Przemyslaw A. Grabowicz

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Languages: Polish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (very good), German (basic)

Areas of expertise

Responsible AI • Computational social science • Social media • Data science • Causality

Employment history

2024–present	**Assistant Professor of Computer Science, School of Computer Science, University College Dublin, Ireland**
	Head of Socially Intelligent Media and Systems (SIMS) lab
	Teaching: Responsible AI and Data Structures and Algorithms
2024–present	**Adjunct Professor of Computer Science, Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA**
	Advising PhD and MSc students
2019–2024	**Research Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA**
	Head of Socially Intelligent Media and Systems (SIMS) lab
	Teaching: Responsible AI
	Chair of the EQUATE initiative
2013–2018	**Postdoctoral Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Software Systems, Saarbrücken, Germany**
	Mentor: Dr. Krishna P. Gummadi
2008–2013	**Research Assistant at the Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Physics and Complex Systems, Palma de Mallorca, Spain**
2012	**Research Intern at Yahoo! Research, Barcelona, Spain** (6.5 months)
2011	**Research Intern at Indiana University School of Informatics and Computing, Bloomington, USA** (4 months)
2010	**Research Intern at Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain** (3.5 months)

Education

Jan. 2014	**PhD in Interdisciplinary Physics, University of Balearic Islands, Spain**
	Grade: Cum Laude
	Thesis title: Complex networks approach to modeling online social systems: The emergence of computational social science
	Advisors: Dr. José Ramasco and Dr. Víctor Martinez Eguíluz
July 2008	**MSc in Engineering in Applied Physics, Warsaw University of Technology, Poland**
	Grade: Cum Laude
	Thesis title: Phase transitions in exponential random graph models
	Advisor: Dr. Agata Fronczak

Professional training

May 2016   Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS), Cadiz, Spain.

Admission via a competitive selection process

Research funding (over $1.6M secured)

2024–2026   Arnold O. Beckman Research Award from The Campus Research Board of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign ($30K)

An Experimental Study of the Effects of Exposure to Biased Polls on Social Media

PI: JungHwan Yang, co-PI (informal): P.A. Grabowicz

2023–2024   Interdisciplinary Research Grant from UMass Amherst (∼ $100K equivalent)

Analyzing cross-country bias in news coverage of international conflicts and disasters

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, co-PIs: Paul Musgrave, Brendan O'Connor, Ethan Zuckerman

2023–2024   Interdisciplinary Research Grant from UMass Amherst (∼ $100K equivalent)

Political misinformation and disinformation through social media biases

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, co-PIs: Monideepa Tarafgar, Jennifer Lundquist, Anthony Paik, Mattia Samory, JungHwan Yang

2020–2023   DARPA's SAIL-ON program ($1.9M)

Continuous Iterative Modeling and Repair in Response to Novelty

PI: David Jensen, senior personnel: P.A. Grabowicz

2020–2022   Volkswagen Foundation: International Research in Computational Social Sciences (€120K)

Agendas and Frames in a Global Pandemic: Evolution of Cross-country Media Coverage

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, Scott Hale, David Jurgens, Fabian Flöck (Scott Hale and me led the project)

2017–2022   Volkswagen Foundation: International Research in Computational Social Sciences (€850K)

Current Affairs 2.0: Agenda Setting in the European Union

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, Scott Hale, David Jurgens, Fabian Flöck (I led the project with Scott Hale)

2009–2013   CSIC JAE Predoc fellowship (∼ €100K)

Applications of complex networks in collective systems studies

PI: P.A. Grabowicz

Awards and prizes

2025   Best Paper Honorable Mention, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)

Election Polls on Social Media: Prevalence, Biases, and Voter Fraud Beliefs

2019   Best Poster, full-length paper, The Web Conference (WWW)

Demographic Inference and Representative Population Estimates from Multilingual Social Media Data

2013   WICI Data Challenge Award, University of Waterloo ($10K)

Fast Visualization of Relevant Portions of Large Dynamic Networks

2004–2008   Mieczyslaw Krol scholarship, Warsaw University of Technology (30K PLN)

2004–2008   Scholarship for outstanding student performance, Warsaw University of Technology (30K PLN)

Publications

Note 1: To every publication I co-authored I contributed at minimum multiple pages of text and formulas or a significant self-contained piece of code and the results of its execution.

Note 2: I did not publish in 2018 due to parental leave following the birth of my first child, combined with overseeing the reconstruction of my partially disabled sister's residence. Following the tragic loss of our parents, I have taken on the responsibility of caring for my sister.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE PROCEEDINGS

2025   (18) Y. Luo, A. Hoag, X. Wang, P.S. Thomas, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Learning Fair Representations with High Confidence Guarantees via Adversarial Prediction*, Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), link

2025   (17) N. Perello, C. Cousins, Y. Zick, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Discrimination Induced by Algorithmic Recourse Objectives*, ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT), link

2025 short   (16) J. Clarke, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, D. Jensen, *Open-World Classification with Bayesian Gaussian Mixture Models*, Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), link

2024 *   (15) Xi Chen, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, M. Samory, E. Zuckerman, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Global News Synchrony and Diversity During the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic*, The Web Conference (WebConf), link

Importance: The first study explaining global news synchrony and diversity of 124 countries. We introduce a computational methodology for analyzing millions of news articles that combines a transformer model (a deep learning architecture) with network science and information theory techniques. I aim to use and further develop this methodology to study global news synchrony and biases in news coverage across long time periods of years.

2023   (14) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>†, N. Perello†, K. Takatsu, *Learning from Discriminatory Training Data*, AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES), link

2022 *   (13) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Perello, A. Mishra, *Marrying Fairness and Explainability in Supervised Learning*, ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT), arxiv

Importance: The manuscript introduces an accountability framework that uses AI explainability techniques, including a novel causal measure of input influence, to ensure fairness in AI systems in accordance with legal provisions. The publication led to a series of blog posts and a proposal for an AI accountability policy.

2022   (12) Xi Chen, A. Zeynali, C.Q. Camargo, F. Flöck, D. Gaffey, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, and M. Samory, *SemEval-2022 Task 8: Multilingual news article similarity*, The Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), codalab link

2021   (11) A. Mishra, N. Perello, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Towards Fair and Explainable Supervised Learning*, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Workshop on Socially Responsible Machine Learning, pdf

2021   (10) T. E. Boult, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, D. S. Prijatelj, R. Stern, L. Holder, J. Alspector, M. Jafarzadeh, T. Ahmad, A. R. Dhamija, C. Li, S. Cruz, A. Shrivastava, C. Vondrick, W. J. Scheirer, *Towards a Unifying Framework for Formal Theories of Novelty*, The AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), arxiv

2019 ** (9) Z. Wang, S. Hale, D. Ifeoluwa Adelani, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, T. Hartman, F. Flöck and D. Jurgens, *Demographic Inference and Representative Population Estimates from Multilingual Social Media Data*, The Web Conference (WebConf), **Best Poster**, arxiv

Importance: The work develops and applies a demographic classifier and poststratification methods. I developed the post-stratification part of this paper (3.5 pages). I apply and develop the proposed methods to mine public opinion from tens of thousands of political polls. My lab pioneers methods for collections of biased polls with demographic crosstabs.

2017 (8) J. Proskurnia, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, R. Kobayashi, C. Castillo, P. Cudre-Mauroux, K. Aberer, *Predicting the Success of Online Petitions Leveraging Multidimensional Time-Series*, The World Wide Web Conference (WWW), pdf

2016 (7) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Ganguly, K. Gummadi, *Distinguishing between Topical and Non-topical Information Diffusion Mechanisms in Social Media*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), link

2016 short (6) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, M. Babaei, J.Kulshrestha, K. Gummadi, I.Weber, *The Road to Popularity: the Dilution of Growing Audience on Twitter*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), link

2016 (5) M. Babaei[†], <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>[†], I. Valera, K.P. Gummadi, M. Gomez-Rodriguez, *On the Efficiency of the Information Networks in Social Media*, The ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), pdf

2015 short (4) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Ganguly, K.P. Gummadi, *Microscopic Description and Prediction of Information Diffusion in Social Media: Quantifying the Impact of Topical Interests*, The World Wide Web Conference (WWW) Companion, pdf

2015 (3) M. Babaei, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, I. Valera, M. Gomez-Rodriguez, *On the Users' Efficiency in the Twitter Information Network*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), pdf

2013 (2) L. Chiarandini[†], <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>[†], M. Trevisiol, A. Jaimes, *Leveraging Browsing Patterns for Topic Discovery and Photostream Recommendation*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), pdf

2013 (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, L.M. Aiello, V.M. Eguiluz, A. Jaimes, *Distinguishing Topical and Social Groups Based on Common Identity and Bond Theory*, The ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), pdf

JOURNALS[1]

2025 (13) E. Cai, Xi Chen, R. Keeney, E. Zuckerman, B. O'Connor, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Identifying and Investigating Global News Coverage of Critical Events such as Disasters and Terrorist Attacks*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), arxiv

(12) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, K. Yang, J. Yang, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, *Election Polls on Social Media: Prevalence, Biases, and Voter Fraud Beliefs*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), **Best Paper Honorable Mention**, arxiv

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[1]In 2019, ICWSM became a journal with a full revise and resubmit (R&R) process and rolling submissions.

Importance:. The first study of social media polls. More than 100,000 biased polls related to the 2020 U.S. presidential election were published on Twitter. Our results suggest that polls were used for campaigning and astroturfing. Thousands of such polls explicitly questioned traditional polls and spread election fraud beliefs. In future, we will study whether biased political polls on X reinforce voter fraud beliefs and mine public opinion using AI-supported poststratification techniques.

2025

(11) C. Bagchi, E. Malmi, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Effects of Research Paper Promotion via ArXiv and X*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), arxiv

2024 *
short

(10) C. Bagchi, F. Menczer, J. Lundquist, M. Tarafdar, A. Paik, and <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Social media algorithms can curb misinformation, but do they?*, Science (eLetter), pdf

Importance: This Science eLetter puts in question a conclusion of a prior publication in Science suggesting that Facebook's news feed algorithm is much better at curbing misinformation than a reverse chronological news feed. The implications of our eLetter were discussed in this editorial and article in Science, and in news articles in WSJ and FAZ.

2024

(9) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, J. Yang, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, *Analyzing Support for U.S. Presidential Candidates in Social Polls*, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media (JQD:DM, joint with ICWSM), pdf

2024

(8) Xi Chen, M. Samory, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, *A Multilingual Similarity Dataset for News Article Frame*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), pdf

2020

(7) D.I. Adelani, R. Kobayashi, I. Weber, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Estimating community feedback effect on topic choice in social media with predictive modeling*, EPJ Data Science, 9, 25 link

2016

(6) C.A. Davis, G.L. Ciampaglia, L.M. Aiello, K. Chung, M.D. Conover, E. Ferrara, A. Flammini, G. Fox, X. Gao, B. Goncalves, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, K. Hong, P. Hui, S. McCaulay, K. McKelvey, M.R. Meiss, S. Patil, C. Peli Kankanamalage, V. Pentchev, J. Qiu, J. Ratkiewicz, A. Rudnick, B. Serrette, P. Shiralkar, O. Varol, L. Weng, T. Wu, AJ Younge, F. Menczer, *OSoMe: The IUNI observatory on social media*, PeerJ Computer Science 2:e87 link

2014

(5) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J.J. Ramasco, B. Goncalves, V.M. Eguiluz, *Entangling mobility and interactions in social media*, PLoS ONE 9(3): e92196, link

2014 **

(4) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, L.M. Aiello, F. Menczer, *Fast filtering and animation of large dynamic networks*, EPJ Data Science, 3(1), 27, **Data Challenge Award**, link

2014

(3) D. Martin-Borregon, L.M. Aiello, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, A. Jaimes, R. Baeza-Yates, *Characterization of online groups along space, time, and social dimensions*, EPJ Data Science, 3(1), 8, 2014, link

2012

(2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J.J. Ramasco, E. Moro, J.M. Pujol, V.M. Eguiluz, *Social Features of Online Networks: The Strength of Intermediary Ties in Online Social Media*, PLoS ONE 7(1): e29358, link

2012

(1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, V.M. Eguiluz, *Heterogeneity shapes groups growth in social online communities*, EPL 97 28002, link

Books and edited volumes

2023   (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, C. Pereyda, K. Clary, R. Stern, T.E. Boult, D.D. Jensen, L. B. Holder, Chapter *Novelty in 2D CartPole Domain* in the edited volume *A Unifying Framework for Formal Theories of Novelty*, Springer

2012   (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J.J. Ramasco, V.M. Eguiluz, Chapter *Dynamics in online social networks* in the edited volume *Time-Varying Networks*, Springer, link

White papers on digital policy

2024   (6) E. Siapera, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J. Suiter, S. Leavy, E. Culloty, E. Farries, *Submission to Public Consultation on the draft Delegated Act on Article 40 by UCD Center for Digital Policy and DCU Institute for Future Media, Democracy and Society*, link

2024 short   (5) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Submission to Public Consultation on the draft Delegated Act on Article 40 by UCD*, link

2024   (4) OECD Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (Social Media Governance project), *Submission to Public Consultation on the draft Delegated Act on Article 40)*, link

2023 short   (3) N. Perello, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Fair machine learning post affirmative action*, ACM SIGCAS Computers and Society, link

2023   (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Perello, Y. Zick, *Towards an AI Accountability Policy*, Comment on FR Doc # 2023-07776 Posted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, planned submission to ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT) or AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society, pdf

2017   (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Open-source Web 2.0 System for the European Open Science Cloud*, Letter to the High Level Expert Group (HLEG) of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC), link

Under review

2025   (1) F. Pierri, T. Araujo, J. Gonçalves-Sá, S. Kruikemeier, P. Lorenz-Spreen, M.M.P. Vanden Abeele, L. Vandenbosch, P.A. Grabowicz, *Research opportunities and challenges of the EU's Digital Services Act*, submission to CACM

Preprints

2025   (4) T.T. Prama, C. Bagchi, V. Kalakonnavar, P. Krauss, P.A. Grabowicz. *Political Biases on X before the 2025 German Federal Election*, preprint.

2025   (3) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, A. Byrne, C. Cousins, N. Perello, Y. Zick *Towards an AI Accountability Policy*, arxiv.

2020   (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, F. Romero-Ferrero, T. Lins, F. Benevenuto, K.P. Gummadi, G.G. de Polavieja, *Bayesian Social Influence in the Online Realm*, arxiv

2008   (1) D. Stauffer, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J. A. Hołyst, *Opinion Dynamics with Hopfield Neural Networks*, arxiv

Peer-reviewed industry and demo papers

2012   (2) P.A. Grabowicz, L. Chiarandini, M. Trevisiol, A. Jaimes, *Browsing and Recommendation of Photostreams*, Yahoo! TechPulse 2012

2012   (1) P.A. Grabowicz, L.M. Aiello, V.M. Eguiluz, A. Jaimes, *Distinguishing Topical and Social Groups Based on Common Identity and Bond Theory*, Yahoo! TechPulse 2012

Peer-reviewed extended abstracts in computational social science

2024   (13) C. Bagchi, E. Malmi, P.A. Grabowicz, *Effects of Research Paper Promotion via ArXiv and X*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2024   (12) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, K. Yang, J. Yang, P. Grabowicz, *Election Polls on Social Media: Prevalence, Biases, and Voter Fraud Beliefs*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2024   (11) Xi Chen, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, M. Samory, E. Zuckerman, P.A. Grabowicz, *Global News Synchrony and Diversity During the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic* International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2024   (10) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, J. Yang, P. Grabowicz, *Can Social polls be an accurate source of public opinion?: Correcting Biases of Twitter polls using post-stratification methods*, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)

2021   (9) D. Adelani, R. Kobayashi, I. Weber and P.A. Grabowicz, *Estimating Community Feedback Effect on Topic Choice in Social Media*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2021   (8) P.A. Grabowicz and N. Perello, *Resilience of Supervised Learning Algorithms to Discriminatory Poisoning of Training Data*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2018   (7) Z. Wang, S. Hale, D. Ifeoluwa Adelani, P.A. Grabowicz, T. Hartman, F. Flöck and D. Jurgens, *Agendas on Social Media: Inferring Policy Attention from Non-representative Data*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2017   (6) J. Park, M. Babaei, P.A. Grabowicz, K. Gummadi and Sue Moon, *An Analysis of Sponsored Content on Twitter*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2017   (5) J. Proskurnia, P.A. Grabowicz, R. Kobayashi, C. Castillo, P. Cudre-Mauroux and K. Aberer, *Predicting the Success of Online Petitions Leveraging Multidimensional Time-Series*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2016   (4) P.A. Grabowicz, M. Babaei, J. Kulshrestha, K. Gummadi and I. Weber, *The Road to Popularity: the Dilution of Growing Audience on Twitter*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2016   (3) P.A. Grabowicz, F. Romero Ferrero, T. Lins, F. Benevenuto, G. Polavieja and Krishna Gummadi, *An Experimental Study of Opinion Influenceability*, International Conference on

Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2015 (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Ganguly and K. Gummadi, *Microscopic description of information diffusion*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2015 (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, F. Romero Ferrero, T. Lins, G. Polavieja, F. Benevenuto and K. Gummadi, *An experimental study of social opinion manipulation*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

COURSES TAUGHT

2025 **MSc module: Data Structures and Algorithms**
Responsibilities: lectures, assignments, exam, tutorial and lab sheets
Learning Management Systems: Brightspace, Github Classroom

2022, 2023 **Graduate course on Responsible Artificial Intelligence**
Responsibilities: lectures, assignments, quizzes, final projects
Topics: model generalization, dataset shifts, open-world learning, fairness, explainability, transparency causality.
Textbooks: multiple sources, including my own research
Learning Management Systems: Piazza, Moodle, Gradescope, Echo360, Zoom

2021 **Graduate seminar on Equitable and Explainable Artificial Intelligence**
Responsibilities: introductory lectures and overall organization
Topics: fairness, legal systems, causality, and explainability in machine learning.
Textbook: https://fairmlbook.org.
Learning Management Systems: Piazza, Zoom

2019 **Graduate seminar on Equitable Algorithms and Systems**
Responsibilities: introductory lectures and overall organization
Topics: fairness, transparency, and explainability in machine learning
Learning Management Systems: Piazza

2016 **Graduate course on Social Media Analysis**
Responsibilities: lectures, tutorials, assignments, final exam
Topics: statistical classification, tf-idf, sentiment analysis, dimensionality reduction, mixture models, topic models
Textbook: https://web.stanford.edu/ jurafsky/slp3.
Student evaluation: 1.2/5 (less is better)

TEACHING INTERESTS

- (Responsible) Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Data Science
- Data Mining
- Computational Social Science
- Network Science
- Causality
- Natural Language Processing
- Information Retrieval (introductory level)

PhD advisees

Soumyadeep Sar 2025-now
Tabia Tanzin Prama 2024-now, co-advised with Peter Sheridan Dodds
Chhandak Bagchi 2023-now
Andrew Yuan 2023-now
Nicholas Perello 2020-now, co-advised with Yair Zick
Xi Chen 2019-now
David Ifeoluwa Adelani 2024-2021 – now an Assistant Professor at McGill School of Computer Science and a Core Academic Member at MILA

MS advisees (advised for more than a year)

2024-now	Vishal Kalakonnavar
2023-2024	Vijayalakshmi Vasudevan
2021-2024	Stephen Scarano – graduated recently
2020-2021	Aarshee Mishra – now a Software Engineer at Apple

Other past advisees (advised in the past for less than a year)

- Kenta Takatsu – now a PhD student at Carnegie Mellon University, USA
- Ali Zeynali – now a PhD student at UMass Amherst, USA
- Kaleigh Clary – now a PhD student at UMass Amherst, USA
- Mahmoudreza Babaei – now a postdoc at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development
- Julia Proskurnia – now a Software Engineer at Google, Zurich, Switzerland
- Luca Chiarandini – now a Software Engineer at Google, California, U.S.A.
- Jaimie Yejean Park – now Data Scientist at Samsung, South Korea
- Francisco Romero-Ferrero – now Data Scientist at Veriff, Spain
- Eric Malmi – now Research Scientist at Google Research, Zurich, Switzerland
- Komal Agrawal – now a Software Engineer at Facebook, Zurich, Switzerland
- Theo Silva Lins – now a Professor at UFOP, Brazil
- Ritvik Shrivastava – now ML Engineer at Cisco, California, U.S.A.

Broader impact and outreach

Digital policy

2025	Consulting during the 2025 Polish presidential election for Polish public research institution NASK (Polish: Naukowa i Akademicka Sieć Komputerowa, English: Research and Academic Computer Network), overseeing Internet in Poland
2024	Served as an invited expert at a DSA Data Access Roundtable at the European Commission, consulting about the DSA Draft Delegated Act

Online systems

2018	Multimodal, multiattribute, multilingual (M3) demographic inference (demo)
2013	The back end of a photo recommender system for Flickr (white paper)
2011	The back end and front end allowing users of Truthy to create on-demand visualizations of memes spreading in Twitter (source code)

Outreach

2024	Voices of Data Science
	Opening talk.
2022	Tech in the News
	We developed and organized a series of faculty talks about technology targeting smart non-specialists.

Press releases and coverage

2025   Our study "Political Biases on X before the 2025 German Federal Election" has been broadcast by ZDF (German public TV channel) and was discussed in ZDF Heute article in the week of German federal election. Our underlying research paper attracted over 20,000 views and 6,000 downloads.

2024   Our eLetter in Science received wide media coverage from Science, WSJ, Haaretz, and other media outlets.

2024   Front page of Reddit Science, Tech Policy Press, El País, Fox network, and Phys.org covered our research on election polls on X. The full list of news coverage is at socialpolls.org.

2023   BusinessWest, *AI Promises To Impact The Workforce In Unexpected Ways*, link.

2023   EQUATE blog, *Towards an AI Accountability Policy*, link.

2023   UMass Amherst, *Bridging Ethics and Technology in a Fast-changing World*, link.

2022   EQUATE blog, *How to train models that do not propagate discrimination?*, link.

Hundreds of news articles related to *the IUNI Observatory on Social Media* in multiple news outlets (e.g., ABC News, CNBC, CNN, NYT, WSJ, WaPo, Wired), link.

El Mundo, *El oráculo de los bytes*, link.

El Mundo, *Los entresijos de Twitter*, link.

Internal professional service

Committee chair

2022-2024   EQUATE initiative (Equity, Accountability, Trust, and Explainability) at UMass Amherst

Responsibilities: organization of relevant events, blog, website, and outreach (including to the U.S. federal administration)

Committee member

- Faculty Hiring Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Data Science, Associate Director for Data Science Center, and multiple Opportunity Hires
- Graduate Portfolio Committee (x2)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (x2)
- Student Events

External professional service

Program chair

2025   Internet and Democracy, Dublin, Ireland (transatlantic workshop co-organized by Northeastern University and University College Dublin, generously funded by the Knight Foundation)

Area chair

2020-21   The European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD)

Senior program committee

2026   The ACM Web Conference Conference (Web Conf'26), the Responsible Web track

2023   The ACM Web Conference (Web Conf'23), the Web and Society track

Program committee of conferences

2017-2026   The ACM Web Conference (WebConf, former WWW), the Web and Society track and lately the Social Networks and Social Media track

2015-2025   The International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2018-2021   The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)

2017-2021   The International Conference on Complex Networks and their Applications (Complex Networks)

2016-2020	The International ACM Conference on Web Science (WebSci)
2017-2019	The European Symposium on Societal Challenges in Computational Social Science (EuroCSS)
2017	The International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci)
2015	The IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM)
2014-2017	The International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo)

Reviewer for journals

Note: I pledged not to review for Elsevier journals by signing the Cost of Knowledge open letter.

- Nature Human Behaviour
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)
- Journal of the Royal Society Interface
- Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)
- Social Network Analysis and Mining (SNAM)
- PLoS ONE
- Scientific Reports
- Network Science
- Europhysics Letters (EPL)
- Journal of Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Experiment (JSTAT)
- Entropy
- Advances in Complex Systems (ACS)
- Transactions on the Web (TWEB)
- Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)
- Applied Network Science (APNS)
- Information Systems Management
- Future Internet

External reviewer for conferences

2016	5th International World Wide Web Conference (WWW), Montreal, Canada
2016	ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, San Francisco, USA (SIGKDD)

Program committee of workshops

2025	AI and Democracy workshop at ECML-PKDD (AIDEM), Porto, Portugal
2016	Workshop on Computational Approaches to Social Modeling (ChASM), Bellevue, USA
2015-2016	Computational Social Science Winter Symposium, Cologne, Germany
2015-2016	Workshop on Social News On the Web (SNOW)

Local organizer

2008	International Conference on Economics Science with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents, Warsaw, Poland.

Talks

Invited talks

2023	Responsible AI in the Natural Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University — talk, panel, summary slides.
2023	Computational Diversity Science Meeting, UMass Amherst.
2022	Tech in the News, UMass Amherst.
2022	31st International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence and the 25th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-ECAI 2022), Workshop of Angry Birds AI Competition (AIBIRDS), Vienna.

| 2021 | 30th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-21), Workshop of Angry Birds AI Competition (AIBIRDS), Montreal. |

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

2023	Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES), Montreal, Canada; speaker Nicholas Perello.
2023	Computational Diversity Science Meeting, UMass Amherst, USA.
2022	FAccT, Seoul, South Korea; speaker Nicholas Perello.
2022	International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), Chicago, USA; speaker Xi Chen.
2022	Tech in the News, UMass Amherst, USA.
2021	Two talks at International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), virtual; speakers: me and David Adelani.
2019	Data Science Tea, UMass Amherst, USA.
2017	International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), Cologne, Germany.
2017	International World Wide Web Conference (WWW), Perth, Australia; speaker Julia Proskurnia.
2016	Computational Social Science Winter Symposium, Cologne, Germany.
2016	The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media, Cologne, Germany.
2015	Computational Social Science Winter Symposium, Cologne, Germany.
2015	International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), Helsinki, Finland.
2015	International World Wide Web Conference (WWW), Florence, Italy.
2013	Data Visualization and Analysis Symposium, Waterloo, Canada.
2013	The European Conferences on Complex Systems (ECCS), Barcelona, Spain.
2013	The International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci), Copenhagen, Denmark.
2013	XXXIII Sunbelt Social Networks Conference of the INSNA, Hamburg, Germany.
2013	The ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), Rome, Italy.
2010	ESF-COST Conference on Future Internet and Society: A Complex Systems Perspective, Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy.
2010	SOE sessions of DPG Spring Meeting, Regensburg, Germany.
2009	PATRES project workshop, Paris, France.

COMPUTING AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- General-purpose languages: *C/C++, Python*
- Computing environments: *R, Mathematica, Matlab*
- Statistical analysis: *scipy, numpy, pandas, statsmodels*
- Fairness, explainability, causal inference: *aif360, fairlearn, tmle, SHAP*
- Machine learning and NLP: *scikit-learn, spaCy, NLTK, dlib, MALLET, Stanford TMT*
- Network analysis: *SNAP, igraph*
- Distributed computing: *Hadoop, Pig Latin*
- Plotting tools: *matplotlib, gnuplot, Grace*
- Shell scripting: *bash, awk, sed, jq, vi, tmux, screen, etc.*
- Relational detabases: *MySQL, PostgreSQL*
- Working environments/Operating systems: *Linux, Mac OS, Windows, Cygwin*