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**Research Interests:** Social Network Analysis, Applied Causal Inference, Experimental Design, Applied Machine Learning, Political Discourse and Polarization Online.

## Education

- 2015— Ph.D., Media Arts and Sciences  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
- 2014—2015 M.Sc., Media Arts and Sciences, Fast-tracked  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
- 2011—2013 M.Sc., Data Mining and Knowledge Management, Honors  
*University Pierre and Marie Curie & Polytechnic University of Catalonia*
- 2007—2010 B.Sc., Computing Science, First Class Honors  
*Staffordshire University*

## Research Experience

- May—Aug 2016 *LinkedIn*  
Experimentation Team, Mountain View (Internship)
  - Developed experimental designs for detecting network interference in randomized experiments.
- May—Aug 2014 *Amazon*  
Machine Learning Team, Berlin (Internship)
  - Worked on algorithms for sparsity-inducing learning to rank models.
- Feb—Aug 2013 *Yahoo! Labs*  
Social Media Engagement Group, Barcelona (Internship)
  - Designed algorithms for item cold-start recommendations.
- May—Aug 2012 *Laboratory of Computer Sciences, Paris 6*  
Machine Learning and Information Retrieval Research Team, Paris (Internship)
  - Developed methods for blending generative and discriminative models for semi-supervised learning.
- Jan—Aug 2011 *Jožef Stefan Institute*  
Department of Knowledge Technologies, Ljubljana
  - Built a system for sentiment analysis of financial tweets.

## Publications

[[Google Scholar profile](#)]

Me, My Echo Chamber, and I: Introspection on Social Media Polarization [[pdf](#)]

Nabeel Gillani\*, Ann Yuan\*, Martin Saveski, Soroush Vosoughi, Deb Roy  
*WWW'18, International Conference on the World Wide Web. 2018. (Honorable mention)*

Detecting Network Effects: Randomizing Over Randomized Experiments [[pdf](#)]

Martin Saveski\*, Jean Pouget-Abadie\*, Guillaume Saint-Jacques, Weitao Duan, Souvik Ghosh, Ya Xu, Edo Airoldi  
*KDD'17: International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining. 2017. (Research Track) (\*=equal contribution)*

Topic Modeling in Twitter: Aggregating Tweets by Conversations [\[pdf\]](#)

David Alvarez-Melis\*, Martin Saveski\*

*ICWSM'16: International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media. 2016. (Short Paper) (\*=equal contribution)*

Tracking the Yak: An Empirical Study of Yik Yak [\[pdf\]](#)

Martin Saveski, Sophie Chou, Deb Roy

*ICWSM'16: International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media. 2016. (Short Paper)*

Human Atlas: A Tool for Mapping Social Networks [\[pdf\]](#)

Martin Saveski, Eric Chu, Soroush Vosoughi, Deb Roy

*WWW'16: International Conference on the World Wide Web. 2016. (Demo)*

One-Pass Ranking Models for Low-Latency Product Recommendations [\[pdf\]](#)

Antonino Freno, Martin Saveski, Rodolphe Jenatton, Cédric Archambeau

*KDD'15: International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining. 2015. (Industry Track)*

Item Cold-Start Recommendations: Learning Local Collective Embeddings [\[pdf\]](#)

Martin Saveski, Amin Mantrach

*RecSys'14, ACM Conference Series on Recommender Systems. 2014.*

The Geography of Online News Engagement [\[pdf\]](#)

Martin Saveski, Daniele Quercia, Amin Mantrach

*Socinfo'14: International Conference on Social Informatics. 2014.*

Joint Semi-supervised Learning of Hidden Conditional Random Fields and Hidden Markov Models [\[pdf\]](#)

Yann Soullard, Martin Saveski, Thierry Artières

*Pattern Recognition Letters. 2013.*

Web Services for Stream Mining: A Stream-Based Active Learning Use Case [\[pdf\]](#)

Martin Saveski, Miha Grčar

*ECML PKDD 2011, Workshop on Planning to Learn and Service-Oriented Knowledge Discovery. 2011.*

Automatic Construction of Wordnets by Using Machine Translation and Language Modeling [\[pdf\]](#)

Martin Saveski, Igor Trajkovski

*In Proceedings of Seventh Language Technologies Conference. 2010.*

## Professional Service

2018—2019 *Program Committee*, ICWSM: AAAI International Conference on Web and Social Media

2017—2018 *Reviewer*, CSCW: Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing

2018 *Reviewer*, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A (Statistics in Society)

2016 *Program Committee*, Bloomberg Data For Good Exchange

2016 *Reviewer*, ACM Transactions on Information Systems

2015 *Reviewer*, Elsevier Computer Communications, Special Issue on Online Social Networks

2013 *Reviewer*, RecSys: ACM Conference on Recommender systems

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