# Sebastian Berndt

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

Publications: AAAI, APPROX, IH&MMSEC, ISAAC, LATA, SEA (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).

2015	Berndt, Sebastian and Jansen, Klaus and Klein, Kim-Manuel (2015),
20.0	"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, Rating: C
	Awarded Best Student Paper
2016c	Berndt, Sebastian and Liśkiewicz, Maciej (2016),
	"Hard Communication Channels for Steganography", ISAAC 2016, Rating: A
2017a	Berndt, Sebastian and Liśkiewicz, Maciej and Lutter, Matthias and Reischuk, Rüdiger (2017),
	"Learning Residual Alternating Automata", AAAI 2017, Rating: A*
2017b	Bannach, Max and Berndt, Sebastian and Ehlers, Thorsten (2017),
	"Jdrasil: A Modular Library for Computing Tree Decompositions", SEA 2017, Rating: B

## **Talks**

2015a	"Learnability does not imply Secure Steganography",
	Nordic Complexity Workshop
2015b	"Fully Dynamic Bin Packing Revisited",
	Approximation Algorithms and Parameterized Complexity
2016a	"Berechnung von Baumzerlegungen mit SAT-Solvern",
	University of Kiel
2016b	"On the Relation between Steganography and Cryptography", Information Security Seminar, Queensland University of Technology
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# **Teaching**

2012a	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2012b	Exercises on "Introduction to IT Security and Reliability"
2013a	Exercises on "Coding and Security"
2013b	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2013c	Exercises on "Introduction to IT Security and Reliability"
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2014b	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2014c	Exercises on "Introduction to IT Security and Reliability"
2015a	Exercises on "Coding and Security"
2015b	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2015c	Lectures and Exercises on "Introduction to IT Security and Reliability"
2015d	Lectures on "Presentation and Documentation"
2016a	Exercises on "Coding and Security"
2016b	Exercises on "Algorithm Design"
2016c	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.

2015a	Bachelor Thesis on "Lower Bounds in Online Bin Packing Models"
2015b	Bachelor Thesis on "Secure Multiparty Computations in Bitcoin"
2015c	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 Commitee 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

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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