

STEFAN SARKADI

Researcher in Artificial Intelligence

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SUMMARY

- I am a researcher in Artificial Intelligence with a highly interdisciplinary perspective. This enables me to develop approaches by integrating methodologies from Computer Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Intelligence Analysis, and Communication Theory.
- As a researcher, I wish to understand the behaviour of intelligent agents (humans or machines) inside social environments like hybrid societies, and study their behaviour with respect to social norms and to ethical, legal, and safety standards. In particular, I am interested in the topics of deception and deception detection, self-explainable AI agents with Theory-of-Mind, and the ability of AI agents to build stories and narratives.
- Areas of research: Agent-based Modelling & Multi-Agent Systems; AI Ethics; Explainable AI; Deception.

EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)

King's College London

📅 2016 - 2020

📍 London, UK

MSc. in Mind, Language, and Embodied Cognition (Cognitive Science)

The University of Edinburgh

📅 2014 - 2015

📍 Edinburgh, UK

B.A. (with Hons.) in Philosophy

West University of Timisoara

📅 2011 - 2014

📍 Timisoara, Romania

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

INRIA, Sophia-Antipolis

📅 Nov 2020 – present

📍 Sophia-Antipolis, France

- 3IA Côte d'Azur Project: Design and test multi-agent models and protocols to orchestrate the interactions between agents that embed different AI methods. The aim of this project is ensuring an optimized collaboration to augment, improve, and govern knowledge sharing activities in Multi-Agent Systems.
- Hyper-Agents Project: Define a new class of Multi-Agent Systems that use hypermedia as a general mechanism for uniform interaction to support AI interoperability and traceability in complex interconnected systems.

PhD Researcher

King's College London, Dept. of Informatics

📅 Oct 2016 – Oct 2020

📍 London, UK

- Thesis title: *Deception*
- Research, design, implementation and evaluation of Agent Based Models and Multi-Agent Systems for the study of deception.
- Engineering of complex reasoning and communication mechanisms for deceptive artificial agents using techniques from Game-Theory, Knowledge Representation and Agent-Oriented Programming Languages.
- Extensive interdisciplinary research on the topic of human and machine deception covering literature from Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology, Economics, Neuroscience and Communication Theory.

Visiting PhD Researcher

MIT, Media Lab

📅 Jul 2018 – Oct 2018

📍 Cambridge, MA

- Research, design, implementation and evaluation of evolutionary game-theoretical models of agents.
 - Development of evolutionary models using high-level cognitive architectures to promote cooperation and ethical behaviour in agent societies where deception is present.
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Research Assistant

King's College London, Dept. of Informatics

📅 Sep 2015 – Sep 2016

📍 London, UK

- Research on the feasibility of applying Blockchain technology for non-proliferation and arms control.
 - Big Data analysis of wheat market data for the development of market behaviour models.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Fellow of the HEA

The Higher Education Academy UK

📅 2019 - present

📍 London, UK

Graduate Teaching Assistant

King's College London, Dept. of Informatics

📅 Sep 2016 – Dec 2019

📍 London, UK

- Gave a guest lecture on *Ethics and AI* and designed course material for the Artificial Intelligence module to a group of more than 150 students.
- Gave a guest lecture on how to represent deception in multi-agent systems for the Advanced Research Topics in Computer Science module to a group of more than 50 postgraduate students.
- Designed and organised tutorial and seminar material for *Philosophy & Ethics of AI* and *Artificial Intelligence* modules.
- Marked undergraduate and postgraduate courseworks for the Artificial Intelligence module.
- Taught small group tutorials and seminars of 10-15 undergraduate students for: *Introduction to Artificial Intelligence; Elementary Logic and Applications*.
- Taught large group tutorials and seminars of 50 - 300 undergraduate and postgraduate students for: *Artificial Intelligence; Elementary Logic and Applications; Philosophy & Ethics of AI*.
- Taught and supervised lab practicals of 30-50 undergraduate and postgraduate students for: *Artificial Intelligence; Machine Learning; Computer Programming for Data Science; Introductory Course to Python* for the MSc in Data Science.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- Online Deception Survey Research Grant, The Alan Turing Institute defence and security ARC (2020). I was lead researcher. Grant total: £ 8960.
- Nominated as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the university-wide 2020 *King's Education Awards*, at King's College London.
- Nominated for the Department of Informatics 2018/2019 *Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*, at King's College London.
- Two *Best Early Researcher Paper* nominations at the EUMAS-AT conference (2018).

- Graduate Visiting Researcher Funding, MIT Media Lab (2018).
- Conference Travel Grant for IJCAI '18, Artificial Intelligence Journal (2018).
- NMS Faculty Studentship Scheme, King's College London (2018-2020).
- Graduate Teaching Studentship, King's College London (2016-2018).
- Academic Performance Scholarship, West University of Timișoara (2012-2014).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Co-chair of the 1st and 2nd International Workshops on Deceptive AI @ECAI2020 & @IJCAI2021.
- Co-founder and co-editor of the Online Handbook of Argumentation for Artificial Intelligence (OHAAI).
- Responsible for co-organising the Distributed AI research group seminars in the Dept. of Informatics at King's College London.
- Co-founder of the Argumentation Reading Group at King's College London.
- PC Member - 1st, 2nd and 3rd International Workshops on Explainable Transparent Autonomous Agent and Multi-Agent Systems (EXTRAAMAS).
- Reviewer - Annual International Conference on Human-Agent Interaction (HAI 2018).
- Reviewer - Journal of Autonomous Agents & Multi-Agent Systems (JAAMAS).
- Reviewer - Decision Support Systems (DECSUP).
- Reviewer - Journal of Logic and Computation (JLC).
- Reviewer - The Knowledge Engineering Review (KER).

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Ştefan Sarkadi, Alison R. Panisson, Rafael H. Bordini, Peter McBurney, Simon Parsons, Martin Chapman [2019]: *Modelling Deception using Theory of Mind in Multi-Agent Systems*. In: *AI Communications* 32.4, pp.287–302.

Conference Proceedings

Mosca, Francesca, **Ştefan Sarkadi**, Jose M. Such, Peter McBurney [2020]: Agent EXPRI: Licence to Explain. *Proceedings of 2nd International Workshop on EXplainable TRansparent Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*, Auckland, New Zealand, 9-13 May 2020.

Ştefan Sarkadi [2019]: Deceptive Autonomous Agents. *Proceedings of the Shrivenham Defence and Security Doctoral Symposium*, Shrivenham, UK, 12-13 Nov 2019.

Ştefan Sarkadi, Peter McBurney, Simon Parsons [2019]: Deceptive Storytelling in Artificial Dialogue Games. *Proceedings of the AAAI 2019 Spring Symposium on Story-Enabled Intelligence*, Stanford, USA, 25-27 March 2019.

Ştefan Sarkadi, Alison R. Panisson, Rafael H. Bordini, Peter McBurney, Simon Parsons [2018]: Towards an Approach for Modelling Uncertain Theory of Mind in Multi-Agent Systems. *Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Agreement Technologies*, Bergen, Norway, 6-7 December 2018.

Alison R. Panisson, **Ştefan Sarkadi**, Peter McBurney, Simon Parsons, Rafael H. Bordini [2018]: On the Formal Semantics of Theory of Mind in Agent Communication. *Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Agreement Technologies*, Bergen, Norway, 6-7 December 2018.

Ştefan Sarkadi [2018]: Deception. *Proceedings of the 27th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, IJCAI 2018, Stockholm, Sweden, 13-19 July 2018.

Alison R. Panisson, **Ştefan Sarkadi**, Peter McBurney, Simon Parsons, Rafael H. Bordini [2018]: Lies, B*llshit, and Deception in Agent-Oriented Programming Languages. *Proceedings of the 20th International TRUST Workshop (TRUST 2018)*, IJCAI 2018, Stockholm, Sweden, 14/15 July 2018.

Edited Collections

Online Handbook of Argumentation for AI [Upcoming 2021]. Vol.2. ArXiv.

Proceedings of the First International Workshop on DeceptiveAI. [Upcoming 2021]. Springer.

Online Handbook of Argumentation for AI [2020]. Vol.1. ArXiv.

Book Chapters

Stefan Sarkadi [2020]: Argumentation-based Dialogue Games for Modelling Deception. In: *Online Handbook for Argumentation in AI Vol.1*.

Florin Lobont, **Stefan Sarkadi** [2016]: Religion in the public cybersphere of social machines. 3e Colloque International Comsymbol (Comsymbol 2016), Montpellier, France, 9-10 Nov 2016. Book Chapter in Mihaela-Alexandra Tudor and Stefan Bratosin (Eds.): *Religion(s), Laïcité(s) Et Société(s) Au Tournant Des Humanités Numériques*.

Stefan Sarkadi [2016]: Artificial Consciousness in an Artificial World. In: M. Micle and C. Mesaroş (Eds.): *Communication Today: An Overview from Online Journalism to Applied Philosophy*, Trivent Publishing.

TALKS & LECTURES

Deceptive AI

WIMMICS Seminar Series, Inria


 Feb 2021

 Sophia-Antipolis, France (online)

Deceptive AI

Distributed AI Seminar Series, King's College London


 Nov 2020

 London, UK (online)

AI & Ethics

Guest Lecture for the Artificial Intelligence Module, King's College London

 Dec 2019

 London, UK

Deceptive Autonomous Agents

Shrivenham Defence and Security Symposium

 Nov 2019

 Shrivenham, UK

Deceptive Storytelling in Argumentation Games

Reasoning and Planning Group Seminar, King's College London


 May 2019

 London, UK

Deceptive Storytelling in Artificial Dialogue Games

AAAI 2019 Spring Symposium

 March 2019

 Stanford, California

Towards an Approach for Modelling Uncertain Theory of Mind in Multi-Agent Systems

EUMAS-AT 2018

 Dec 2018

 Bergen, Norway

On the Formal Semantics of Theory of Mind in Agent Communication

EUMAS-AT 2018

 Dec 2018

 Bergen, Norway

Lies, Bullshit and Deception in Agent-Oriented Programming Languages

20th International TRUST Workshop @ IJCAI/AAMAS

 July 2018

 Stockholm, Sweden

Is Your AI Cheating on You?

Doctoral Consortium of IJCAI'18

📅 July 2018

📍 Stockholm, Sweden

Deception: A Multi-Agent Systems Approach

Guest Lecture for Advanced Research Topics in Computer Science Module, King's College London

📅 Nov 2017

📍 London, UK

Modelling Deception

Agents and Intelligent Systems PhD Symposium, King's College London

📅 Aug 2017

📍 London, UK

Religion in the Public Cybersphere of Social Machines

COMSYMBOL 2016

📅 Nov 2016

📍 Montpellier, France

Blockchains for Non-Proliferation and Arms Control

Poster Talk at Big Data Day @King's, King's College London

📅 Oct 2016

📍 London, UK

Introduction to Cognitive Science

Guest Lecture for the Psychology Module, Dept. of Philosophy, West University of Timisoara

📅 Jan 2016

📍 Timisoara, Romania