

# Yorgos Felekis

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## EDUCATION

### PhD, Machine Learning

Oct. 2022 – present

*University of Warwick*

*Coventry, UK*

- Research Focus: Causality, Causal Representation Learning, Digital Twins
- Member of the [Warwick Machine Learning Group](#)

### MSc, Machine Learning

Sep. 2019 – Sep. 2020

*University College London - UCL*

*London, UK*

- Degree awarded with Distinction
- Thesis: "Generalised Variational Inference posteriors in Probabilistic Deep Learning"

### BSc, Mathematics

Oct. 2014 – Jul. 2019

*National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

*Athens, GR*

- Degree awarded with First Class Honours

## PUBLICATIONS

### Causal Optimal Transport of Abstractions

2024

- Felekis Y., Zennaro F.M., Branchini N., Damoulas T., *Causal Learning and Reasoning (CLEaR)*, 2024

### Causally Abstracted Multi-armed Bandits

2024

- Zennaro F.M., Bishop N., Dyer J., Felekis Y., Calinescu A., Wooldridge M., Damoulas T., *under review for UAI 2024*

### Interventionally Consistent Surrogates for Agent-based Simulators

2023

- Dyer J., Bishop N., Felekis Y., Zennaro F.M., Calinescu A., Damoulas T., Wooldridge M. *arXiv preprint*, 2023

### Probabilistic Deep Learning with Generalised Variational Inference

2022

- Felekis Y., Damoulas T., Paige B., *4th Symposium on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference (AABI)*, 2022

### The generalized $\lambda$ -Constant Function Market Makers

2022

- Felekis Y., Kristensen J., *IEEE Blockchain*, 2022

### Cryptocurrency price prediction with Multi-task Multi-step Sequence-to-Sequence Modeling

2022

- Kristensen J., Madrigal-Cianci J.P., Felekis Y., Liatsikou M., *IEEE Blockchain*, 2022

### ex-GPT: An Extractive-Abstractive Summarization Framework with a Sentence Embeddings Twist

2020

- Minto L., Kmec J., Felekis Y., Filippi G., *preprint*

### Deep Learning for Agricultural Land Detection in Insular Areas

2019

- Charou E., Felekis Y., Bournou D., Maria Koutsoukou M., Panagiotopoulou A., Voutos Y., Bratsolis E., Mylonas P., Likforman-Sulem L., *10th International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems and Applications (IISA)*, 2019

## EXPERIENCE

### Research Engineer

Dec. 2021 – Jul. 2022

*Advanced Blockchain AG*

*Berlin, DE*

- Work on the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain technology and the mathematical aspects of DeFi. Specifically, study of the Automated Market Makers' dynamics via Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning Simulations and Adversarial Learning.
- Organizer of the weekly Research seminar (paper reviews, invited talks, brainstorming sessions).

### Machine Learning & Data Science Consultant

Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2021

*Ernst & Young (EY)*

*Athens, GR*

- Work on AI-related platforms and technologies with a focus on Natural Language Processing and Natural Language Understanding at the IBM TechHub of EY. In particular, the work was focused on Text Classification, Document Retrieval, QA, and summarization tasks.

## Machine Learning Engineer

Jan. 2021 – Jun. 2021

*LangAware*

*Athens, GR*

- Design and develop productised and deployed machine learning models for predicting neurodegenerative diseases with Natural Language Processing techniques. Specifically, work on Dementia, Alzheimer and Parkinson's diseases.

## Visiting Researcher

Sep. 2019 – Sep. 2020

*National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos"*

*Athens, GR*

- Mentoring and supervising internship projects of undergraduate students, as part of their BSc Diploma.

## Research Scientist

Dec. 2018 – Aug. 2019

*National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos"*

*Athens, GR*

- Experimentation with Transfer Learning techniques with popular neural network architectures (AlexNet, ResNet, VGG16).
- Creation of a Sentinel-2A based dataset called "Ionio dataset" and training of a Convolutional Neural Network in order to classify Agricultural and Non-Agricultural land cover. (see publication below)
- Organise multiple workshops as the main speaker for students and researchers on Deep Learning techniques and their applications to Remote Sensing.

## Research Intern

Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2018

*National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos"*

*Athens, GR*

- Literature review of SOTA Deep Learning models for remote sensing image processing and satellite imagery.

## HONOURS & AWARDS

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### Turing AI Acceleration Fellowship

Oct. 2022 – Apr. 2026

### Onassis Scholarship for Doctoral Studies

Oct. 2022 – Oct. 2025

## TALKS & POSTERS

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### Causal Optimal Transport of Abstractions

May 2024

*Algorithms & Computationally Intensive Inference Seminar*

*University of Warwick, Coventry, UK*

### Causal Optimal Transport of Abstractions

Apr. 2024

*Stanford AI Lab*

*Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, USA*

### Causal Optimal Transport of Abstractions (poster)

Apr. 2024

*Causal Learning and Reasoning (CLear)*

*UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA*

### Bridging micro and macro causal realms

Dec. 2023

*Warwick Postgraduate Colloquium in Computer Science*

*University of Warwick, Coventry, UK*

### Probabilistic Deep Learning with Generalised Variational Inference (poster)

Feb. 2022

*4th Symposium on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference*

*Virtual Event*

### MSc Thesis Presentation

Jan. 2021

*NCSR "Demokritos" Machine Learning seminar series*

*NCSR "Demokritos", Athens, GR*

### Machine Learning methods for satellite image processing

Jul. 2020

*55th Summer School of NCSR "Demokritos"*

*NCSR "Demokritos", Athens, GR*

### Deep Learning for Agricultural Land Detection in Insular Areas

Jul. 2019

*10th International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems and Applications*

*University of the Peloponnese, Patras, GR*

### Deep Learning trends & techniques

Sep. 2019

*Computational Intelligence Lab seminar*

*NCSR "Demokritos", Athens, GR*

### Convolutional Neural Networks for Land Use Land Cover classification

May 2019

*Computational Intelligence Lab seminar*

*NCSR "Demokritos", Athens, GR*

## SUPERVISION

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### Tanatip Timtong, BSc Computer Science Thesis

Jul. 2022 – Apr. 2023

*co-supervise with Prof. Theo Damoulas @ University of Warwick*

*Coventry, UK*

### Mary Karatzoglidi, Research Internship

Sep. 2019 – Jan. 2020

*co-supervise with Dr. Eleni Charou @ NCSR "Demokritos"*

*Athens, GR*

## ORGANIZATION

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### **Warwick Machine Learning reading group**

*Focus: Causal Inference, Robustness, Probabilistic Machine Learning*

Jan. 2023 – present

*University of Warwick, Coventry, UK*

### **Three-day Hackathon**

*Organized in collaboration with other Alan Turing Institute fellows*

Apr. 2023

*University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK*

### **Computational Intelligence Lab seminar**

*Organized workshops, seminars and invited talks*

May. 2019 – Sep. 2019

*NCSR "Demokritos", Athens, GR*

## CONFERENCES & SUMMER SCHOOLS

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**Mediterranean Machine Learning Summer School (2023)**

**Greek Stochastics (2022, 2024)**

**Cambridge ELLIS Machine Learning Summer School (2022)**

**Oxford Machine Learning Summer School (2020)**

**Athens Probability Colloquium (2017, 2018)**

**Athens Colloquium on Algorithms and Complexity (2016, 2017, 2018)**

**International Conference on Algorithms and Complexity (2017)**

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages & Developer Tools:** Python, Matlab, Julia, Git, Google Cloud Platform, IBM Watson

**Libraries:** PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

## LANGUAGES

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**Greek:** Native

**English:** Fluent

**French:** Intermediate

**Spanish:** Beginner