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## EDUCATION

- Feb 2013 - Jan 2016 ● PhD in **Computational Statistics** : Mobility Networks at ETH Zurich  
Switzerland  
My dissertation shows how social and infrastructural networks fundamentally function. Using data science and statistical analysis, computer simulations show the emergence of physical laws that direct the evolution of such networks.
- Sep 2010 - Aug 2012 ● MSc, Computer Engineering : **Networks and Distributed Systems** at Delft University of Technology  
Netherlands  
A new method that takes into account the functionality of socio-technical infrastructures give more accurate results.
- Aug 2006 - Jun 2010 ● Bachelors, **Computer Science and Engineering** at Manipal University  
India  
Program in software development, networks, data structures, computer hardware, information theory, mathematics and design.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Apr 2019 - Present ● **Assistant Professor in Computational Urban Science** at Dept. of Multi-Actor Systems, TPM, TU Delft  
Netherlands  
To develop methods that result in understanding urbanization processes and evaluating the effectiveness and implications of multi-actor policies for the development of growing urban spaces and equitable use of resources in cities.
- Dec 2017 - Mar 2019 ● **Senior Postdoctoral Fellow** at Dept. of Environmental Systems Science, ETH Zurich  
Switzerland  
**Modelling and Simulation** of physical laws in **Urban Infrastructure Systems**.
- April 2015 - Present ● Board Member (non-executive) at The Outdoor Journal & Voyage  
Luxembourg
- Mar 2016 - Present ● Collaborator, Center for **Theoretical and Computational Physics** at FCUL, University of Lisbon  
Portugal  
Mentoring Master Projects in Computational Statistics and Network Science
- April 2015 - Nov 2017 ● **Chief Data Scientist, Co-Founder** (€ 1 million Seed) at The Outdoor Journal & Voyage  
Luxembourg  
Lead global scientific operations including grant applications, design, research and hiring.
- April 2015 - Nov 2017 ● Head of Publishing at The Outdoor Journal & Voyage  
India  
Directed and produced print and web media content.
- Apr 2011 - Dec 2012 ● Research Scientist at TNO, Performance of Networks and Systems  
Netherlands  
Sole engineer in a five-member team which established an **Agent-Based** Smart-Grid Energy model for the Dutch Government as a prototype.
- Jan 2010 - May 2010 ● Network Security Engineer at Cisco Systems  
India  
Engineered dummy setups for troubleshooting client operations and setting up client side network mirrors for safety backups.
- Jun 2009 - Jul 2009 ● Web Design Architect at HSBC  
India  
Designed Learning Management Systems; Syntax, Language and Semantic design. Exposure to web technologies and a global banking structure.

## SKILLS

### Engineering Sciences

Algorithmic Design  
Stochastic Modelling  
Statistical Analyses  
Network Analyses  
Machine Learning  
Bayesian Modelling  
Data Mining  
Game Theory  
Graphics & Visualization

### Programming Languages

C++, Java  
R, Python, Matlab  
Latex, Markup  
Bash  
CSS, PHP, HTML  
JavaScript  
PostgreSQL

## MEDIA COVERAGE

- » [MIT Technology Review](#)
- » [ETH News](#)
- » [University of Illinois at Chicago](#)
- » [Lëtzebuurger Journal](#)

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- » **TU Delft Top Talent Fellowship 2010-2012** (€ 16,000)
- » **ETH48 PhD Scholarship** from **Swiss Re** (CHF 200,000)
- » LuxInnovation 2017 research grant (€ 100k - partially funded)
- » Booking.com Booster Lab (€ 20,000)
- » Branco Weiss Fellowship 2018 (Rejected)
- » National Geographic Fellowship 2018 onwards

## TEACHING

### Introduction to Data Science

Multi-Actor Systems, TPM, TU Delft, 2019-ongoing

### Spatial Analysis, Modelling and Optimization

Environmental Science at ETH Zurich, 2018

### National Geographic University Workshops

Churchill Northern Studies Centre, Canada 2018

## REVIEWING FOR JOURNALS

- » PLoS One
- » Nature Applied Sciences
- » Physical Review Letters (PRL)
- » Physica A
- » EPJ Data Science

## PUBLICATIONS

### Ongoing WORK

- » Nicoletti, L., Sirenko, M., Verma, T. (In Progress) A socio-economically driven framework for navigating urban policy: case in Canadian cities.
- » Verma, T., Folini, M., Araújo, N. A. M. (In Progress) Decentralised Navigation in cities.
- » Verma, T., van Meurs, B., Kwakkel, J., Warnier, M. (In Progress) Flood risk screening using a simple network approach.
- » Verma, T., Sirenko, M., Kornecki, I., Cunningham, S., Araújo, N. A. M. (In Progress) Revealing complex urban demand from entry-only ridership data.
- » Ebrahimi Fard., A, Verma, T., van de Walle, B. (In progress) Tampering the misinformation campaigns: From Educational Strategies to Artificial Intelligence.

### Representative PUBLICATIONS

**Verma, T.**, Russmann, F., Araújo, N. A. M., Nagler, J., & Herrmann, H. J. (2016). Emergence of core-peripheries in networks. *Nature Communications*, 7, 10441.

**Verma, T.**, Araújo, N. A., & Herrmann, H. J. (2014). Revealing the structure of the world airline network. *Scientific Reports*, 4, 5638.

**Verma, T.**, Rebelo, L., Araújo, N. A. (2019). Impact of perceived distances on international tourism. *PloS One*, 14(12): e0225315.

Koc, Y., **Verma, T.**, Araujo, N. A., & Warnier, M. (2013, November). Matcasc: A tool to analyse cascading line outages in power grids. In *Intelligent Energy Systems (IWIES)*, 2013 IEEE International Workshop on Intelligent Energy Systems (pp. 143-148). IEEE.

**Verma, T.**, Ellens, W., & Kooij, R. E. (2015). Context-independent centrality measures underestimate the vulnerability of power grids. *International Journal of Critical Infrastructures* 7, 11(1), 62-81.

**Verma, T.**, Araújo, N. A. M., Nagler, J., Andrade Jr, J. S., & Herrmann, H. J. (2016). Model for the growth of the world airline network. *International Journal of Modern Physics C*, 27(12), 1650141.

Louzada, V. H., Araújo, N. A., **Verma, T.**, Daolio, F., Herrmann, H. J., & Tomassini, M. (2015). Critical cooperation range to improve spatial network robustness. *PloS One*, 10(3), e0118635.

Rosas-Casals, M., Bologna, S., Bompard, E. F., D'Agostino, G., Ellens, W., Pagani, G. A., ... & **Verma, T.** (2015). Knowing power grids and understanding complexity science. *International Journal of Critical Infrastructures*, 11(1), 4-14.

## INVITED TALKS

- » **Spatiotemporal Geography of Cities** Conference Complex Networks at University of Lisbon in Dec 2019
- » **Urbanisation and Policy in Cities** Spark Meeting CiTG at TU Delft in Nov 2019 (together with Ding Luo - PhD student with Dr. Oded Cats)
- » **Urban Sprawl and Public Transport Utilisation** Seminar Alan Turing Institute in London in Aug 2019
- » **Why the world came to a halt in 2010?** Conference Desire, University of Twente, Enschede, Netherlands in June 2019
- » **Forecasting Air-Traffic Network Demand and Supply** Seminar Swiss Re Institute at Swiss Re HQ, Zurich in Feb 2016
- » **Transport Networks: Growth and Optimization** Seminar ETH Risk Center at ETH Zurich in July 2015
- » **Structure of Transport Networks** Lightning Talk NetSci at Berkeley in June 2014
- » **Emergence of Risk: Cascading Failure and Damage Control** Partner Council Meeting ETH Risk Center at ETH Zurich in May 2013
- » **Vulnerability of Power Grids to Cascading Failures** Seminar Performance of Networks and Systems at TNO, Delft, Netherlands in July 2012

## ACADEMIC MENTORING

- » Bram van Meurs, Master Thesis, TU Delft, Dec 2019
- » Franziska Krummenacher, Master Thesis, ETH Zurich, Feb 2019
- » Itto Kornecki, Master Thesis, ETH Zurich, Feb 2019
- » Luís Rebelo, Master Thesis, FCUL Portugal, Sep 2018
- » Fabian Russmann, Master Thesis, ETH Zurich, March 2015

## STRENGTHS

### Entrepreneurship

Research & Development  
Project Management  
Grant Pitching  
Presentation  
Technical Leadership  
Networking  
Operations Management  
Resilience

### Media and Technology

Editing  
Publishing  
CMS Operations  
Photography  
Adobe Suite  
Office Suite  
Video Production  
Graphic Design

## COLLABORATIONS

### Computational Social Science

- » Ryan Murphy, ETH, University of Zurich & Morningstar, Inc.
- » Jan Nagler, ETH Zurich & Frankfurt School of Finance & Management  
Marco Tomassini, EPFL

### Complex Networks

- » Robert Kooij, TU Delft, Master Advisor
- » Nuno Araújo, FCUL Lisbon, PhD Supervisor
- » Raissa D'Souza, UC Davis

### Systems Engineering

- » Martijn Warnier, TU Delft, Master Coadvisor
- » Oded Cats, TU Delft
- » Sybil Derrible, University of Illinois at Chicago

### Agent Based Modelling

- » Dirk Helbing, ETH Zurich, PhD Coadvisor
- » Frank Schweitzer, ETH Zurich

### Computational Statistics

- » Hans Herrmann, ETH Zurich
- » José S. Andrade Jr., Universidade Federal do Ceará

## CERTIFICATIONS

- » National Geographic Teaching Instructor
- » Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)
- » International Student Coach, TU Delft
- » Wilderness First Aid and CPR - Aerie Backcountry Medicine, USA

## INTERESTS

- » Adventure Sports
- » Journalism and Writing
- » Photography
- » Environmental Conservation

## LANGUAGES

English (F), Hindi (N), Russian (I), German (B)