Paul Friedrich

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Employment history

2020 – now	**Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science**, University of Zurich Associated Researcher with the ETH AI Center Planned graduation: July 2026 **Research areas:** Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, Game Theory, Mechanism Design, Algorithmic Collusion **Advisor:** Giorgia Ramponi (Autonomous Learning & Predictive Intelligence Lab)
2020 – now	**(Head) Teaching Assistant**, University of Zurich Courses: *Reinforcement Learning, Introduction to AI (held lectures), Algorithmic Game Theory and Mechanism Design (all CompSci MSc)*
2020	**Quant & Analytics Consultant (Intern in 2018/19)**, Ernst & Young Financial Services Risk Management (Zurich, Switzerland)
2016 – 2018	**Teaching Assistant**, ETH Zurich Courses: *Topology, Complex Analysis, Real Analysis I (Math BSc&MSc)*

Education

2017 – 2020	**Master of Science in Mathematics**, ETH Zurich Focus: Machine Learning, Computational Statistics, Mathematical Finance Thesis: *"A Machine Learning Perspective on the Kyle Model" (graded 6.0/6.0)* Advisor: Josef Teichmann (ETH Zurich)
2017	**Exchange student**, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2014 – 2018	**Bachelor of Science in Mathematics**, ETH Zurich Focus: Optimization, Probability Theory, Quantitative Risk Management Thesis: *"Risk Measures and their Applications: an Exposition" (graded 6.0/6.0)* Advisor: Mete Soner (Princeton University)

Research Papers

M. Macuglia, **Paul Friedrich**, and G. Ramponi, "Fine-tuning Behavioral Cloning Policies with Preference-Based Reinforcement Learning," *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), also RLBrew workshop @ the RL Conference (RLC); European Workshop on RL (EWRL); preprint at arXiv:2509.26605*, 2026, (PDF/github).

Paul Friedrich, B. Pásztor, and G. Ramponi, "Learning Collusion in Episodic, Inventory-Constrained Markets," *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)*, 2025, (PDF/github).

Paul Friedrich, Y. Zhang, M. Curry, L. Dierks, S. McAleer, J. Li, T. Sandholm, and S. Seuken, "Scalable Mechanism Design for Multi-Agent Path Finding," *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 2024, (PDF link).

S. Seuken, **Paul Friedrich**, and L. Dierks, "Market Design for Drone Traffic Management," *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2022, (PDF link).
Won Blue Sky Best Paper Award (third place).

Paul Friedrich and J. Teichmann, "Deep Investing in Kyle's Single Period Model," *preprint at arXiv:2006.13889*, 2020, (PDF link).

Professional Experience

Supervision

2021 – now **Master's theses & projects**, University of Zurich
Stackelberg mean-field games for urban planning; reinforcement learning Kyle's insider trading model; auction-based drone traffic management simulator

Volunteering

2017 – 2018 **Organising committee of yearly job fair**, MindPhair at ETH Zurich

2015 – 2016 **Board member for university's policy**, The Association of Mathematics, Physics and Computational Science & Engineering Students at ETH Zurich

Competitions

2023 **2nd place**, Computational Social Choice Competition *at IJCAI 2023*

Summer Schools

2024 Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL)
Organised by ETHZ & EPFL. Lausanne, Switzerland

Deep Learning + Reinforcement Learning (DLRL)
Organised by CIFAR & Vector Institute. Toronto, Canada

2021 Data Science, Optimization and Operations Research
Organised by Prof. Michel Bierlaire, EPFL. Zinal, Switzerland

Skills

Coding	**Python**, R, MATLAB
Tools & Frameworks	**Numpy**/**Scipy**, **JAX**, **PyTorch**, Keras, Gurobi, CPLEX, SQL, Eikon
Languages	**German (mothertongue)**, **English (proficient)**, French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate). Basic Ukrainian, Russian, Mandarin Chinese
Interests	Sports (marathon running, sailing, surfing, diving), violin, cooking, traveling & cultural exchange, languages, volunteering

References

Available on request.