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Current Position

Humboldt University of Berlin & Excellence Cluster: “Science of Intelligence”

Berlin, Germany

POSTDOCTORAL VISITING FELLOW, COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR

Jan. 2024- Mar. 2024

- Project: ‘Investigating the impact of behavioural individuality and group size on leadership dynamics using genetically identical fish (*Poecilia formosa*) and the RoboFish’
- PI: Prof. Dr. J.Krause, Dr. D.Bierbach.
- Keywords: leadership, individual heterogeneity, fish schools, biohybrid system

Swansea University

Swansea, UK

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR

Mar. 2022- Present

- Project: ‘2G-SWARM. Animals are not particles: a framework for second generation hetero-swarm robotics’
- PI: Dr. A.J.King.
- Keywords: collective motion, individual heterogeneity, agent-based models, bird flocks, fish schools, goat herds, baboon troops, swarm robotics

Main Education & Research

University of Groningen

Groningen, Netherlands

PHD, SELF-ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS

Oct. 2017 - Nov. 2022

- Thesis: ‘Self-organized collective escape in bird flocks.’
- Supervision: Prof.Dr. C.K.Hemelrijk, Dr. H.Hildenbrandt
- Keywords: collective escape, computational models, bird flocks, homing pigeons, European starlings, predation, self-organization

Imperial College London

London, UK

M.Sc., COMPUTATIONAL METHODS IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

Oct. 2016 - Sep. 2017

- Dissertation: ‘The Cultural Evolution of Evolution’.
- Supervision: Dr. J.Rosindell, Prof.Dr. A.M.Leroi, Prof.Dr. T.Barraclough.
- First-Class Honor, Distinction.
- Keywords: science of science, machine learning, natural language processing, cultural evolution

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki, Greece

B.Sc., BIOLOGY

Sep. 2011 - Mar. 2016

- Dissertation: ‘Habitat suitability of the sea turtle *Caretta caretta* in the Mediterranean region’.
- Supervision: Dr. A.Mazaris.
- First-Class Honor.
- Keywords: species-distribution modeling, sea turtles, migratory routes, maximum entropy

Affiliated Research Experience

Imperial College London

London, UK

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Mar. 2017 - Sep. 2018

- Project: ‘BiasWatchEvol: Gender bias in Evolutionary Biology’.
- Creator of: www.biaswatchevol.com.
- Funded by the Equal Opportunities Initiative Fund of the European Society of Evolutionary Biology.

University of Glasgow

Glasgow, UK

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

Oct. 2015 - Jan. 2016

- Project: ‘Determinants of sea turtle nesting patterns & spatial asymmetries at the global scale’.
- Supervision: Dr. S.Spatharis, Prof.Dr. J.Matthiopoulos.
- Funded by the Erasmus+ Placement Program.

National Marine Park of Zakynthos & Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Zante, Greece

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jun. 2014 - Oct. 2014

- Project: ‘Monitoring of reproduction activities of the loggerhead sea turtles(*Caretta caretta*) in Zakynthos rookery’.
- Supervision: Dr. A.Mazaris.
- Funded by the DG Environment of the European Commission.

Publications

- **Diffusion during collective turns in bird flocks under predation**
2023, *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*, 11: 1198248. doi:10.3389/fevo.2023.1198248
Papadopoulou M., Hildenbrandt H. and Hemelrijk C.K.
- **Dynamics of collective motion across time and species**
2023, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, 378: 20220068. doi:10.1098/rstb.2022.0068
Papadopoulou M., Fürtbauer I., O'Bryan L., Garnier S., Georgopoulou D., Bracken A., Christensen C., and King A.J.
- **Biologically inspired herding of animal groups by robots**
2023, *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*. doi:10.1111/2041-210X.14049
King A.J., Portugal S.J., Strömbom D., Mann R.P., Carrillo J.A., Kalise D., de Croon G., Barnett H., Scerri P., Gross R., Chadwick D.R., *Papadopoulou M.*
- **Animals are not particles: towards a second generation of 'hetero-swarm' robotics**
2022, *Swarm Intelligence: 13th International Conference, ANTS 2022, Malaga, Spain, November 2–4, Proceedings*. Vol. 13491. Springer Natures. doi:10.1007/978-3-031-20176-9
Papadopoulou M., Fürtbauer I., and King A.J.
- **Emergence of splits and collective turns in pigeon flocks under predation**
2022, *Royal Society Open Science*, 9:211898. doi:10.1098/rsos.211898
Papadopoulou M., Hildenbrandt H., Sankey D.W.E., Portugal S.J., and Hemelrijk C.K.
- **Self-organization of collective escape in pigeon flocks**
2022, *PLoS Computational Biology*, 18(1): e1009772. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1009772
Papadopoulou M., Hildenbrandt H., Sankey D.W.E., Portugal S.J., and Hemelrijk C.K.
- **Relationship between conservation biology and ecology shown through machine reading of 32,000 articles**
2020, *Conservation Biology*, 34 (3), 721-732. doi: 10.1111/cobi.13435
Hintzen R., *Papadopoulou M.*, Mounce R., Banks-Leite C., Holt R., Mills M., Knight A., Leroi A. and Rosindell J.
- **On Revolutions**
2020, *Palgrave Communications* 6 (1), 1-11. doi: 10.1057/s41599-019-0371-1
Leroi A., Lambert B., Mauch M., *Papadopoulou M.*, Ananiadou S., Lindberg S. and Lindenfors P.

Manuscripts

- **Disentangling the emergence of starling murmurations under predation**
In prep.
Papadopoulou M., Hildenbrandt H., Storms R., and Hemelrijk C.K.
- **swaRmverse: an R package for the comparative analysis of collective motion**
In prep.
Papadopoulou M., Garnier S. and King A.J.

Grants and Scholarships

2023	Postdoctoral International Travelling Fellowships (PITF) , FSBI, International Society for Fish Biology	UK - Germany
2022	Symposium Grant , Dutch Society for theoretical biology	NL
2017	Equal Opportunities Initiative Fund , European Society of Evolutionary Biology	UK
2016	Erasmus+ Internship Grant , European Commission	UK
2015	Travel Grant , International Sea Turtle Society	Turkey
2014	Contributory scholarship , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Greece
2011	Excellence Scholarship for National Admission Exams in Biology , Hellenic State Scholarships Foundation	Greece

Teaching Experience

Swansea University

GUEST LECTURER & PROJECT CO-SUPERVISOR IN BIOSCIENCES

- Courses: *Animal Behavior (BSc)*
- Project co-supervision for PhD and BSc students

Swansea, UK
Sep. 2022 - Present

University of Groningen

TEACHING ASSISTANT IN THEORETICAL BIOLOGY

- Courses: *Biological modelling and model analysis (BSc)*, *Modelling in life sciences (BSc)*, *Practical modelling for biologists (MSc)*, *Self-organization of ecological and social systems (BSc)*, *Advanced self-organization of social systems (MSc)*
- Tasks: computer practicals (coordination, preparation and tutoring), lectures, projects supervision (BSc, MSc)

Groningen, NL

Oct. 2017 - Feb. 2022

Professional Services

Research Training

POSTGRADUATE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM OF SWANSEA UNIVERSITY

- Designing and delivering workshops for postgraduate students and staff
- Workshop on Data Visualization for research (fundamentals and R practicals)

Swansea, UK

Nov. 2022 - Present

Event Organization

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON: 'BIO-HYBRID METHODS IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR'

- Co-organizer of interdisciplinary workshop funded by the Association for the Study of Animal Behavior (ASAB)
- Number of participants: 50 | Budget: ~ 10.000 €.

Swansea, UK

Sep. 2023

Scientific Community Board

SEMF - SOCIETY FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

- Founding member
- Website: semf.org.es

International

May 2021 - Present

Reviewing

SCIENTIFIC PUBLISHING & SOFTWARE

- Journals list at Web of Science, Researcher ID GQP-2573-2022
- R-OpenSci: 'nlrx' R package

International

Sep. 2018 - Present

Event Organization

PHD DAY GRONINGEN

- The largest annual event for PhD students in Europe (phd-day.nl)
- Chair of the board of the organizing committee (25 members)
- Number of participants: 700 | Budget: ~ 40.000 €

Groningen, NL

Oct. 2018 - Sep. 2019

Wildlife Rehabilitation

'ACTION FOR WILDLIFE', ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF WILDLIFE

- Providing care to wild animals admitted in the rehabilitation center and analyzing their causes of morbidity.

Thessaloniki, Greece

Mar. 2012 - Sep. 2016

Invited Talks

Collective Motion of Animals and Robots

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

'Animal groups into the Swarm-Verse: understanding collective motion across species & ecological contexts'

Corsica, FR

27 - 31 May. 2024

Understanding self-organization in complex systems: A multidisciplinary approach

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

'Self-organized collective behaviour in social systems'

Zurich, SWITZ

17 - 19 Jan. 2024

Workshop on Descriptive & Normative Models of Collective Behaviour

INVITED PARTICIPANT

'Data-inspired models of collective escape in bird flocks'

Leeds, UK

20 - 24 Jun. 2022

International School of Groningen

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION - SPECIALIST TALK

'Collective behavior of bird flocks' - for primary school students

Groningen, NL

9 Apr. 2019

The Young Researchers

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION - SPECIALIST TALK

'Computational models of collective behavior of bird flocks' - for kids, teenagers and adults

Groningen, NL

7 Dec 2018

Conference Contributions

Behaviour 2023

PAPADOPOULOU M., HILDENBRANDT H., HEMELRIJK C.K.

The self-organization of collective escape in starlings and pigeons (Oral presentation)

Bielefeld, Germany

14 - 19 Aug. 2023

Santa Fe Institute Symposium, Collective Intelligence | Foundations + Radical Ideas

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Collective Intelligence into the Swarmverse (Poster presentation)

Santa Fe, USA

19 - 23 Jun. 2023

ASAB Spring 2023

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Dynamics of collective motion across species and contexts. (Oral presentation)

Bangor, UK

4 - 6 Mar. 2023

European Conference on Behavioural Biology (ECBB)

PAPADOPOULOU M., FÜRSTBAUER I., KING A.J.

The role of individual heterogeneity in collective behavior across species. (Poster presentation)

Groningen, NL

20 - 24 Jun. 2022

European Conference on Behavioural Biology (ECBB)

PAPADOPOULOU M., HILDENBRANDT H., HEMELRIJK C.K.

Disentangling patterns of collective escape in starling flocks. (Poster presentation)

Groningen, NL

20 - 24 Jun. 2022

Collective animal behavior through time

PAPADOPOULOU M., FÜRSTBAUER I., KING A.J.

Individual heterogeneity in collective behavior across time and species. (Poster presentation)

London, UK

23 - 24 May. 2022

Numerous Numerosity ECR Workshop

PAPADOPOULOU M.

Self-organization & numerical cognition in animal collective behavior. (Oral presentation)

Online

31 May - 2 Jun. 2021

Dutch Society for Theoretical Biology (NVTB) Annual Meeting

PAPADOPOULOU M., HILDENBRANDT H., SANKEY D.W.E., PORTUGAL S.J., HEMELRIJK C.K.

Self-organization and patterns of collective escape in pigeon flocks. (Oral presentation)

Online, Netherlands

14 May 2021

Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) Easter Virtual Meeting

PAPADOPOULOU M., HILDENBRANDT H., SANKEY D.W.E., PORTUGAL S.J., HEMELRIJK C.K.

Patterns of collective escape in pigeon flocks: insight from a computational model. (Oral presentation)

Online (Bristol), UK

15 Apr. 2021

European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) Annual Meeting

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The scientific impact of gender in ecology and evolutionary biology. (Poster presentation)

Turku, Finland

23 Aug. 2019

PyGrunn 2019: 'Python and friends' developer conference

PAPADOPOULOU M.

Disentangling scientific fields with topic analysis in Python. (Oral presentation)

Groningen, Netherlands

5 May 2019

37th Congress of the Greek Society of Biological Sciences

PAPADOPOULOU M., ALMPANIDOU V., GKAZINO C., MAZARIS D. A.

Challenging the performance of species distribution models: climate and population trends of sea turtles. (Oral and Poster presentation)

Kavala, Greece

26 May 2016

35th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation

PAPADOPOULOU M., GKAZINO C., VOKOU D., PSARALEXI M., SGARDELIS P. S., ALMPANIDOU V., MAZARIS D. A.

Evidence on a low climatic niche conservatism of distinct sea turtles populations- Implications for the use of species distribution models. (Poster presentation)

Dalaman, Turkey

18 Apr. 2015

Professional Training

Investigative Workshop by NIMBioS (National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis) & SCMB (Southeast Center for Mathematics and Biology)

QUANTITATIVE EDUCATION IN LIFE SCIENCE GRADUATE PROGRAMS.

Online, U.S.A.

1 -3 Dec. 2020

ASAB 2019 Summer Conference Workshops

'MACHINE LEARNING IN THE BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES' & 'QUANTIFYING BEHAVIOR WITH MACHINE-LEARNING' (in Python)

Konstanz, GE

26 Aug. 2019

23rd Summer School of the Greek Complex Systems Society

DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPLEXITY

Chalkidiki, GR

27 Aug. - 3 Sep. 2016

International Summer School in Ecological Data Analysis (EcoDAR)

ECOLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS IN R

Lesvos, GR

6 - 11 Jul. 2015

Lifelong Learning Erasmus+ Program

NATURE CONSERVATION IN DIFFERENT EUROPEAN LANDSCAPES

Daugavpils, LV

11 - 224 Apr. 2014

Honors & Awards

- 2021 **Best Oral Presentation Award**, Dutch Society for Theoretical Biology Netherlands
- 2011 **1st Place**, National Admission Exams for the School of Biology of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Greece
- 2010 **Honor of Excellence**, National Mathematical Contest of the Greek Mathematical Society Greece

Computer Skills

- **Programming languages:** C++, R, Python, NetLogo, Bash, Lua, C (familiar), MATLAB (familiar), Octave (familiar)
- **Software:** Adobe Premiere Pro, Git, \LaTeX , Adobe Illustrator, ArcGIS, MaxEnt, OpenGL (familiar).
- Other: Machine learning, Natural language processing, High performance computing, Metaprogramming

Languages

English (Excellent), French (Good, DELF B2), Italian (Basic, A2), Dutch (Basic, A1), Greek (Native)

Attendance at Conferences and Meetings

- ‘Nothing but the Truth’: Symposium on Trust and Truth in Science** Groningen, Netherlands
1 Nov. 2021
- ASAB 2019 Summer Conference: New Frontiers in the Study of Animal Behaviour** Konstanz, Germany
26 - 28 Aug. 2019
- Conference on Collective Behavior** Trieste, Italy
7 - 11 May 2018
- Annual Meeting of the Netherlands Platform for Complex Systems** Utrecht, Netherlands
19 Apr. 2018
- Annual Meeting of the Dutch Society of Theoretical Biology (NVTB)** Netherlands
5 - 6 Apr. 2018
- Conference on: ‘Mathematical Models in Ecology and Evolution’** London, UK
10 - 12 Jul. 2017
- Annual Meeting of the British Ecological Society** Liverpool, UK
11 - 14 Dec. 2016
- 7th National Conference of Hellenic Ecological Society** Thessaloniki, Greece
9 - 12 Oct. 2014

Volunteering & Extracurricular Activity

- Fencing - Epee** Greece | UK | Netherlands
ATHLETE, GREEK NATIONAL CHAMPION, ASSISTANT COACH, REFEREE 2006 - Present
- Photography and Cinema** International
WORKING EXPERIENCE AS PHOTOGRAPHER, CINEMATOGRAPHER AND CO-PRODUCER (WWW.BANANAGEDDONFILM.COM) 2013 - Present
- Music** Greece
STUDIES ON PIANO AND MUSIC THEORY AT THE CONTEMPORARY CONSERVATORY OF THESSALONIKI 2003 - 2013