications

- [1] M. Mutti, R. D. Santi, **Piersilvio De Bartolomeis**, and M. Restelli. Challenging common assumptions in convex reinforcement learning. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022.
- [2] M. Mutti, R. D. Santi, **Piersilvio De Bartolomeis**, and M. Restelli. Convex reinforcement learning in finite trials. *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2023.
- [3] **Piersilvio De Bartolomeis**, J. Abad, K. Donhauser, and F. Yang. Hidden yet quantifiable: A lower bound for confounding strength using randomized trials. *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2024.

Research Experience

ETH Zurich

RESEARCH INTERN

2021 – 2022

Zurich, Switzerland

- Advised by Prof. Cara Magnabosco and part of the Geobiology group
- Application of machine learning methods for the identification of protein secretion systems in bacterial genomes

Fellowships & Awards

Ermenegildo Zegna Founder's Scholarship

Scholarship of \$5000 awarded to Italian students visiting a leading institution abroad

2023

Full scholarship covering tuition and living expenses

Scholarship of \$6000 from Politecnico di Milano, awarded based on academic merit

2019-2020

Scholarship for undergraduate studies abroad

Scholarship of \$3000 from Politecnico di Milano, awarded to students visiting an institution abroad

2019

Best freshmen award

Prize of \$1500 awarded to the best freshmen at Politecnico di Milano

2018

Conference and Workshop Talks

Lightning Talk: “Hidden yet quantifiable: a lower bound for confounding strength using randomized trials” **2023**

Workshop on Machine Learning for Health Care organized by Prescient Design & ETH AI Center Zurich, CH

Contributed Talk: “Certified defences hurt generalisation”

2022

Workshop on Understanding Deep Learning Through Empirical Falsification at NeurIPS

New Orleans, USA

Academic Service

Conference reviewing

- NeurIPS 2023, ICLR 2024, AISTATS 2024, ICML 2024

Workshop reviewing

- I Can't Believe It's Not Better Workshop (NeurIPS 2023)
- Pitfalls of limited data and computation for Trustworthy ML Workshop (ICLR 2023)

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Machine Learning (1000+ students) 2023
TEACHING ASSISTANT Zurich, Switzerland

- Instructors: Prof. Andreas Krause and Prof. Fanny Yang
- Designed homework assignments and held tutorial lectures

Machine Learning for Geobiology 2021-2022
TEACHING ASSISTANT Zurich, Switzerland

- Instructor: Prof. Cara Magnabosco
- Designed homework assignments and a Kaggle competition as part of the final course project

Advanced Machine Learning 2020 and 2023
TEACHING ASSISTANT Zurich, Switzerland

- Instructors: Prof. Joachim Buhmann and Dr. Carlos Cotrini
- Designed homework assignments and held tutorial lectures
- Co-authored [lecture notes](#) for the course (10+ ★)

Volunteering

TEDxBattipaglia 2023-present
ORGANIZER

- Organizing the first TEDx event in my hometown, bringing together high-level Italian speakers to share their ideas and insights with the local community

LeadTheFuture 2021-present
MENTOR

- LeadTheFuture is a non-profit mentoring organization and the largest merit-based STEM community in Italy. Currently, it counts more than 150 mentors, including researchers and entrepreneurs, and 500 selected mentees

Technical Skills

Programming Languages	C, Java, Python, R, SQL, \LaTeX
Tools & Technologies	Git, JAX, PyTorch, SciKit, Pandas, NumPy, Spark
Languages	Native Italian, Fluent English, Beginner Japanese