



# Sara Vera Marjanović

## PhD Student in Information Retrieval & NLP

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I work with big data to increase the transparency of large language models and improve our understanding of cognitive-based AI.

### Education

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- 2023 – now    **PhD in Computer Science**, Københavns Universitet, Danmark  
» Joint supervision by Dr. Christina Lioma and Dr. Maria Maistro in Information Retrieval and Dr. Isabelle Augenstein in NLP.  
» Investigating the interpretability and trustworthiness of large language models given noisy or faulty data
- 2019 – 2021    **MSc in IT & Cognition**, Københavns Universitet, Danmark  
» Coursework focused in Large-Scale Data Science (including Machine Learning), Natural Language Processing, Image Processing, and Robotics. cGPA: 11.8/12.0  
» Thesis investigated bipartisan linguistic differences in gendered political discussions on Reddit.
- 2012 – 2016    **BSc in Neuroscience**, McGill University, Canada  
» Undergraduate thesis analysed the effect of estrogen administration on the electric organ discharge of the weakly electric fish, *B. gauderio*, with MATLAB algorithms.  
» Courses in computational neuroscience, evolutionary biology, and computer science. cGPA: 3.91/4.00, Graduated with Distinction. Dean's Honour List: 2013, 2015

### Research & Data Science

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- 2022 – 2023    **Consultant**, Capgemini Insights & Data, Danmark  
» Provided data science and analytics support in client projects within public AI & ethics using cloud-computing services (Azure, AWS, Google cloud)  
» Led business development projects within MLOps, multimodal synthetic data, and quantum machine learning.
- 2020 – 2022    **Data Scientist**, FocusWRX, Danmark  
» Predicted and analysed aggregated organizational stress readings (HRV from Garmin watches) and Outlook usage to determine stressors in work environments.  
» Ran user interviews and analytics research to guide feature development.
- 2020 – 2022    **Research Assistant**, Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science, Danmark  
» Collaborated in a multi-university project modelling network transmission of coronavirus misinformation on Twitter.  
» Studied patterns of misinformation narratives in Scandinavia social media.

### Teaching Experience

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- 2023    **Teaching Assistant**, Københavns Universitet, Fair & Transparent Machine Learning  
» Planned & led weekly practical sessions in probing, fairness metrics and XAI  
» Graded and provided feedback/guidance to student presentations and projects
- 2020    **Teaching Assistant**, Københavns Universitet, Introduction to Social Data Science  
» Led online and physical Social Data Science programming lessons 3x a week  
» Taught biweekly quantitative analysis workshops.

## Publications

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Waiting review	<i>Marjanovic, Augenstein &amp; Lioma. The impact of uncertainty on explanation coherence: an empirical study. Submitted to NAACL 2024.</i>
2022	Marjanovic, Stańczak, & Augenstein (2022). Quantifying Gender Biases Towards Politicians on Reddit. <i>PlosONE</i> .
2022	Kjær, Marjanovic, Johansen, Baglini & Adler-Nissen (2022). Misinformation, social status og latterliggørelse: En undersøgelse af danskeres spredning af og reaktioner på Covid-19 misinformation på Twitter. <i>Politica</i> .
2022	Johansen, Marjanovic, Kjær, Baglini & Adler-Nissen (2022). Ridiculing the “tin foil hats:” Citizen responses to COVID -19 misinformation in the Danish facemask debate on Twitter. <i>Harvard Misinformation Review</i> . <a href="https://misinforeview.hks.harvard.edu/article/ridiculing-the-tin-foil-hats-citizen-responses-to-covid-19-misinformation-in-the-danish-facemask-debate-on-twitter/">https://misinforeview.hks.harvard.edu/article/ridiculing-the-tin-foil-hats-citizen-responses-to-covid-19-misinformation-in-the-danish-facemask-debate-on-twitter/</a>

## Awards

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2021	<b>Columbus Prisen</b> (as part of the HOPE project), <i>Forlaget Columbus</i> 50000 DKK award for public institutions that uphold ideas of democracy, genuine political commitment and the importance of factual arguments.
2015	<b>Quinn Research Assistantship Award</b> , <i>University of British Columbia</i> 6000 CAD research grant for undergraduate research within psychology.

## Skills

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Coding	Level	Languages	Level	Tools	Hobbies
Python	●●●●○	English	●●●●●	Tensorflow/Pytorch	Puzzles
R	●●●○	Serbo-Croatian	●●●●○	Cloud-computing	Climbing
MATLAB	●●●○	Danish	●●●●○	Git	Endurance sports
LaTeX	●●●○	French	●●●○	Pyspark	Reading fiction