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## Research Interest

- Dynamical processes on networks with focus on random walks
- Spatial heterogeneity in complex systems
- Networks approach to the analysis of data sets
- Applications of complex network theory to society and urban systems
- Modelling population dynamics, urban segregation and mobility

## Employment history

### Queen Mary University of London

London, UK

PHD CANDIDATE IN COMPLEX SYSTEMS

Jun 2017 - Current

- Research concentrates on quantifying the heterogeneity of spatially-embedded systems through random walks.
- Development of a method using random walk on graphs to quantify urban segregation in real cities.
- Development of a segregation model driven by mobility and homophily.

### University of São Paulo, Birkbeck University of London

São Paulo, BR | London, UK

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

May 2016 - May 2017

- Contribution to the project in collaboration with Brazilian and British academics entitled RESOLUTION where the cities of London and São Paulo were compared in respect to social segregation and transport accessibility (funded by ESRC (UK) and FAPESP (BR)).
- Development of a QGIS plugin to compute a set of segregation measures.

### Braskem

São Paulo, BR

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE ARCHITECT

Dec 2011 - Jun 2014

- Management of business Intelligence projects.
- Involvement in project's full cycle including design, development and deployment of data solutions on the SAP ERP platform.

### Accenture

São Paulo, BR

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE CONSULTANT

Oct 2010 - Dec 2011

- Design, development and deployment of business Intelligence solutions on the SAP platform and SQL Server databases.

### DBM Systems

São Paulo, BR

BUSINESS CONSULTANT

Feb 2010 - Oct 2010

- Design, development and deployment of business processes on the TOTVS ERP platform and SQL Server Databases.

### Totvs

Maringá, BR

BUSINESS ANALYST

Aug 2009 - Feb 2010

- Design, development and deployment of business processes on the TOTVS ERP.

### MRV Engenharia

Belo Horizonte, BR

ERP SYSTEMS SUPPORT INTERN

Jul 2008 - Apr 2009

- Technical support to TOTVS ERP platform and Microsoft Dynamics CRM.

## Education

### QMUL (Queen Mary University of London)

London, UK

PHD IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

2017 - 2021 (expected)

- Thesis: Quantifying the heterogeneity of spatially-embedded systems through random walks.

### USP (University of São Paulo)

São Paulo, BR

MSC IN COMPLEX SYSTEMS MODELLING

2014 - 2016

- Dissertation: Study of properties and robustness of the public transport network of São Paulo.

### Business School São Paulo

São Paulo, BR

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

2012 - 2013

- Dissertation: Failure in Business Intelligence projects: Complexity management tools to reverse that scenario.

## Scholarships and Awards

2020	<b>Queen Mary Postgraduate Research Fund, £2.000</b> , Complex Systems Summer School*, The Santa Fe Institute.	<i>Santa Fe, US</i>
2020	<b>Institute of Mathematics and its Applications Small Grant, £600</b> , Complex Systems Summer School*, The Santa Fe Institute.	<i>Santa Fe, US</i>
2020	<b>Scholarships for Events on Complex Systems, €300</b> , Complex Systems Summer School*, The Santa Fe Institute.	<i>Santa Fe, US</i>
2019	<b>Complex Systems Society Scholarship, €500</b> , Mediterranean School of Complex Networks, Fondazione Bruno Kessler.	<i>Salina, IT</i>
2019	<b>Scholarships for Events on Complex Systems, €300</b> , Complexity72h Workshop, IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca.	<i>Lucca, IT</i>
2017	<b>Queen Mary Principal's Award</b> , PhD Research Studentship, Queen Mary University of London.	<i>London, UK</i>
2016	<b>Technical Training Award</b> , Research Scholarship, Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP).	<i>Sao Paulo, BR</i>
2016	<b>Travel Grant</b> , Summer School on Understanding Urban Transformations through Data, Manchester School of Architecture.	<i>Manchester, UK</i>
2014	<b>Research Studentship</b> , MSc Research Studentship, Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES).	<i>Sao Paulo, BR</i>

\* The school was cancelled due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

## Pre-prints and papers in preparation

1. S. Sousa, V. Nicosia, Quantifying ethnic segregation in cities through random walks, Pre-print.  
Arxiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.10462>
2. S. Sousa, V. Nicosia, The emergence of segregation driven by mobility and homophily, in preparation.

## Papers in international journals

1. A. Bassolas, S. Sousa, V. Nicosia, Diffusion segregation and the disproportionate incidence of COVID-19 in African American communities, **J. R. Soc. Interface**, 18:20200961 (2021)

## Teaching experience

2019/2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Computer Programming in Python (MTH5001).  
2018/2019 **Demonstrator**, Probability and Statistics I (MTH4116/MTH4216).

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## Conferences, Schools and Workshops

### CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS (ORAL PRESENTATION)

Dec 2020	<b>Conference on Complex Systems</b> , <i>The emergence of segregation driven by mobility and homophily.</i>	<i>e-Conference, GR</i>
Sep 2018	<b>Conference on Complex Systems</b> , <i>Quantifying spatial heterogeneity through random walks.</i>	<i>Thessaloniki, GR</i>
Sep 2015	<b>Complex Systems Digital Campus'15 – World</b> , <i>Empirical analysis and modeling of urban public transport network of Sao Paulo.</i>	<i>e-Conference, US</i>

### WORKSHOP COLLABORATIONS

Dec 2019	<b>Alan Turing Institute Data Study Group</b> , <i>The National Archives data challenge</i>	<i>London, UK.</i>
Jun 2019	<b>Complexity72h Workshop</b> , <i>Community Detection in the Hyperbolic Space.</i>	<i>Lucca, IT.</i>
Sep 2016	<b>DACAS Summer school on Understanding Urban Transformations through Data</b> , Project collaboration.	<i>Manchester, UK</i>
Jun 2016	<b>DACAS/ICTP Workshop on Modelling of Urban Systems</b> , Project collaboration.	<i>Sao Paulo, BR</i>
Sep 2015	<b>School on Complex Networks and Applications to Neuroscience</b> , Project collaboration.	<i>Sao Paulo, BR</i>

### OTHER RELEVANT ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Oct 2020	Attended, Fifth symposium on spatial networks (SSN5)	<i>e-Conference, UK</i>
Sep 2020	Attended, NetSci International Conference on Network Science	<i>Online, IT.</i>
Sep 2019	Attended, Mediterranean School of Complex Networks	<i>Salina, IT.</i>

Jul 2019 Attended, 3rd UK Network Science Workshop  
 Jul 2019 Attended, International Workshop on Networks and Urban Systems  
 Oct 2018 Attended, 2nd UK Network Science Workshop  
 Jun 2018 Attended, NetSci International Conference on Network Science  
 May 2018 Attended, Network Micro-structures Workshop  
 Apr 2018 Attended, The Second King's Workshop on Random Graphs and Random Processes  
 Jan 2018 Attended, Next Generation Network Analytics  
 Mar 2016 Attended, Workshop on Agent-Based Modelling for Social Sciences

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*Sao Paulo, BR.*

## Outreach

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### Co-organiser Pint of Science

QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CHAPTER

- <https://pintofscience.com>

### CO-organiser PubhD

PUBHD LONDON CHAPTER - SELF ORGANISED

- Self organised event to bring PhDs to talk about their research in a pub.

*London, UK*  
 2020

*London, UK*  
 2019 - 2020

## Computing Skills

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**Adanced** Python, Git/GitHub, QGIS, SAP BW  
**Intermediate** macOS, SQL Database, UML, Linux,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .  
**Basics** R language, Netlogo