

# Shuai Wang

## Formal Education

- 2017 – 2022 **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU)**, *Ph.D. Artificial Intelligence*, Amsterdam, *NL*.  
Funding The NWO TOP Grant, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)  
Supervisors Prof. Frank van Harmelen and Prof. Peter Bloem  
Topic Analysis and refinement of very large knowledge graphs  
Summary I study some transitive and equivalence relations with a focus on developing scalable methods for refinement at web scale. I have obtained 54 credits (30 required) and my GPA is 8.0/10.
- 2015 – 2017 **Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC), University of Amsterdam (UvA)**, *MSc Logic*, Amsterdam, *NL*.  
Tutor Dr. Benno van den Berg  
Thesis Turing Learning with Nash Memory  
Supervisors Dr. Frans Oliehoek (TU Delft), Dr. Leen Torenvliet (ILLC, UvA) and Dr. Roderich Groß (U.Sheffield)  
Summary Completed the *Logic and Computation* track with 147 ECTS (120 ECTS required).
- 2014 – 2015 **École Normale Supérieure Cachan (now École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay), École Polytechnique, École Normale Supérieure Paris and Université Paris Diderot (Paris 7)**, *Master Parisien de Recherche en Informatique (incomplete)*, Paris, *FR*.  
Incomplete; transferred to UvA with credits.
- 2012 – 2014 **The University of Manchester**, *BSc Artificial Intelligence*, Manchester, *UK*.  
**First class** honours degree (comparable with **cum laude**) with a high mark on the thesis.  
Tutor Prof. Uli Sattler  
Supervisor Dr. Konstantin Korovin
- 2011 – 2012 **University of Liverpool**, *BSc Artificial Intelligence (first year)*, Liverpool, *UK*.  
Ranked 4th in my year (top 5%); continued my bachelor's in Manchester after first year.  
Tutor Prof. Igor Potapov

## Professional Experience

### Full-time Job

- 2022-2023 **Researcher (Scientific Engineer)**  
The User-Centric Data Science Group, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
Boss Prof. Tobias Kuhn

### Research Internships

- Summer 2016 **Multi-agent Multi-contact Planning** *LAAS-CNRS, The Aerospace Valley, Toulouse, FR*  
Duration 4 months  
Employer The French National Research Council (CNRS)  
Supervisor Prof. Nicolas Mansard (the GEPETTO Humanoid Robot team)
- Summer 2015 **Reverse Engineering of Higher Order Proofs** *Deducteam, INRIA-Rocquencourt, Paris, FR*  
Duration 6 months  
Employer The French National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation (INRIA)  
Supervisor Prof. Gilles Dowek

## Research Visits

Jan 2017	A funded two-week visit to Bar-Ilan University (invited by Prof. Sarit Kraus)	Ramat Gan, IL
Oct 2014	A one-day research visit to RWTH Aachen	Aachen, DE
Oct 2014	A one-day research visit to LAAS-CNRS	Toulouse, FR

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## Research Output

### Core Publications (Major Conferences)

- 1 Refining Identity Graphs with the Unique Name Assumption (under submission)
- 2 S. Wang, J. Raad, P. Bloem, and F. van Harmelen, "Refining transitive and pseudo-transitive relations at web scale," in *European Semantic Web Conference (ESWC)*, 2021
- 3 S. de Bever, D. Formolo, S. Wang, and T. Bosse, "A multimodal chatbot system for enhancing social skills training for security guards," in *the 21st International Conference on Human Computer Interaction (HCI)*, 2019
- 4 G. Lan, L. de Vries, and S. Wang, "Evolving efficient deep neural networks for real-time object recognition," in *IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (SSCI)*, 2019
- 5 S. Wang and K. Hu, "Towards dynamic epistemic learning of actions in autonomic multi-agent systems," in *the 13th IEEE International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC)*, 2016
- 6 S. Wang, "Robot ethical training with dynamic ethical preference logic," in *the 19th International Conference on Climbing and Walking Robots and Support Technologies for Mobile Machines (CLAWAR 2016)*, 2016 [Also included in the book *Advances in Cooperative Robotics* by World Scientific, ISBN : 978-981-3149-12-0]

### Other Publications (Workshops)

- 7 S. Wang, "On the analysis of large integrated knowledge graphs for economics, banking, and finance," in *International Workshop on Knowledge Graphs for Economics and Finance*, 2022
- 8 S. Wang, J. Raad, P. Bloem, and F. van Harmelen, "Submassive : Resolving subclass cycles in very large knowledge graphs," in *Workshop on Large Scale RDF Analytics (LASCAR)*, 2020
- 9 S. Wang, "Towards dynamic epistemic learning of actions for self-improving agents and multi-agent systems," in *the 3rd Workshop on Self-Improving System Integration (SISSY)*, 2016

### Presented Papers (included in online conference proceedings)

- 10 S. Wang, "A quantitative analysis of kernel extension for higher order proof checking," in *ESSLLI 2016 Student Session*, 2016
- 11 S. Wang, "Proofcloud : A proof retrieval engine for verified proofs in higher order logic," in *12th International Workshop on User Interfaces for Theorem Provers (UITP)*, 2016
- 12 S. Wang, S. Tonneau, and N. Mansard, "Multi-agent multi-contact path planning with HPP," in *28th Benelux conference on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC)*, 2016
- 13 S. Wang, "Reasoner-aid research : Potentials and popularity," in *28th Benelux conference on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC)*, 2016

### Extended Abstracts and Posters

- 14 S. Wang, "On the analysis of large integrated knowledge graphs for economics, banking and finance", ICT OPEN 2022, Amsterdam.
- 15 S. Wang, "Higher order proof engineering : Proof collaboration, transformation, checking and retrieval," in *Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Theorem Proving (AITP)*, 2016

- 16 S. Wang, "Proofcloud : A proof retrieval engine for verified proofs in higher order logic," in *28th Benelux conference on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC)*, 2016

### Internship Reports

- 17 Multi-agent Multi-contact Path Planning, LAAS-CNRS, Toulouse, 2016  
18 Reverse Engineering of Higher Order Proofs, INRIA, 2015

### Theses

- 19 MSc thesis : Turing Learning with Nash Memory, U.Amsterdam, 2017  
20 BSc thesis : Logic Based Approach for RNA Secondary Structure Prediction, U.Manchester, 2014

### Tools and Platforms

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| 1 | ANN'it           | <i>A user-friendly interface for fast annotation of triples.</i>               |
| 2 | TuringLearner    | <i>A platform for Turing Learning</i>  |
| 3 | HOLALA           | <i>A higher order reasoner based on HOL Light but with an extended kernel.</i> |
| 4 | HOLIDE2          | <i>A proof translator from OpenTheory format to Dedukti format.</i>            |
| 5 | ProofCloud       | <i>A verified proof search engine for HOL proofs.</i>                          |
| 6 | XNA-Z3/XNA-SAT4J | <i>RNA secondary structure predictor using Z3/SAT4J</i>                        |
| 7 | Learn-to-plan    | <i>A NetLogo simulation of learning while planning in Multi-agent systems.</i> |
| 8 | MMPP             | <i>A multi-agent multi-contact path planning demo using HPP.</i>               |

### Published Linked Open Data

#### On Transitive Relations

- 1 SUBMASSIVE : we published the largest refined directed acyclic graph of `rdfs:subClassOf` (4.4 million triples) and `rdfs:subPropertyOf` (80K triples).
- 2 Weighted transitive relations graphs : 19.5 million triples of 10 common (pseudo-)transitive relations with weights.
- 3 A manually annotated gold standard for `skos:broader` and `rdfs:subClassOf` : 2K manually annotated triples.

#### On Identity Links

- 4 Explicit and implicit sources for entities in the identity graphs in the LOD cloud.
- 5 A manually annotated gold standard for 8,394 entities in 28 selected connected components from the identity graph in the LOD cloud.
- 6 A large weighted identity graph in the LOD cloud.

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## Project Experience

### MSc Thesis Project

- 2016-2017 **Turing Learning with Nash Memory** UvA, NL  
Supervisors Dr. Frans Oliehoek (TU Delft), Dr. Roderich Gross (Sheffield), Dr. Leen Torenvliet (ILLIC)  
Abstract Turing Learning is a method for the reverse engineering of agent behaviors. Nash memory is a memory mechanism for coevolution which guarantees monotonicity in convergence. This thesis explores the integration of such memory mechanism with Turing Learning for faster learning of agent behaviors. We employ the Enki robot simulation platform and learns the aggregation behavior of epuck robots.

### BSc Thesis Project

- 2013-2014 **RNA secondary structure prediction with SAT/SMT Solvers** U.Manchester, UK  
Supervisor Dr. Konstantin Korovin  
Abstract The project aimed at predicting RNA secondary structure using a new logic based approach taking full advantage of two state-of-the-art reasoners : Z3 and SAT4J. We encoded energy constraints and structural constraints. The solution corresponds to a prediction of the RNA secondary structure.

## Other Research Projects

- Jan 2016 **Symbolic Model Checking for the  $\mu$ -Calculus** *U. Twente, NL*  
Supervisor Prof. Jaco van de Pol
- Jan 2016 **Deontic Logic Research Project** *ILLC, UvA, NL*  
Supervisor Dr. Roberto Ciuni (ILLC & University of Padova)

## Other Projects

- 2016 The Mauritshuis Challenge (using IBM Bluemix APIs) *Group project, VU, NL*  
2016 KE4KE (using the FOAF Ontology, IBM Bluemix API, etc.) *Group project, VU, NL*  
2016 Action Learning in Self-improving Multi-agent System *Group project, UvA, NL*  
2015 Dynamic Epistemic Model Checking *ILLC, UvA, NL*  
2015 Dynamic Epistemic Learning of Actions *ILLC, UvA, NL*  
2013-2014 Monte Carlo algorithm for Kalah Game *Group project, U. Manchester, UK*  
2013-2014 Reinforcement Learning in Stacklberg Games *Group project, U. Manchester, UK*

## University Duties

### Teaching

- Winter 2021 **Deep Learning** (MSc A.I.), VU & UvA. More details at <https://dlvu.github.io/>.  
Lecturers Prof. Michael Cochez and Prof. Peter Bloem  
Duties This course covers various aspects of Deep Learning including Convolutional Neural Networks, Sequential data, Latent Variable Models, GANs and Reinforcement learning, etc. My duty as an TA was to help students with their group assignments and individual assignments.
- Spring 2021 **A.I. for Health** (bilingual, MSc A.I.), Wuhan University of Science and Technology, online  
Lecturers Dr. Annette ten Teije and Prof. Judith E. Bosmans  
Duties This VU course was adapted and delivered to the master students in Wuhan as a part of the long-term collaboration with the Wuhan University of Science and Technology. I was the teaching assistant for this special bilingual course delivered at remote.
- Winter 2020 **Intelligent Systems** (first year BSc Artificial Intelligence), VU, NL  
Lecturer Dr. Stefan Schlobach  
Duties I was a teaching assistant for the Intelligent Systems course, a course that was newly adapted to first year bachelor students. The course covered logical agents, Bayesian network, Machine Learning, etc. I coached two group of 42 students for their assignments and projects.
- Winter 2017 **Knowledge Representation** (first year MSc Artificial Intelligence), UvA&VU, NL  
Lecturer Prof. Frank van Harmelen  
Duties I was a teaching assistant for the Knowledge Representation course. I coached in total 43 students and supervised 70+ projects. I delivered 7 tutorials and organised 8 project meetings. I audited the exam and marked 40+ project reports in 2017.  
Following the change of course format, I was involved in the marking of exams and project reports in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

### Thesis Supervision

- 2022 Ikrame Zirar (MSc Artificial Intelligence, VU&UvA) : A qualitative analysis of the effects of Ketamine.  
Co-supervisor : Ting liu, Zhisheng Huang (VU).
- 2022 Tianyang Lu (MSc Computer Science, VU&UvA) : Smart Urban Resilience of Ukrainian Cities with Linked Open Data  
Co-supervisor : Zhisheng Huang (VU).
- 2022 Anna-Maja Kazarian (BSc, VU) : Modelling and Analysis of Knowledge in Reconnaissance Blind Chess using Probabilistic Dynamic Epistemic Logic  
Co-supervisor : Zhisheng Huang (VU).

- 2022 Khaled Rabata (BSc, VU) : Detecting errors and improving performance limits of TriplyDB regarding geospatial data (internship at Kadaster)  
Co-supervisors : Zhisheng Huang (VU) and Erwin Flomer (Kadaster).
- 2022 Ata Turan Oguz (BSc, VU) : Semantic Interoperability of Linked Data for Personal Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting : a Case Study of Amsterdam as a smart city  
Co-supervisor : Zhisheng Huang.
- 2021-2022 Idries Nasim (BSc, VU) : On the evolution of identity graphs in the semantic web.  
Second Reader : Peter Bloem.
- 2018 Tico van der Laan (BSc, VU) : Using human facial expressions for interpersonal stances.  
Co-supervisors : Daniel Formolo (VU) and Tibor Bosse (RU Nijmegen).  
Keywords : image analysis, face detection, emotion detection.
- 2018 Stein de Bever (BSc, VU) : Free speech dialogues for harmony in human relations.  
Co-supervisors : Dr. Daniel Formolo (VU) and Prof. Tibor Bosse (RU Nijmegen).  
Keywords : chatbot, human-agent interaction, computer-aid workforce training.
- 2017-2018 Lucas de Vries (MSc Information Studies (minor Data Science), VU-UvA) : NeuroEvolution for Real-time Object Recognition  
Co-supervised with Gongjin Lan (VU) and Jadran Sirotkovic (Accenture).  
Keywords : evolutionary training of neural networks, Raspberry Pi, neural network topology.

### Other Projects

- 2018 Expert finding in the KR&R group using chatbot.  
Web engineer : Aron van Groningen

## Conference and Workshops

### Conferences and Workshops (with a presentation, demo or poster)

- 2022 ICT Open 2022, Amsterdam.
- 2022 International Workshop on Knowledge Graphs for Economics and Finance, online.
- 2021 European Semantics Web Conference (ESWC), online.
- 2020 Workshop on Large Scale RDF Analytics (LASCAR), online.
- 2017 Delft Robot Learning Workshop, TU Delft, Delft, NL.
- 2016 Benelux conference on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC), Amsterdam, NL.
- 2016 International Workshop on User Interfaces for Theorem Provers (UITP, IJCAR), Coimbra, PT.
- 2016 Workshop on Self-Improving System Integration (SISSY), Würzburg, DE.
- 2016 IEEE International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC), Würzburg, DE.
- 2016 International Conference on Climbing and Walking Robots and Support Technologies for Mobile Machines (CLAWAR 2016), London, UK.
- 2016 Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Theorem Proving (AITP), Obergurgl, AT.

### Other Conferences and Workshops Attended

- 2021 EAISI Summit (Eindhoven Artificial Intelligence Systems Institute), online.
- 2021 International Workshop on Explainable Sentiment Mining and Emotion Detection (X-SENTIMENT), online.
- 2021 Second International Workshop On Knowledge Graph Construction (KGC), online.
- 2020 International Joint Conference on Automated Reasoning (IJCAR), online.
- 2020 European Semantics Web Conference (ESWC), online
- 2019 National eScience Symposium 2019, Amsterdam, NL.
- 2019 ARIAS workshop : Listening with Artificial Intelligence : Meeting of the Minds, Amsterdam, NL.
- 2017 Semantics 2017, Amsterdam, NL.
- 2017 Young Researcher Workshop on Economics and Computation (YoungEC '17), Tel Aviv, IL.

- 2016 International Workshop on Computational Social Choice (COMSOC), Toulouse, FR.
- 2016 Responsible Intelligent Systems workshop (REINS), Utrecht, NL.
- 2015 Amsterdam Colloquium 2015, Amsterdam, NL.
- 2015 Hilbert's Epsilon and Tau In Logic, Informatics and Linguistics, Montpellier, FR.
- 2014 Vienna Summer of Logic (VSL), TU Wien, AT.
- 2013 British Logic Colloquium (BLC), The University of Leeds, Leeds, UK.
- 2013 International Symposium on Fundamentals of Computation Theory (FCT), Liverpool, UK
- 2013 London Mathematical Society (LMS) regional meeting, Leicester, UK.

### Summer/Winter Schools

- 2020 SIKS Winter School : From Data Lakes to Knowledge Graphs, online.
- 2019 Summer School on Statistical Relational Artificial Intelligence (ACAI), Ferrara, IT.
- 2019 Advanced Course on Data Science & Machine Learning (ACDL), Certosa di Pontignano, IT.
- 2019 Nordic Probabilistic A.I. School (ProbAI), NTNU, Trondheim, NO.
- 2018 Summer School on Statistical Relational Artificial Intelligence (ACAI), Ferrara, IT.
- 2016 28th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), IT.
- 2013 15th European Agent Systems Summer School (EASSS), London, UK.
- 2012 24th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) Opole, PL.

## Honours

### Awards, Scholarships and Grants

- 2018 Travel grant, ACAI summer school, EurAI & University of Ferrara, €400.
- 2017 NWO TOP grant for doctoral studies, MaestroGraph project, VU Amsterdam & NWO.
- 2017 Travel grant (for a visit of 2 weeks), Bar-Ilan University, €788.61.
- 2016 Support grant (sponsored by Google), ICAC'16, €791.60.
- 2016 Student grant, ESSLLI'16, €350.
- 2016 Student grant, COMSOC'16, €50.
- 2016 ILLC student travel grant ×2, ILLC, €200.
- 2014-2015 INRIA-MPRI Scholarship (<1%), INRIA and ENS Cachan, €12,000.
- 2014 Travel Grant for Vienna Summer of Logic, U.Manchester, £803.05.
- 2013 Student Grant for the British Logic Colloquium, ~£110, U.Leeds.

### Competitions

- 2021 Winner, the student writing contest *VU Pride*, Amsterdam.
- 2012 3rd place, Leader of the Kilburn Team, the *Barclays IT Bit Challenge*, Manchester, UK.
- 2013 Finalist (12 out of 124 submissions), *EUREKA Library Innovation Challenge*, Manchester, UK.

### Membership

- 2017-present PhD student member, BNVKI & EurAI, NL.
- 2013-present Student member, British Logic Colloquium (BLC), UK.
- 2013-present Associate member, London Mathematical Society (LMS), UK.
- 2017-2019 PhD student member, Association for Symbolic Logic (ASL), US.
- 2016-2017 Student member, CLAWAR Association Ltd, London, UK.
- 2012-2014 Student member, Royal Aeronautical Society (the Manchester Branch), UK.
- 2014-2015 Student member, AAAI, USA.
- 2012-2013 Student member, IEEE, USA.



## Certificates

### Certificates of Completed Online Courses

- 2017 Structuring Machine Learning Projects, deeplearning.ai on Coursera.
- 2013 Artificial Intelligence Planning, University of Edinburgh on Coursera.
- 2012 Game Theory, Stanford University on Coursera.

### Professional Certificates

- 2021 Research Integrity - Engineering and Technology, Oxford University Press and Epigeum.
- 2021 Certificate of Advanced Academic Writing for PhD researchers, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

## Business, Economics, Management, and Communication Training

### Master Classes

- April 2022 Master Class "The Keys to Building a Future-Ready Data Company", José Esteves, IE University (IE Benelux), Amsterdam

## Extracurricular Activities and Interests

### Art (<https://shuai.ai/art>)

I am a self-taught artist. I paint (acrylic, oil, watercolor), and draw (charcoal, pencil). I also design logos, posters, booklets and interactive websites.

- Feb 2021 Exhibition : 20 Hands in 2020. This exhibition consists of 12 painting and sketches of in total 20 hands. Due to Covid restrictions, we made it an online exhibition. We received 180 visitors from all over the world in the first two days.
- Aug 2021 Exhibition : Golden. The exhibition was at the CHAxART Gallery. It consists of 8 paintings and drawings inspired by 11 Dutch masters with a focus on the Dutch Golden Age. The exhibition also includes 5 illustrations for Andi Georgescu's poetry book *LUST*..
- Jun 2021 I designed the logo for the Knowledge Representation & Reasoning group of VU Amsterdam.

### Student Society

- 2013-2014 Manchester Ultimate Programming (student society), president, Manchester, UK
  - We organised bi-weekly master classes and some hackathons.
  - I chaired the first Ultimate Programming Workshop. We invited companies like IBM, BBC, AppSense for workshops and master classes.
- 2012-2013 Manchester Computer Science Society (student society), marketing assistant, Manchester, UK
  - I was in the marketing team to help design posters and flyers.

### Volunteering

- Jun 2021 European Semantic Web Conference (ESWC), volunteer, online
  - I was a volunteer for the ESWC conference where I communicated with conference chairs, recorded presentations, and answered attendees' questions.
  - I was also a volunteer at the co-located knowledge graph construction workshop.
- 2018-2020 Fo Guang Shan Holland Temple, volunteer, Amsterdam, NL.
- Jul 2014 Vienna Summer of Logic, volunteer, TU Wien, AT.
  - I worked as an assistant at the ACL2 and EC2 conferences at the Vienna Summer of Logic. I have also attended many talks at the LICS, IJCAR, CAV, KR, etc.
- May 2013 sUAVe Aerial Photographers, Kilve Beach, UK
  - I worked as an assistant for drone and helicopter control for space exploration. We collected data for geographical research of the landscape of the Kilve beach.
- 2013-2014 Museum of Science and Industry, Baby Computer Volunteer (level 2), Manchester, UK.
- 2013-2014 Manchester Deaf Centre, volunteer, Manchester, UK.
- Jun 2012 MerseySTEM VEX Challenge (using VEX Robot Kit) at Deyes High School, volunteer, UK.

Jul 2013 Deershed Festival (using LEGO Robots), Robogals, volunteer, UK.

### Music and Films

eCello : I am learning electric cello with Antonis Pratsinakis (7 months).

Singing : I was a student of Caroline van Bavel for Pop and Rock (15 months). I performed *What a Wonderful World* at the Griffioen Cultural Centre in a joint concert in 2020.

Directing : I was the director and editor of Tom Clements' music video *Summer*, 2011.

Acting : I played an anonymous dancer in the Dutch film *At Midnight Plays A Dance-Tune* by Roy Serden, 2017.

### Sports

Taekwondo I obtained a red belt after five years of training.

Rowing I was a member of the R.S.V.U. OKEANOS (rowing club).

### Web Development

Personal <https://shuai.ai/>

Research <https://submassive.cc/>

Commercial <http://wijsjesvanweleer.nl>

## Multilingual Proficiency

Chinese Native

English Professional working proficiency

French A2

Dutch Basic (A1-A2)

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