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Academic CV

Asst. Professor of Cultural Data Analysis
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I integrate computer vision, semantic technologies, and media and queer theory to both technically develop and critically examine ethical, explainable AI for multimodal cultural analytics. My research explores how abstract social concepts—such as identity, toxicity, and vulnerability—are modeled and shaped by computational logic in the era of AI. I challenge binary assumptions like public/private and nature/culture, seeking new ways to think about power, representation, and technological change.

Professional Experience

- 2024 – now **Assistant Professor of Cultural Data Analysis**, *Department of Media Studies & Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.*
Cultural Data Analytics, Critical Perspectives on AI, Multimodal Memes and Misinformation, Explainable and Transparent AI, Modeling and Representation of Toxicity, Vulnerability, and Identity in Latent Spaces.
- 2025 **IAS-DSC Fellow**, *Institute for Advanced Study & Data Science Centre, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.*
“Enacting Vulnerability: AI, Childhood, and the Co-construction of Vulnerable Data Subjects” — explored how AI tools both detect and shape vulnerability in digital environments, using childfluencers in family vlogs as a case study.
- 2023 – 2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Human-Centered Data Analytics Group at CWI (Centrum Wiskunde en Informatica), Amsterdam, Netherlands.*
Information quality assessment via detection of multimodal propaganda and misinformation in memes, explainable AI, crowdsourcing. Project on “Transparent AI Pipelines for Information Quality Assessment.
- 2022 **Visiting Researcher**, *Digital Humanities Lab at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Amsterdam, Netherlands.*
Dataset Design, Knowledge Engineering, Ontology Design, Neuro-Symbolic Reasoning.
- 2020 **3D and Interactive Technologies Researcher**, *Italian National Research Council, ITBC-CNR, Rome, Italy.*
Photogrammetry, 3D modeling, interactive 3D texturing, Blender software, 3D models of ancient sculptures and architectural landscapes and ruins.
- 2018 **Arts Manager**, *Shalini Ganendra Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*
Creative and web content, creative copy for catalogs, direct mail, press releases, and print. Developed seasonal campaigns such as the Gallery Weekend Kuala Lumpur.
- 2017 - 2018 **George Peabody Gardner Fellow**, *Havard University, Easter Island, Chile.*
Winner of renowned Gardner fellowship for self-directed year-long project, focused on cultural immersion in Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and Polynesia for the exploration of local life, which culminated in the self-published multimedia chronicle, ‘The Navel of the World.’
- 2017 **Integrated Media Fellow**, *Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, United States.*
Media fellow at the oldest continuously operating museum in the US. Created an informational model for database, primary, and secondary research to be gathered in a detailed and effective manner for both internal and external use, including the hosting of a Wikipedia edit-a-thon.

- 2014-2017 **Radcliffe Research Partner**, *Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, United States.*
 Collaborator on archival and studio work with Radcliffe Fellows and artists Jennifer Bornstein and AK Burns. Production assistant for Burn's *Negative Space* and Bornstein's *Contemporary Archeology*. Materials technology, casting, and painting, research, video editing.
- 2013-2016 **Operations & Systems Assistant**, *LASPAU Academic & Professional Programs for the Americas, Cambridge, United States.*
 Salesforce CRM, and database and fundraising platforms to ensure cohesion of Latin American students' applications to U.S. graduate programs. Supported the grantees and other stakeholders during academic placement. Conducted a wide variety of administrative duties in a bilingual office environment.

Education

- 2020 – 2024 **PhD (excellent), Computer Science & Engineering**, *University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.*
 Explainable AI, Knowledge Engineering, Computer Vision, Digital Humanities. Thesis: *"Mind the Gap(s): Cognitive-Inspired AI for High-Level Visual Sensemaking. Towards Abstract Concept Image Classification."*
- 2018 – 2020 **Master of Arts (cum Laude), Digital Humanities and Digital Knowledge**, *University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.*
 Digital Humanities, Augmented Reality, Civic Education. Thesis: *"Semantic & Interactive Technologies for Civic Education: Ancient Classical Polychromy as a Case Study."*
- 2013 – 2017 **Bachelor of Science (summa cum Laude), Human Evolutionary Biology**, *Harvard University, Cambridge, United States.*
 Human Behavioral Coding, Post-Conflict Reconciliation, Data Analysis. Minor degree in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality. Thesis: *"Reconciliation in Homo sapiens: Behavioral Perspectives on the Human Post-Conflict Period"*

Supplementary Education

- 2024 - now **University Teaching Qualification (UTQ/ BKO)** Dutch national certification demonstrating professional competence in designing, delivering, and assessing higher education courses.
- 2023 - 2024 **NetWorkLab: Digital Humanities Project Management.** Year-long course on remote collaboration methods for project managers, funded by U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 2022 **International Summer School on Digital Art History (DAHSS).** Málaga, Spain. *"Collapse, Creativity, and Imagination"*: AI and Computer Vision in art history and visual studies.
- 2022 **International Semantic Web Summer School (ISWS).** Bertinoro, Italy. Focus: knowledge engineering, knowledge graph embeddings, semantic technologies.
- 2022 **Bertinoro International Spring School (BISS).** National School of Italian Computer Science PhD granting institutions under the auspices of GRIN.
- 2021 **Digital Humanities and Digital Communication Summer School.** Modena, Italy. Focus: Multimodality and Transmediality, Visual Analytics, Network Visualization, Discourse Analysis.
- 2019 **Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI).** Victoria, Canada. Sound and Digital Humanities, Surveillance and the Critical Digital Humanities.
- 2019 **48th Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents.** Princeton University, NJ, United States. Documentary Editing, Collecting and Cataloging, Transcription.
- 2015 **Pre-textos Teacher Training Program.** Cultural Agents Initiative at Harvard University, Cambridge, United States. Teacher-training program by Prof. Doris Sommer.

Honors & Awards

- 2024 **Best Full Paper Award**, issued by the Program Committee of the 20th International Conference on Semantic Systems for the paper "Stitching Gaps: Fusing Situated Perceptual Knowledge with Vision Transformers for High-Level Image Classification".
- 2023 **Synapse AI Symposium Ph.D Award**, issued by Bending Spoons S.p.A. Selected to present my doctoral dissertation research at the annual symposium and receive a monetary award. <https://synapsesymposium.ai/>.
- 2022 **Best Full Paper Award**, issued by the Program Committee of the 1st International Conference on eXtended Reality (XR Salento) for the paper "Factors in the cognitive-emotional impact of Educational Environmental Narrative Videogames", <https://www.xrsalento.it/awards/>.
- 2022 **Marco Polo University Programme Fellowship**, awarded by the University of Bologna, as a visiting researcher at DHLab at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2021 **Best Thesis Award of AIES**, awarded by the Scientific Committee of the Italian Association of Scientific Experts for Cultural Heritage (AIES). Selected as the best Master's thesis studying diagnostics, conservation, and/or enhancement of Cultural Heritage, based on originality and professionalism of the work.
- 2020 **Ian Lancashire Student Promise Award**, issued by Canadian Society of Digital Humanities (Société canadienne des humanités). The Ian Lancashire Promise Award for Graduate Student Promise recognizes an outstanding presentation of original research in the digital humanities by a graduate student at the annual conference of the Canadian Society of Digital Humanities.
- 2017 **Summer Humanities and Arts Research Program (SHARP) Fellowship**, issued by Harvard College Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, a 10-week immersive summer program for a small cohort of Harvard undergraduate researchers in the humanities and arts. SHARP fellows work on research projects with Harvard-affiliated faculty, researchers, and senior library and museum staff.
- 2016 **John Harvard Scholar**, issued by Harvard University. Designated a 2015-2016 John Harvard scholar. The honor is awarded to students in the top 5% of their respective classes, based on their grade point average.
- 2015 **HCRP Research Award**, issued by Harvard College Research Program, to support student-initiated, independent scholarly research undertaken with the guidance of a Harvard-affiliated faculty mentor. Autonomy in the development, direction, and preparation of research, on intimate partner violence and Latina immigrants in the U.S., with Prof. Madina Agenor from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
- 2015 **David Rockefeller International Experience Grant Recipient**, issued by Harvard University. Award for a self-created independent artistic project, funded an 8-week project, focused on mural-making and exploration of different cultural and religious movements in Kingston, Jamaica.
- 2013 **National Hispanic Scholar**, issued by the College Board.
- 2013 **Silverknight Nominee for General Scholarship**, issued by the Miami Herald newspaper.
- 2012 **Forensic League National Tournament Qualifier**, issued by the United States' National Forensic League - Debate.

Skills

Computer

- **Programming/Web:** Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
- **Database:** SPARQL, SQL
- **Data Analysis:** Pandas, NumPy, R
- **ML:** Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, OpenCV
- **Viz Design:** Tableau, Gephi, Canva, Illustrator, Photoshop

Language

- **Spanish:** Native
- **English:** Native
- **Italian:** Fluent
- **Portuguese:** Proficient
- **Dutch:** Basic

Memberships

- **Human(e) AI Research Priority Area (RPA)**, University of Amsterdam.
- **ILLC**, Institute of Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam.
- **AIMDLab**, AI, Media & Democracy ELSA Lab, University of Amsterdam.
- **STLab**, Semantic Technology Laboratory, Italian National Research Council (CNR)
- **AIXIA**, Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence (AI), member of the European Association for AI.

Reviewer Portfolio

- AI & Society (Springer AI & Society: Journal of Culture, Knowledge and Communication)
- DAACH (Springer Digital Applications in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage)
- SWJ (IOS Press Semantic Web Journal)
- J. Supercomput. (Springer Journal of Supercomputing)
- ESWC (Extended Semantic Web Conference)
- The Web Conference
- EUROGRAPHICS (Eurographics Workshop on Graphics and Cultural Heritage)
- NordiCHI (Nordic Conference on Human-Computer Interaction)
- MISDOOM (Multidisciplinary International Symposium on Disinformation in Online Open Media)
- VISART (ECCV 2024 Workshop on Computer VISion for ART Analysis)

Organization of Events

- 2024 **Local Chair, Organizing Committee** for *24th International Conference on Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management (EKAW)*, Amsterdam (Netherlands), Nov 2024. <https://ekaw.org/>
- 2021 **Organizing Committee** for *SciRoc*, the Second Smart City Robotics Challenge, Bologna (Italy), 06-10 Sept 2021. <https://sciroc.org/2021-challenge-description/>
- 2021 **Organizing Committee** for *Polifonia European Meeting*, Bologna (Italy), 13-15 Oct 2021.

Program Committees

- 2024 **Program Committee** for *VISART VII: Where Computer Vision Meets Art Workshop* at the 18th European Conference of Computer Vision (ECCV 2024), Milano (Italy), 29 Sept-4 Oct 2024. <https://visarts.eu/>
- 2024 **Program Committee** for *International Workshop on Integrating the Semantics of Data, Ontologies, Moral and cultural values and their Societal impact (WISDOMS)* at the 21st European Semantic Web Conference (ESWC 2024) - Values Track, Hersonissos (Greece), 26-30 May 2024. <https://wisdoms-workshop.github.io/>
- 2024 **Program Committee** for *First International Workshop of Semantic Digital Humanities (SemDH)* at the 21st European Semantic Web Conference (ESWC 2024) - Values Track, Hersonissos (Greece), 26-30 May 2024. <https://semDH.github.io/>
- 2023 **Program Committee** for 22th *International Federation for Information Processing – International Conference on Entertainment Computing (IFIP-ICEC 2023)*, Bologna (Italy), 15-17 November 2023.
- 2021 **Program Committee** for 21st *Special Issue on AI for People* on the AI & Society - Journal of Culture, Knowledge and Communication (Springer)

Research Funding and International Project Experience

- 2020 – 2023 **Ontology Engineering Task Force**, *Polifonia: a digital harmoniser for musical heritage knowledge.*, Work Package 2 of ERC project *Polifonia*, with a focus on ontology engineering and semantic web, applied in the musical cultural heritage context. Ensured that the project's ontological and knowledge-graph related work was conducted properly from a methodological perspective, and that the ontology network took shape with high quality. Experience with: RDF, OWL, SPARQL, JavaScript, Ajax, JSON., <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101004746>.
- 2020 – 2023 **Interface Design Task Force**, *SPICE: Social cohesion, Participation, and Inclusion through Cultural Engagement.*, Work Package 5 of ERC project *SPICE*, dedicated to developing interfaces for cultural heritage interfaces guided by diverse user groups, including those with disabilities. Expertise in: User Experience, User Interaction, HTML, CSS, XML, Angular, <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/870811>.
- 2023 **Grant Writing**, *PERCEIVE: Perceptive Enhanced Realities of Colored collections through AI and Virtual Experiences.*, Contributed to the successful acquisition of ERC funding by translating theoretical concepts from master's thesis into practical applications. Participated in the grant writing process, developed project proposals, and ensured compliance with funding requirements and deadlines, <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101061157>.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Journal Articles

- 2025 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Erik. Tjong Kim Sang, and Davide. Ceolin. 'Toxic' memes: A survey of computational perspectives on the detection and explanation of meme toxicities. **Online Social Networks and Media**, volume 47, page 100317, 2025.
- 2024 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani. *The wicked problem of naming the intangible: Abstract concepts, binary thinking, and computer vision labels.* **Future Humanities**, volume 2, page e11. Wiley Online Library, 2024.
- 2024 Fiorela Ciroku, Stefano De Giorgis, Aldo Gangemi, Delfina S Martinez-Pandiani, and Valentina Presutti. *Automated multimodal sensemaking: Ontology-based integration of linguistic frames and visual data.* **Computers in Human Behavior**, volume 150, page 107997. Elsevier, 2024.
- 2023 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Nicolas Lazzari, Marieke van Erp, and Valentina Presutti. *Hypericons for interpretability: decoding abstract concepts in visual data.* **International Journal of Digital Humanities**, pages 1–40. Springer, 2023.
- 2022 Sofia Pescarin and Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani. *The Impact of Story Structure, Meaningfulness, and Concentration in Serious Games.* **Information**, volume 13, page 567. MDPI, 2022.
- 2022 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani and Sofia Pescarin. *Beyond Static Colors: An Interactive Participatory Design Perspective on Color-Centric Experiences.* **International Journal of Conservation Science**, volume 13, pages 1691–1706. International Journal of Conservation Science (IJCS), 2022.
- 2022 Enrico Daga, Luigi Asprino, Rossana Damiano, Marilena Daquino, Belen Diaz Agudo, Aldo Gangemi, Tsvi Kuflik, Antonio Lieto, Mark Maguire, Anna Maria Marras, and Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani. *Integrating citizen experiences in cultural heritage archives: requirements, state of the art, and challenges.* **ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage (JOCCH)**, volume 15, pages 1–35. ACM New York, NY, 2022.
- 2018 Joyce Benenson, Maxwell White, Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Lindsay J Hillyer, Sera Kantor, Henry Markovits, and Richard W Wrangham. *Competition elicits more physical affiliation between male than female friends.* **Scientific reports**, volume 8, page 8380. Nature Publishing Group UK London, 2018.

In Conference Proceedings

- 2026 Erik Tjong Kim Sang, Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, and Davide Ceolin. *Evaluating locally run large language models on toxic meme analysis*. In **A. Bozzon et al., editors, ICWE 2025: Web Engineering**, volume 15749 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*. Springer, 2026.
- 2026 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Erik Tjong Kim Sang, and Davide Ceolin. *OnToxKG: An ontology-based knowledge graph of toxic symbols and their manifestations*. In **A. Bozzon et al., editors, ICWE 2025: Web Engineering**, volume 15749 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*. Springer, 2026.
- 2024 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Nicolas Lazzari, and Presutti Valentina. *Stitching Gaps: Fusing Situated Perceptual Knowledge with Vision Transformers for High-Level Image Classification*. In **Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Semantic Systems**. IOS Press, 2024.
- 2023 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Erik Tjong Kim Sang, and Davide Ceolin. *Characterizing Online Meme Toxicity (Extended Abstract)*. In **Proceedings of the 6th Multidisciplinary International Symposium, MISDOOM 2023**, 2023.
- 2022 Sofia Pescarin and Delfina S. M. Pandiani. *Factors in the Cognitive-Emotional Impact of Educational Environmental Narrative Videogames*. In **Lucio Tommaso De Paolis, Pasquale Arpaia, and Marco Sacco, editors, Extended Reality**, pages 101–108, Cham, 2022. Springer Nature Switzerland.
- 2022 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani and Valentina Presutti. *Coded Visions: Addressing Cultural Bias in Image Annotation Systems with the Descriptions and Situations Ontology Design Pattern*. In **Proceedings of the 6th International Conference of Graphs and Networks in the Humanities 2022: Technologies, Models, Analyses, and Visualizations**, 2022.
- 2021 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani and Presutti Valentina. *Automatic Modeling of Social Concepts Evoked by Art Images as Multimodal Frames*. In **Proceedings of the Workshops and Tutorials held at LDK 2021 co-located with the 3rd Language, Data and Knowledge Conference**, 2021.
- 2021 Valentina Anita Carrero, Fiorela Ciroku, Jacopo de Berardinis, Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Meroño-Peñuela Albert, Andrea Poltronieri, Valentina Presutti, et al. *Semantic integration of MIR datasets with the polifonia ontology network*. In **ISMIR Late Breaking Demo Session of the 22nd Int. Society for Music Information Retrieval Conference**, 2021.
- 2020 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani. *A Collaborative Color Laboratory: Using 3D Modelling, Texturization, and AR to Challenge White Supremacist Uses of Ancient Classical Sculptures*. In **Canadian Society for Digital Humanities CSDH/SCHN Conference 2021: Building Community Online**, 2020.

Book Chapters

- 2024 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani. *Bridging the Gap: Decoding Abstract Concepts in Cultural Heritage Images*, chapter in **Decoding Cultural Heritage: A Critical Dissection and Taxonomy of Human Creativity through Digital Tools**, page 157, chapter in **Decoding Cultural Heritage: A Critical Dissection and Taxonomy of Human Creativity through Digital Tools**, page 157. Springer Nature, 2024.

Theses

- 2024 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani. *Mind the Gaps: Cognitive-Inspired AI for High-Level Visual Sensemaking. Towards Abstract Concept Image Classification*. **PhD thesis**, 2024.
- 2020 Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani. *Semantic & Interactive Technologies for Civic Education: Ancient Classical Polychromy as a Case Study*. **Master's thesis**, 2020.

Panels

- 2025 **AI Enunciations: Redefining Identity, Space, and Meaning Across Disciplines.** Panelist at *The Ethics and Aesthetics of Artificial Images Conference*, Venice, May 8–10, 2025. Presented a talk called *From Binary Constructs to Multidimensional Spaces: Images, Identity and Iteration*. Panelists: Cristina Voto, Elena Beretta, Nina Da Hora, Lila Lee-Morrison.
- 2025 **Human-Aligned AI in Video.** Panelist at the University of Amsterdam Data Science Center (DSC) Away Day with the HAVA (Human-Aligned Video AI Lab), Eye Film Institute, Amsterdam, June 18, 2025. Panelists: Bregtje van der Haak, Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Nanne van Noord, Asad Ayub.
- 2025 **Creative Frictions: Control, Generative Failure and Speculative Archives in GenAI.** (upcoming) Organizer and panelist at *GenAI & Creative Practices: Past, Present, and Future*, University of Amsterdam, December 17–18, 2025. Panelists: Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Cristina Voto, Elena Beretta.

Lectures and Talks

- 2025 **AI, Culture, and Critical Thinking: Navigating Opportunities, Biases, and Ethics in the Digital Age.** AMI AGM: Vision, Values and Voices — Annual General Meeting of the Association Montessori Internationale, Delft, The Netherlands, 12 April 2025.
- 2025 **Enacting Vulnerability: AI, Childhood, and the Co-construction of Vulnerable Data Subjects.** Kick-off event by Paula Maria Helm & Delfina Sol Martinez Pandiani, Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), Amsterdam, 21 May 2025. Kick-off lecture of the IAS-DSC fellowship.
- 2024 **Leveraging LLMs for Detection and Interpretation of Toxic Memes.** at the *Internet Research with Foundation Models Workshop* at CAT4SMR (Capture and Analysis Tools for Social Media Research), Amsterdam, 3 September 2024. <https://cat4smr.humanities.uva.nl/index.php/2024/04/18/call-for-participation-internet-research-with-foundation-models/>
- 2024 **Relación texto-imagen en memes: Construcción (en curso) de un modelo de IA para la detección automática de “narrativas tóxicas” (Text-image relationship in memes: (Ongoing) Construction of an AI model for automatic detection of "toxic narratives").** at the *V Congreso Internacional PRISMA: Lenguaje e Inteligencia Artificial. Aproximaciones lingüísticas y desafíos interdisciplinarios*. Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Santiago, Chile, 28-30 May 2024. <https://artesliberales.uai.cl/v-congreso-internacional-prisma/>
- 2024 **Toxic Memes Workshop.** Invited to give an interactive workshop on the legal, media, and computational approaches to toxic content moderation at the *AI, Media & Democracy LAB*. University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 2 April 2024. <https://www.aim4dem.nl/news/>
- 2024 **Coding the Encoder: Situating Subjective and Contextual Aspects in High-Level Image Annotations.** Invited speaker at the *International Conference on Reimagining Annotation for Multimodal Cultural Heritage* on digital annotation in the humanities and the GLAM sector across three primary axes: tools, methods and projects. Rennes 2 University and the MSHB (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme en Bretagne), France, 7-9 Feb 2024. <https://reimagining-amch.sciencesconf.org/>
- 2023 **Collapsing Meaning in Hypericon Images: Abstract Concepts, Distributed Reality, and Perceptual Bias.** Invited speaker at the *Operational Imaginaries: Images of Abstraction, Operational Media and Experience* cross-media seminar by the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis. University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, 25-26th May 2023. <https://sites.google.com/rug.nl/operational-imaginaries/home>

- 2023 **The Wicked Problem of Naming the Intangible: Abstract Concepts, Binary Thinking, and Computer Vision Labels.** Invited speaker at the *FACEing Binarism. Towards a more equitable AI* symposium. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands, 30th March 2023. <https://www.identity-ai.nl/abstract/the-wicked-problem-of-naming-the-intangible%3A-abstract-concepts%2C-binary-thinking%2C-and-computer-vision-labels>
- 2022 **Seeing the Intangible: Interpretable Visual Understanding of High-Level Abstract Concepts.** Guest speaker at the group meeting of the *User-Centric Data Science* group at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands. 25th November 2022.
- 2022 **Tip of the Iceberg: Abstract Concepts in High-level Visual Understanding.** Guest speaker at the IMT School for Advanced Studies' seminar: *Semantic Representation, Abstractness and Abstraction*. Lucca, Italy. April 27th 2022.
- 2022 **Coded Visions: Cultural Bias in Assigning Meaning to Digital Images.** Invited speaker at the *2022 Digital Humanities & Digital Communication Spring Seminars* of the Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia. Modena, Italy. 28th March 2022. <https://www.dslic.unimore.it/site/home/dipartimento/articolo980058733.html>.

Posters

- 2024 **Decoding Toxic Memes with Multimodal Language Models: Challenges and Opportunities”** at the Research Program Seminar on “*AI’s impact on Society, Media & Democracy*”.. Workshop at Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam, 23-28 May 2024. <https://www.cwi.nl/en/events/cwi-research-semester-programs/research-semester-programs-in-2024/ais-impact-on-society-media-democracy/>
- 2024 **Toxic Memes: Automatic Cross-Modal Insights for Multimodal Meme Moderation”** at the *Large Language Models for media and democracy: wrecking or saving society?*. Workshop at Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam, 23-24 April 2024.

Supervision

Master’s Level

- **M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence, University of Amsterdam**
 - *Using expert knowledge graphs to improve toxic meme detection and explanation.* Langerak, Karsten (2025).
- **M.A. Media Studies – Cultural Data & AI, University of Amsterdam**
 - *The Face That Haunts the Machine: Exposing the Ghosts in AI Vision.* Menehbi, Dalila (2025).
 - *Synthetic Shadows: A Systematic Analysis of Postcolonial, Intersectional, and Beautification Biases in AI-Generated Imagery.* Klein, Emily (2025).
 - *Death of Man, Death of Punk: The Representation of ‘Punk’ in Synthetic Imagery via Text-To-Image AI.* Voorzanger, Lux (2025).
 - *(Da)Lit Memes for Brahmin Teens: Exploring Casteism on 4Chan.* Chella Raghavendran, Shivnarayan (2025).
 - *Misogyny Repeated and Reposted: A Computational and Critical Analysis of How Toxic Memes Enact Gender Ideology through Multimodal Speech Acts.* Silingardi, Sofia (2025).
- **M.A. Digital Humanities and Digital Knowledge, University of Bologna**
 - *MyTISSE: Interactive systems as enhancement tools for the sense of care in color perception.* Veggi, Manuele (2023). Co-supervision.

Bachelor’s Level

- **B.Sc. Computer Science, University of Amsterdam.**
 - *Benchmarking toxic symbol detection in multimodal memes.* Jheeta, Jason (2025).
- **B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence, University of Amsterdam.**
 - *Patterns of toxic symbology in internet memes: Leveraging unsupervised clustering methods for the identification of structural and semantic patterns.* Caballer, Léon (2024).

University Teaching

Master's Level

- 2024–2025 **Cultural Data Analysis**, *M.A. in Cultural Data & AI (Media Studies)*, University of Amsterdam. Graduate course teaching programming and computational analysis to humanities students, starting from basic skills and progressing to advanced applications in cultural data. Topics: introduction to Python, data structures, pandas, computer vision, natural language processing, social media analysis, network analysis, and critical perspectives on data-driven research. Responsibilities: lecture delivery, seminar teaching, assignment design, and evaluation.
- 2024–2025 **Data Project**, *M.A. in Cultural Data & AI (Media Studies)*, University of Amsterdam. Graduate-level research project course applying computational methods to cultural data. Responsibilities: supervising individual and group projects, providing methodological guidance, and evaluating final deliverables.
- 2024–2025 **Embedded Research Projects**, *M.A. in Cultural Data & AI (Media Studies)*, University of Amsterdam. Graduate capstone course embedding students in external cultural research environments. Responsibilities: supervising student research, liaising with partner institutions, and evaluating project outcomes.
- 2019–2020 **Master's Program General Tutor**, *M.A. in Digital Humanities and Digital Knowledge*, University of Bologna, Italy. Tutor for the 2-year Master's degree in *Digital Humanities and Digital Knowledge*, including assisting teaching in all courses in the program. Activities included academic assistance, orientation, and information to students. <https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/DigitalHumanitiesKnowledge>

Bachelor's Level

- 2024–2025 **AI for Society**, *B.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence (Kunstmatige Intelligentie)*, University of Amsterdam. Undergraduate course on the intersection of AI technologies and societal challenges. Topics: fairness, accountability, ethical AI development, human–AI collaboration, and governance of AI systems. Responsibilities: lecture delivery, supervision of group projects, and exam preparation and grading.
- 2024–2025 **Public AI**, *B.A. in Global Arts, Culture and Politics (Cultural Studies)*, University of Amsterdam. Undergraduate course introducing critical approaches to Artificial Intelligence in public life, with an emphasis on AI “for good” and societal impact. Topics: algorithmic bias, transparency, explainability, AI ethics, and implications of AI in arts, culture, and politics. Responsibilities: designing and delivering lectures, leading discussions, supervising group projects, and assessing student work.
- 2024–2025 **Coding the Humanities**, *B.A. in Media & Information (Media Studies)*, University of Amsterdam. Undergraduate course introducing programming for humanities research. Topics: Python programming, web scraping, text analysis, and data visualization. Responsibilities: designing and teaching practical exercises, supervising projects, and assessing code-based assignments.
- 2024–2025 **Data-Driven Research & Digital Humanities Lab**, *B.A. in Media & Information (Media Studies)*, University of Amsterdam. Practical laboratory course in data analysis for the humanities. Topics: cultural datasets, data cleaning, analysis workflows, and visualization techniques. Responsibilities: lab instruction, supervising hands-on projects, and guiding methodological choices.
- 2021–2023 **Web Technologies**, *B.A. in Information Science for Management*, University of Bologna. Undergraduate course on web architecture and application development. Topics: World Wide Web principles, URI, HTTP, REST, API development, HTML, CSS, XML, JSON, JavaScript, Ajax, server-side technologies (Node.js, frameworks), and client-side frameworks (Vue, React, Angular). Responsibilities: teaching laboratory and exercise sessions, preparing and grading exams.
- 2021–2022 **Computer Skills**, *B.A. in Biological Sciences*, University of Bologna. Undergraduate course introducing digital literacy and basic web development. Topics: Internet, World Wide Web, text processing, spreadsheets, and basic web page creation. Responsibilities: leading exercise sessions, preparing practical assignments, and grading exams.