

# Europass Curriculum Vitae

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I am an associate professor at the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics at the Ca' Foscari university of Venice. Previously I was an assistant professor at the Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science (DISI) of the University of Trento (Italy). I received a Master in Computer Science and a Doctoral degree at the University of Florence respectively in 2004 and 2010, I am an IEEE member, an ACM member and a member of the Association for Progressive Communication (APC). My research focuses on the protocols, the privacy, the applications and the social aspects related to distributed networks, with particular interest to large mesh networks, such as Community Networks. I contributed to start a line of research on Community Networks in the Advanced Networked Systems (ANS) group of the DISI which evolved in various publications and at least three financed projects, with a strong focus on interdisciplinarity. I was the work-package technical coordinator of the netCommons project, an H2020 project coordinated by DISI.

My achievements include scientific publications and involvement in both research and industrial projects. I have publications with co-authors coming from 10 companies, 17 universities and 3 research centers for a total of 11 different countries. I have been teaching network security, network performance, and coding at various degrees, I co-advised more than 40 BS and MS students and three Ph.D. students.

For the period 2011-2014 I was appointed of a Marie Curie Co-fund grant for the 'PAF-FPE' project dealing with privacy for pervasive ad-hoc and mesh networks. In 2014 I received an award as a starting grant for the RiseApp project. In 2017 I received the FFABR grant from the Italian Ministry. I participated to the technical program committees of several international conferences (IEEE INFOCOM, IEEE ICDCS, IFIP Networking, IEEE Globecom, IEEE ICC, etc.) and as a reviewer for international conferences and journals. I am in the editorial board of two Wiley journals.

My expertise includes the development of solutions for real-world, large-scale wireless networks with special attention on protocols, security and privacy. I worked on mesh networks, sensor networks for IoT, named-data-networks, and peer-to-peer networks. I am also an entrepreneur: I am an associate of Tracking4Fun, a start-up whose mission is to produce affordable tracking devices for non-professional athletes<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See www.tracking4fun.com

Detailed Work Experience

2019- Associate Professor

Employer DAIS, Ca' Foscari university of Venice

2016-(2019)

Assistant Professor

Main activities

Work-Package technical coordinator for the whole project and coordinator of WP3 for the netCommons H2020 project

**Employer** 

D.I.S.I. University of Trento

2015-

Post-doc researcher

Main activities

Research activity in the EIT-ICT Lab project Programmable Networks, and UniTn project 'Strengthening Wireless Community Networks'

Employer

D.I.S.I. University of Trento

2011-2014

Post-doc researcher

Main activities

Winner of an EU Marie Curie Co-fund grant for the PAF-FPE project on privacy for pervasive networks

Employer

D.I.S.I. University of Trento

2010

Research fellowship - Internship at Selex Communications

Main activities

Involved in the Industry-driven research project ESSOR, European Secure Software Radio Programme. I was stably in the research laboratories of Selex Communications, one of the largest Italian companies on telecommunications and networks (7400 employees in 2011, now merged in Leonardo Finmeccanica).

Employer

D.E.T. University of Florence - TiCom (University/Industry research consortium including Selex)

2007-2009

Ph.D student. Graduated April 2010

Main activities

During my Ph.D. I was involved in the Italian PRIN research project PROFILES on the security of p2p networks, and in the industrial research projects "Study, simulation and implementation [...] of routing protocols for Wireless Mesh Networks", and "Analysis and Implementation of a AAA server for multi-function Tetra-WiMax network", in cooperation with Selex Communications.

Employer

D.E.T. and D.S.I (Department of Computer Science), University of Florence

2004-2006

Consultant and Research fellowship

Main activities

Involved in C.R.U.I.S.E. EU-financed Network of Excellence on Wireless Sensor Networks. Lead technical researcher for the project "Security for IEEE 802.11 Mesh networks" in cooperation with Telecom Italia Laboratories.

Employer

D.E.T. University of Florence.

Research Projects Involvement

IoF 2020

I was the PI of the Internet on Fire project, financed under the H2020 Fed4Fire+ FIRE call for for experimental research projects. IoF dealt with improving the convergence speed of the BGP routing protocol (received grant €20.000)

POPROW, 2017

Technical Project Manager of the POPROW project, financed under the H2020 WISH-FUL FIRE call for for experimental research projects. POPROW experimented Pop-Routing in the real-world test-bed provided by the WISHFUL project (received grant, €50.000)

netCommons, 2016-2019

The ANS group of the DISI is the coordinator for the netCommons project, a multi-disciplinary research project financed by H2020 that focuses on Community Networks under the lens of three different disciplines: computer science, law and sociology. I am the Work-Packages technical coordinator for the project and the coordinator for WP3 (received grant,  $\simeq 650.000$ )

Strengthening Wireless Community Networks, 2015-2016 EIT Programmable Networks, NoCatCommunity project, 2014 OSPS/CONFINE project, 2013

University of Trento, 2011-2014

ESSOR, with Selex Communications, 2010

TWNet, with Selex Communications: 2009

Selex Communications, 2007-2008

Italian Dept. of research 2007-2008

Siemens (Munich), 2007

CRUISE NoE 2006

Telecom Italia, 2004-2005

Teaching Activities

2021-

2021-

2021-

2019-

2020

2020

The University of Trento finances research projects on cross-layer topics on wide research themes which foresee joint interdisciplinary initiatives. This project focuses on an interdisciplinary research on Community Networks that mixes computer science and Law. It is a follow-up of my previous activities on Community Networks and previous interdisciplinary projects (received grant,  $\simeq \in 100.000$ )

The Programmable Networks project is financed for the year 2015 by the EIT-ICT Labs. I participated to the cooperation with Alcatel Lucent for the design and test of innovative software-defined-networking techniques on virtualized networks

The project, financed by the CARITRO foundation is a multi-disciplinary effort to study wireless Community Networks under the technical, social and legal point of view<sup>2</sup>. I contributed to the technical research of the project (received grant, €30.000)

CONFINE is a FIRE FP7 project dealing with wireless Community Networks made of thousands of nodes<sup>3</sup>, UniTn has entered the project with the OSPS sub-project through the first open-call. I analyzed network properties of such large mesh networks, with focus on privacy and robustness (received grant, €50.000)

Responsible for the PAF-FPE project, a Marie-Curie Co-Fund project for the design and development of a privacy-aware content filtering platform focused on future pervasive wireless networks (received grant,  $\simeq \in 150.000$ )

ESSOR was a 200M Euro European Defence Agency project aimed at realizing a network protocol for a clustered military mesh network. It involved 6 European partners, I was the main designer and coordinator of the development of the integrated simulation platform for the whole project

TWNet: the project was aimed at the design of a mixed Tetra-Wifi mesh network, expanding the capability of Tetra-DMO with multi-hop wireless features. I was the designer of the security features of the network

Several projects including: innovative metrics for AODV routing protocols, protocols for network formation in mesh-networks and analysis, design and development of a security architecture for a WiMax infrastructure network, with the integration on the freeRadius AAA server. I was the main analyst and developer on embedded GNU/Linux platforms

PROFILES (PeeR-to-peer beyOnd FILE Sharing) was a two-year Italian research project (MIUR financed). The project addressed the study of peer-to-peer communication systems. I was involved in the analysis of the security of the Kademlia/Kad protocol

The research project was aimed at the development of a simulation environment to evaluate the capacity of IEEE 802.11 network in specific situation of traffic load. I was involved as a simulator designer and developer

The CRUISE Network of Excellence focused on the communication and application aspects of wireless sensor networking, including all related and supportive technologies. My role was to design security protocols for wireless sensor networks

Two research projects aimed at the design and implementation of an authentication method that optimizes secure hand off in ad-hoc/mesh/manet networks, based on token exchanges. I was the main protocol designer and developer

Teacher of the Introduction to coding and data management course in the Digital Management Bachelor, Ca'Foscari (30 hrs)

Teacher of the Computer Science course in the Physical Engineering Bachelor, Ca'Foscari (48 hrs)

Teacher of the Simulation and Network Performance course in the Computer Science Bachelor, Ca'Foscari (30 hrs)

Teacher of the Lab of Computer Security course in the Digital Management Bachelor, Ca'Foscari (30 hrs)

Teacher of the Lab of Software Project Development course in the Digital Management Bachelor, Ca'Foscari (30hrs)

Teacher of the Introduction to Coding course in Minor in Data Science, Ca'Foscari

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See the web page of the project http://goldstein.disi.unitn.it/caritro/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>See the web page of the project http://osps.disi.unitn.it/

DISI, University of Trento (48 hrs, starting Feb. 2019). I also am part of the exam commission. 2018 Teacher of the Ph.D. Course in Large Scale Distributed Wireless Networking at the DISI, University of Trento (20 hrs, Fall 2018). 2016-on I am part of the Ph.D. Doctoral School Committee of the DISI, as such, for six times I was part of the commissions for students' qualifying exams (an intermediate exam after one year of Ph.D.). Co-supervisor of Luca Baldesi and Lorenzo Ghiro, Ph.D. students at the DISI 2017-ongoing Teacher of the course in Wireless Mesh and Vehicular Networks at the Master of 2017-on Computer Science, DISI, University of Trento (16 hrs). I also am part of the exam commission. 2017 Teacher of the Ph.D. Course in Large Scale Distributed Wireless Networking at the DSI, University of Florence (16 hrs). 2016, 2017 Mentor for the Google Summer of Code project that implements Pop-Routing in OL-SRv1 and OLSRv2 <sup>4</sup> 2015 Teacher of the "Privacy, Security and Trust" course in the Post-master's programme Smart Community Design and Management (SCoDeM) organized by the DISI (13 hrs) 2005-Now I co-advised more than 40 BS and MS students, two of them where appointed with the "Innovating Information Security" prize from the Italian Association for Information Security (CLUSIT). For at least 20 of them I participated to the Thesis Commission. 2010 I was part of the Ph.D commission for the thesis of Pablo Neira Ayuso in the Computer Science department of the University of Sevilla 2005,2011,2012,2017 Teacher of the professional training course "Security of Wireless Networks" organized by the Center for Informatics Services of the University of Florence (CSIAF), for a total of 76 hrs. The course was aimed to the University technical staff and ICT professionals. 2005-2010 Throughout my career in the University of Florence I held seminars on security for the various curses: Security and Network Management, Telematics Laboratory, Telecommunication networks. In the first course I did 10 hours per year, and I was also part of the exam commission. 2008 Teacher in the Post-secondary, Higher Technical Education and Training course (IFTS) for the "Network Security" organized by the Province of Pistoia and co-financed by the EU (40 hrs). 2006 Invited teacher of the first school organized by the European network of Excellence C.R.U.I.S.E. giving a seminar on security in Wireless Sensor Networks at the Aalborg University (Denmark) Prizes 2014 I received a personal award of €6000 for a research proposal named RiseApp, from the CHEST FP7 Project. RiseApp goal was to build a mobile application to share and publish media contents in situations in which human rights are at risk (such as protests and riots) and Internet connectivity is filtered, censored or temporarily blocked. Organization of Scientific Meetings 2016 I was in the program committee of the IEEE WONS workshop, where I organized a special session on Community Networks<sup>5</sup> 2016 I was in the scientific committee of the interdisciplinary workshop "Local and Community Networks" organized by the University of Trento<sup>6</sup>

Teacher of the course of Advanced Networks at the Bachelor of Computer Science,

2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>See http://blog.freifunk.net/2016/implementing-poprouting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>See http://2016.wons-conference.org/

 $<sup>^6\</sup>mathrm{See}$  http://webmagazine.unitn.it/evento/giurisprudenza/10495/local-and-community-networks

Invited Talks, Seminars, Panels		
1/2019	Invited seminar at the Computer Science Department, University of Rome "La Sapienza" with a presentation entitled: "Community Networks and beyond: a sociotechnical approach to study networks"	
12/2018	Invited seminar at the Computer Science Department of the University of Venice, with a presentation entitled "Community Networks: a theme for Networking Research"	
2018	I held an invited seminar to the UNESCO on the theme of Community Networks. The outcome of this presentation, together with the efforts from the netCommons project was the modification of the Internet Universality Indicators, the new indicators used by UNESCO to evaluate state policies for telecommunications, which now take into consideration Community Networks <sup>7</sup> .	
2017	I held an invited seminar to the European Parliament on the theme of Community Networks. The outcome of this presentation, together with the efforts from the net-Commons project was the modification of the Telecom Package, the new framework for Telecommunications in Europe, which now explicitly consider Community Networks <sup>8</sup> .	
2017	I participated as an invited panelist to the RightsCon conference session on "Sustainable Connectivity"	
2016	I moderated the session "Challenges in carrying it into practice" in the Barcelona Workshop on community networking infrastructures <sup>9</sup>	
2014,2017	Twice invited as a speaker to Dagsuthl seminars: Nov. 2014 "Towards an Affordable Internet Access for Everyone: The Quest for Enabling Universal Service Commitment (Dagstuhl Seminar 14471)" and Nov 2017 "Internet of People (Dagstuhl Seminar 17412)"	
2010	Invited seminar at the Computer Science University of Seville (Spain), on the theme of distributed network security	
Institutional Roles		
2021-	Coordinator of the Data Monitoring Board of the University of Venice	
2020-	Member of the Quality Assurance Committee of the Bachelor in Digital Management, University of Venice	
2020-	Member of the Committee of the Bachelor in Digital Management, University of Venice	
2020-	Member of the Faculty Committee, DAIS, University of Venice	
2020-	Member of the Ph.D. Doctoral School Committee of the Computer Science Doctoral School of the University of Venice	
2020	Coordinator of the Minor in Computer Science, university of Venice	
2017	Member of the Ph.D commission for the thesis of Emmanoil Dimogerakis in the Computer Science department of the Politecnical University of Barcelona (Spain)	
2016-2019	Member of the Faculty Committee, DISI, University of Trento	
2016-2019	Member of the Ph.D. Doctoral School Committee of the ICT Doctoral School of the University of Trento	
2010	Member of the Ph.D commission for the thesis of Pablo Neira Ayuso in the Computer Science department of the University of Seville (Spain)	
Commission of Trust		
Editorial Board	I am in the editorial board of Wiley "Transactions on Emerging Telecommunications Technologies" and "Security and Privacy" journal (launched in 2018), between 2016 and 2018 I was in the Editorial Board of Wiley "Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing"	

 $<sup>^{7}</sup> See \ the \ https://netcommons.eu/?q=news/netcommons-unesco \ for \ details \\ ^{8} See \ the \ https://netcommons.eu/?q=content/netcommons-guidelines-telecom-policy-makers \ for \ details$ 

 $<sup>^9\</sup>mathrm{See}$  http://netcommons.eu/?q=content/workshop-community-networking-infrastructures

TPC

TPC in several conferences including top conferences in the networking area, such as: IEEE INFOCOM (2019, 2020), IEEE ICDCS (2018), IFIP Networking (2017, 2018, 2020); and several other relevant conferences, such as: CNBuB (2014-2016), IEEE Globecom (2008, 2009, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020), IEEE ICC (2007, 2009, 2011), IEEE/IFIP WONS (2012, 2016), ACM DIYNet (2015), IEEE COMNESAT (2018), GECON (2015, 2019).

Reviewer

Reviewer in several conferences and journals, including IEEE INFOCOM, IFIP Networking, IEEE Globecom, IEE ICC; IEEE Transactions on Networking, Wireless Communications, Communications Magazine, and "Access"; Elsevier Ad Hoc Networks, Mobile Networks & applications, and Future Generation Computer Systems; Springer International Journal of Information Security and "Computing", Wiley Security and Communication Networks and International Journal of Communication Systems.

In the netCommons project I have active cooperation with the group of Leandro Navarro from the Universitat Politecnica de Barcelona (UPC), and with the group

## Major Collaborations

Technical Universities

of Iordanis Koutsopoulos of the Athens University of Economics and Business. I had previous cooperation with Pablo Neira (lead developer of the netfilter module in the Linux kernel and researcher at the University of Seville, Spain). In 2020 I collaborated with the Northeastern University of Boston, with the group of Tommaso Melodia.

I co-authored a paper on COVID contact tracing apps with Valeria Cagno, a Biologist at the university of Geneve, I cooperated with Paolo Magaudda from the Social Science department of the University of Padua, I was involved in two projects with Roberto Caso from the Law department of the University of Trento. In netCommons I daily cooperate with Melanie Dulong de Rosnay (CNRS), and Christian Fuchs (Univ. of

Westminster), two widely recognized researchers in Law and Social Science

 ${\bf Interdisciplinary}$ 

Industry

I am co-author of 4 among patents and requests with researchers from Telecom Italia Lab and Selex Communication (now Leonardo Finmeccanica). In 2010 I spent a one year internship in Selex, coordinating the development of a network simulator for the European Defence Agency project ESSOR, involving companies like SAAB, RAD-MOR, Thales (with whom I had daily interactions and meetings). I authored a 2016 paper with researchers from Bell-Labs, Google Inc., and Telefonica Research as a product of an EIT (European Institute of Technology) Project. I had activities with small enterprises like Phoops SRL that produced the discovery of a security vulnerability of the Wireless Protected Set-up Wi-Fi protocol (see publication at INFOCOM Conference, 2013). In 2018 I co-authored a paper with a researcher from Here Technologies (once Navteq and Nokia Maps).

#### Entrepreneurship

I am an associate of Tracking4Fun<sup>10</sup>, a start-up based in Florence (Italy) whose mission is to create affordable devices to track athletes using wireless localization. The company uses cutting-edge technology to provide high precision localization for outdoor and indoor sports. I am contributing to the design of advanced localisation techniques for large-scale scenarios leveraging my expertise on distributed wireless networks.

### Education and training

2007 - 2010

Ph.D at the University of Florence, graduated with a thesis entitled "Security protocols for distributed networks"

1997 - 2004

Faculty of Computer Science Engineering in Florence. Master Thesis: "Analysis and Development of security protocols for mesh networks". Graduated with 109/110. The thesis is among the 5 finalists of the Marconi Junior Prize for the best 2004 Italian thesis in ICT sector

2000-2001

Spent a semester at the Escuela Superior de Ingenieros de Sevilla as Erasmus student.

-1997

Scientific studies at Leonardo da Vinci institute, Florence.

<sup>10</sup> See http://www.tracking4fun.com/

Personal skills

Mother tongue

Other language(s)

Self-assessment European level<sup>(\*)</sup>

> English Spanish

Social skills and competences

competences

Organisational skills and

Computer skills and competences

## List of Publications

Journal

gue Italian

English, Spanish

Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
C1	C1	C1	C1	C1

<sup>(\*)</sup>Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

Participation and presentation of talks to various national and international conferences, both academic (such as flagship IEEE conferences, see publications) or industrial (such as Italian InfoSecurity conference). I write for on-line and printed newspapers, I have been active in politics and cooperated with the Municipality of Florence for the realization of laws on digital commons

As a student, I organized various University-founded conferences on network security and open source with more than 100 attendees

Expert in System administration with focus on GNU/Linux and embedded systems (OpenWRT OS). Expert in mesh-networks and wireless routing. Expert in wireless and wired network security and software development (IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.16 and experience with Wireless Sensor Networks). Expert of peer-to-peer software networks and distributed wireless mesh networks. Programming languages: C, C++, Python, basic skills in PHP, Java

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L. Maccari, N. Facchi, L. Baldesi, and R. Lo Cigno, "Optimized P2P Streaming for Wireless distributed Networks," Elsevier Journal of Pervasive and Mobile Computing, vol. 42, pp. 335–350, Dec. 2017

L. Baldesi, L. Maccari, and R. Lo Cigno, "On the Use of Eigenvector Centrality for Cooperative Streaming," IEEE Communications Letters, vol. 21, pp. 1953–1956, Sept. 2017

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