# Sebastian Berndt

Research Areas: steganography, cryptography, approximation algorithms, FPT algorithms

Publications: AAAI, APPROX, IH&MMSEC, ISAAC, LATA (Link)
Teaching: Algorithm Design, IT-Security, Coding Theory (Link)

Education: BSc, MSc, Ph. D. Student (Link)

## Education

BSc in Computer Science, University of Kiel
 MSc in Computer Science, University of Kiel
 Research Associate, Ph. D. Student, University of Lübeck

## **Publications**

Rankings are from the 2014 edition of the Computing Research and Education Association of Australasia Conference Ratings Exercise (CORE 2014), ranging from A\* (exceptional) to C (sound and satisfactory).

Berndt, Sebastian and Jansen, Klaus and Klein, Kim-Manuel (2015),

"Fully Dynamic Bin Packing Revisited", APPROX/RANDOM 2015, Rating: A

2016a Berndt, Sebastian and Reischuk, Rüdiger (2016),

"Steganography Based on Pattern Languages", LATA 2016, Rating: C

2016b Berndt, Sebastian and Liśkiewicz, Maciej (2016),

"Provable Secure Universal Steganography of Optimal Rate", ACM IH&MMSEC 2016, Acceptance

Rate: 34% (21/61)

Awarded Best Student Paper

2016c Berndt, Sebastian and Liśkiewicz, Maciej (2016),

"Hard Communication Channels for Steganography", ISAAC 2016, Rating: A

Berndt, Sebastian and Liśkiewicz, Maciej and Lutter, Matthias and Reischuk, Rüdiger (2017),

"Learning Residual Alternating Automata", AAAI 2017, Rating: A\*

### **Talks**

2017

<sup>2015a</sup> "Learnability does not imply Secure Steganography",

**Nordic Complexity Workshop** 

<sup>2015b</sup> "Fully Dynamic Bin Packing Revisited",

Approximation Algorithms and Parameterized Complexity

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# **Teaching**

2012	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2012	Exercises on "Introduction to IT Security and Reliability"
2013	Exercises on "Coding and Security"
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2015	Exercises on "Coding and Security"
2015	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2015	Lectures and Exercises on "Introduction to IT Security and Reliability"
2015	Lectures on "Presentation and Documentation"
2016	Exercises on "Coding and Security"
2016	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2016	Lectures and Exercises on "Introduction to IT Security and Reliability"

#### **Theses**

I was involved in the following theses, but was not formally one of the supervisors.

2015	Bachelor Thesis on "Lower Bounds in Online Bin Packing Models"
2015	Bachelor Thesis on "Secure Multiparty Computations in Bitcoin"
2015	Bachelor Thesis on "Development and Examination of a Huffman-coding based Stegosystem"

## **Extracurricular Activities**

2012-2015	Received the "Teaching Certificate I" by taking more than 10 courses in e.g. team leading, presen-
	tation techniques and others (Link)

2016 Organizing Committee of Creative Mathematical Sciences Communication (Link)

Taught a week-long summer course on algorithms to a group of pupils from age 14 to 17 based on *Computer Science Unplugged* (Link)

Developed the tool *Jdrasil* to compute tree decompisitions which got the third place in the tracks »sequential exact solver« and »parallel heuristic solver« in the first *PACE* challenge on parameterized algorithms (Software, Challenge)

### **Awards**

2016

2016

2016

Best Student Paper Award for "Provable Secure Universal Steganography of Optimal Rate"
Third place in the tracks »sequential exact solver« and »parallel heuristic solver« in the first PACE challenge on parameterized algorithms

#### Interests

Kayaking, Improvisational Theatre, Hiking

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