

# ROBERTA RAILEANU

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Deep Reinforcement Learning, Generalization, Continual Learning, Multi-Task Learning

## CURRENT POSITION

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Meta AI Research, London

Oct 2021 - Present

## EDUCATION

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New York University, NY, USA

Sep 2016 - Sep 2021

PhD in Computer Science

Advisor: Rob Fergus

Princeton University, NJ, USA

Sep 2012 - June 2016

A.B. in Astrophysical Sciences, *magna cum laude*

Certificates: Statistics and Machine Learning, Applications of Computing

Thesis: Clustering Redshift Estimation for the Hyper Suprime-Cam Survey

Advisor: Michael Strauss

## PUBLICATIONS

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Mu J, Zhong V, **Raileanu R**, Jiang M, Goodman N, Rocktäschel T, Grefenstette E, Improving Intrinsic Exploration with Language Abstractions”, *under review*, 2022.

*Open Ended Learning Team*, Stooke A, Mahajan A, Barros C, Deck D, Bauer J, Sygnowski J, Trebacz M, Jaderberg M, Mathieu M, McAleese N, Bradley-Schmieg N, Wong N, Porcel N, **Raileanu R**, Hughes-Fitt S, Dalibard V, Czarnecki W, Open-Ended Learning Leads to Generally Capable Agents, *under review*, 2021.

**Raileanu R**, Fergus R, Decoupling Value and Policy for Generalization in Reinforcement Learning, *ICML*, 2021 (**oral**).

**Raileanu R**, Goldstein M, Yarats D, Kostrikov I, Fergus R, Automatic Data Augmentation for Generalization in Deep Reinforcement Learning, *NeurIPS*, 2021 and *Inductive Biases, Invariances, and Generalization in Reinforcement Learning Workshop, ICML*, 2020 (**oral**).

Campero A, **Raileanu R**, Heinrich K, Tenenbaum J, Rocktäschel T, Grefenstette E, Learning with AMiGo: Adversarially Motivated Intrinsic Goals, *ICLR*, 2021.

**Raileanu R**, Goldstein M, Szlam A, Fergus R, Fast Adaptation to New Environments via Policy-Dynamics Value Functions, *ICML 2020* and *Beyond "Tabula Rasa" in Reinforcement Learning Workshop, ICLR*, 2020 (**oral**).

**Raileanu R**, Rocktäschel T, RIDE: Rewarding Impact-Driven Exploration for Procedurally-Generated Environments, *ICLR*, 2020.

Heinrich K, Nardelli N, Miller A, **Raileanu R**, Selvatici M, Grefenstette E, Rocktäschel T, The NetHack Learning Environment, *NeurIPS*, 2020.

Resnick C\*, **Raileanu R\***, Kapoor S, Peysakhovich A, Cho K, Bruna J, Backplay: “Man Muss Immer Umkehren”, *Reinforcement Learning in Games Workshop, AAAI*, 2019.

**Raileanu R**, Denton E, Szlam A, Fergus R, Modeling Others using Oneself in Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, *ICML*, 2018.

**Raileanu R**, Szlam A, Fergus R, Modeling Other Agents' Hidden States in Deep Reinforcement Learning, *Emergent Communication Workshop, NeurIPS*, 2017.

Kim CK, Ostriker EC, **Raileanu R**, Superbubbles in the Multiphase ISM and the Loading of Galactic Winds, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2016.

## INVITED TALKS

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| <b>AI and Games Summer School</b> | Aug 2022 |
| <b>Imperial ICARL Seminar</b>     | May 2022 |
| <b>Microsoft Research Summit</b>  | Aug 2021 |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DeepMind, London, UK</b> | Jan 2021 - Jun 2021 |
| <i>Research Intern</i>      |                     |
| Advisor: Max Jaderberg      |                     |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>DeepMind, London, UK</b> | Jan 2021 - Jun 2021 |
| <i>Research Intern</i>      |                     |
| Advisor: Max Jaderberg      |                     |

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| <b>Facebook AI Research, London, UK</b>   | June - Sep 2019 |
| <i>Research Intern</i>  |                 |
| Developed a new algorithm for exploration in sparse reward procedurally-generated environments. |                 |
| Advisor: Tim Rocktäschel  |                 |

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| <b>Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK</b>  | June - Aug 2018 |
| <i>Research Intern</i>  |                 |
| Researched methods for zero-shot and few-shot generalization in multi-agent settings. |                 |
| Advisors: Katja Hofmann, Sam Devlin   |                 |

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| <b>Facebook AI Research, New York, USA</b>  | June - Aug 2017 |
| <i>Research Intern</i>  |                 |
| Researched methods for modeling other agents in semi-cooperative reinforcement learning settings. |                 |
| Advisor: Arthur Szlam   |                 |

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| <b>Princeton University, Princeton, USA</b>  | June - Aug 2015 |
| <i>Undergraduate Researcher</i>  |                 |
| Developed 3D hydrodynamical simulations of supernovae in the multiphase interstellar medium. |                 |
| Advisors: Eve Ostriker, Chang-Goo Kim  |                 |

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| <b>Princeton University, Princeton, USA</b>   | Feb - May 2015 |
| <i>Undergraduate Researcher</i>   |                |
| Implemented and evaluated machine learning techniques for the prediction of stellar rotation periods. |                |
| Advisor: Timothy Morton   |                |

**ETH, Zürich, Switzerland**

Jun - Aug 2014

*Research Intern*

Created Monte Carlo simulations for exoplanet detection with the James Webb Space Telescope.

Advisor: Michael Meyer

**Max Planck for Extraterrestrial Physics, Garching, Germany**

Jun - Aug 2013

*Research Intern*

Developed N-Body simulations and theoretical models of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Advisor: Ortwin Gerhard

## HONORS & AWARDS

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| Rising Stars in EECS   | 2020       |
| Sigma Xi: Scientific Research Honor Society                    | 2016       |
| Bell Burnell Award for Early Career Female Physicist           | 2013       |
| Silver and Bronze Medals at the International Physics Olympiad | 2011, 2012 |
| Gold Medal at the International Astrophysics Olympiad          | 2011       |
| Silver Medal at Tuymaada International Olympiad in Physics     | 2010       |

## ORGANIZING

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Agent Learning in Open-Endedness (ALEO) Workshop at ICLR 2022

Unsupervised Reinforcement Learning (URL) Workshop at ICML 2021

## REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

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2022: ICML, Gamification and Multiagent Solutions ICLR Workshop

2022: European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning

2021: ICML, NeurIPS

2020: ICLR, UAI, NeurIPS, ICML LAOW Workshop, IEEE

2019: ICLR, ICML, NeurIPS, ICML I3 Workshop

2018: ICLR, ICML

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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Jean-Baptiste Gaya, PhD Project, Meta AI - *continual reinforcement learning*

Jesse Mu, Internship Project, Meta AI - *language and exploration*

Aaron Roth, PhD Project, UMD - *representation learning for reinforcement learning* 2020

Chang Ye, MS Project, NYU - *generalization and adaptation to new environments* 2020

Srikar Yellapragada, MS Thesis, NYU (now Bloomberg) - *reinforcement learning for translation* 2019

Chandra Konkimalla, MS Project, NYU (now Amazon) - *learning from demonstrations* 2019

Zeping Zhan, MS Project, NYU (now Kooick) - *multi-agent learning in social dilemmas* 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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African Master's of Machine Intelligence (AMMI), Kigali, Rwanda

March 2019

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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PyTorch, JAX, Tensorflow, Lua Torch, Python, Java, Matlab, R, C++, OCaml