

Malte Helmert

Curriculum Vitae (May 2025)

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Current Position

since 08/2022	full professor (tenured) for computer science at the University of Basel, Switzerland; head of the Artificial Intelligence research group
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Previous Appointments

06/2016–07/2022	associate professor (tenured) for computer science at the University of Basel, Switzerland; head of the Artificial Intelligence research group
06/2011–05/2016	assistant professor (tenure track) for computer science at the University of Basel, Switzerland; head of the Artificial Intelligence research group
10/2011	declined appointment as associate professor (tenured) for computer science at Saarland University, Germany
11/2008–10/2011	adjunct senior research fellow at Institute for Integrated and Intelligent Systems, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
12/2006–05/2011	post-doctoral researcher (<i>Akademischer Rat auf Zeit</i>) at University of Freiburg, Germany
04/2004–11/2006	research assistant and teaching assistant at University of Freiburg, Germany

Education

06/2006	Ph.D. degree (<i>Dr. rer. nat.</i>) from University of Freiburg, Germany Thesis: <i>Solving Planning Tasks in Theory and Practice</i> grade <i>summa cum laude</i> (with distinction)
04/2001–06/2006	Ph.D. student at University of Freiburg, Germany

03/2001	<i>Diplom</i> (~M.Sc.) in computer science (<i>Informatik</i>) from University of Freiburg, Germany grade 1.0 (with distinction)
10/1997–03/2001	studies of computer science at University of Freiburg, Germany and University of Durham, United Kingdom

Scholarships

cancelled (2011–2014)	Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship for project <i>Abstraction Heuristics for Planning and Combinatorial Search (AHPACS)</i> funded by the European Commission (granted 12/2009) cancelled because of appointment to University of Basel
04/2003–03/2004	scholar of graduate programme <i>Mathematical Logic and Applications</i> at University of Freiburg, Germany funded by the German Research Foundation (<i>DFG-Graduiertenkolleg</i>)
04/2001–03/2003	scholar of graduate programme <i>Human and Machine Intelligence</i> at University of Freiburg, Germany funded by the German Research Foundation (<i>DFG-Graduiertenkolleg</i>)
09/1999–03/2001	scholar of German National Merit Foundation (<i>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</i>)

Awards and Honors

Awards and Honors for General Academic Achievement

07/2023	Elected <i>AAIA Fellow</i> (Fellow of the Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association)
02/2021	Elected <i>AAAI Fellow</i> (Fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence) “for significant contributions to the theory and practice of automated planning and combinatorial search” announced at AAAI 2021, held online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AAAI elects 5–10 new fellows every year, described as “individuals whom they consider to have achieved unusual distinction in the field.” More on https://www.aaai.org/Awards/fellows-list.php .
08/2020	Elected <i>EurAI Fellow</i> (Fellow of the European Association for Artificial Intelligence) announced at EurAI 2020, held online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “The EurAI Fellows Program honors only a very small percentage of the total membership of all EurAI member societies (up to a maximum of 3%. [...] The key criterion of evaluation [is] whether the nominee has achieved exceptional distinction in AI in Europe.” More on https://www.eurai.org/award/fellows .
07/2011	<i>IJCAI-11 Computers and Thought Award</i> “for fundamental contributions to the theory and practice in automated planning and combinatorial search” presented at IJCAI 2011 in Barcelona, Spain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Computers and Thought Award has been described as “generally regarded as the most prestigious award in artificial intelligence”. Source: http://tinyurl.com/computers-and-thought-award .

Awards for Academic Publications

06/2024 *ICAPS 2024 Influential Paper Award* for the ICAPS 2014 paper
“LP-Based Heuristics for Cost-Optimal Planning”
at ICAPS 2024 in Banff, Alberta, Canada
(with Florian Pommerening, Gabriele Röger and Blai Bonet)
○ The ICAPS Influential Paper Awards honor significant and influential papers published at least ten years earlier in a planning and scheduling conference. There was one recipient of the award in 2024.

07/2023 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
“Landmark Progression in Heuristic Search”
at ICAPS 2023 in Prague, Czechia
(with Clemens Büchner, Thomas Keller and Salomé Eriksson)
○ Out of 258 submissions, 1 received the award and 2 were selected as runners-up.

07/2023 *Best Student Paper Runner-Up Award* for the paper
“Grounding Planning Tasks Using Tree Decompositions and Iterated Solving”
at ICAPS 2023 in Prague, Czechia
(with Augusto B. Corrêa, Markus Hecher, Davide Mario Longo, Florian Pommerening and Stefan Woltran)
○ Out of an unknown number of eligible submissions, 1 received the award and 2 were selected as runners-up.

08/2021 *Best Student Paper Runner-Up Award* for the paper
“Exploiting Cyclic Dependencies in Landmark Heuristics”
at ICAPS 2021, held online
(with Clemens Büchner and Thomas Keller)
○ Out of an unknown number of eligible submissions, 1 received the award and 2 were selected as runners-up.

10/2020 *ICAPS 2020 Influential Paper Award* for the ICAPS 2009 paper
“Landmarks, Critical Paths and Abstractions: What’s the Difference Anyway?” at ICAPS 2020, held online
(with Carmel Domshlak)
○ The ICAPS Influential Paper Awards honor significant and influential papers published at least ten years earlier in a planning and scheduling conference. There were two recipients of the award in 2020.

05/2020 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
“An Atom-Centric Perspective on Stubborn Sets”
at SoCS 2020, held online
(with Gabriele Röger, Jendrik Seipp and Silvan Sievers)
○ Out of 45 submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

07/2019 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
“Lagrangian Decomposition for Optimal Cost Partitioning”
at ICAPS 2019 in Berkeley, California, USA
(with Florian Pommerening, Gabriele Röger, Hadrien Cambazard, Louis-Martin Rousseau and Domenico Salvagnin)
○ Out of 135 main track submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

07/2017 *Best Student Paper Award* for the paper
 “Unsolvability Certificates for Classical Planning”
 at ICAPS 2017 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
 (with Salomé Eriksson and Gabriele Röger)

- Sole recipient of the award (number of eligible submissions unknown).

07/2017 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
 “Understanding the Search Behaviour of Greedy Best-First Search”
 at SoCS 2017 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
 (with Manuel Heusner and Thomas Keller)

- Out of 36 conference submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

06/2016 *ICAPS 2016 Influential Paper Award* for the ICAPS 2004 paper
 “A Planning Heuristic Based on Causal Graph Analysis”
 at ICAPS 2016 in London, United Kingdom

- The ICAPS Influential Paper Awards honor significant and influential papers published at least ten years earlier in a planning and scheduling conference. This was the sole recipient of the award.

01/2015 *Outstanding Paper Award* for the paper
 “From Non-Negative to General Operator Cost Partitioning”
 at AAAI 2015 in Austin, Texas, USA
 (with Florian Pommerening, Gabriele Röger and Jendrik Seipp)

- Out of 1991 conference submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

07/2014 *Outstanding Paper Award Honorable Mention* for the paper
 “Generalized Label Reduction for Merge-and-Shrink Heuristics”
 at AAAI 2014 in Québec City, Québec, Canada
 (with Silvan Sievers and Martin Wehrle)

- Out of 1406 conference submissions, 1 paper received the award and 4 received honorable mentions.

06/2014 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
 “LP-based Heuristics for Cost-optimal Planning”
 at ICAPS 2014 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA
 (with Florian Pommerening, Gabriele Röger and Blai Bonet)

- Out of 164 conference submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

06/2013 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
 “The Relative Pruning Power of Strong Stubborn Sets and Expansion Core”
 at ICAPS 2013 in Rome, Italy
 (with Martin Wehrle, Yusra Alkhazraji and Robert Mattmüller)

- Out of 146 conference submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

06/2013 *Best Student Paper Award* for the paper
 “Trial-based Heuristic Tree Search for Finite Horizon MDPs”
 at ICAPS 2013 in Rome, Italy
 (with Thomas Keller)

- Sole recipient of the award (number of eligible submissions unknown).

07/2012 *Best Student Paper Award* for the paper
 “Better Parameter-Free Anytime Search by Minimizing Time Between Solutions” at SoCS 2012 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
 (with Jordan T. Thayer and J. Benton)

- Sole recipient of the award (number of eligible submissions unknown).

08/2010 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
 “Strengthening Landmark Heuristics via Hitting Sets”
 at ECAI 2010 in Lisbon, Portugal
 (with Blai Bonet)

- Out of 607 conference submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

07/2010 *Best Poster Presentation Award* for the presentation of the paper
 “High-Quality Policies for the Canadian Traveler’s Problem”
 at SoCS 2010 in Stone Mountain, Georgia, USA
 (with Patrick Eyerich and Thomas Keller)

- Out of 14 posters, this was the sole recipient of the award.

09/2009 *Best Paper Award* for the paper
 “Landmarks, Critical Paths and Abstractions: What’s the Difference Anyway?” at ICAPS 2009 in Thessaloniki, Greece
 (with Carmel Domshlak)

- Out of 159 conference submissions, 2 papers received the award.

07/2009 *IJCAI-JAIR Best Paper Prize Honorable Mention* for the paper
 “The Fast Downward Planning System”
 awarded at IJCAI 2009 in Pasadena, California, USA

- Out of 274 eligible JAIR papers published in 2004–2009, 1 paper received the award and 1 received an honorable mention.

07/2008 *Outstanding Paper Award* for the paper
 “How Good is Almost Perfect?”
 at AAAI 2008 in Chicago, Illinois, USA
 (with Gabriele Röger)

- Out of 937 conference submissions, 2 papers received the award.

09/2007 *ICAPS Outstanding Dissertation Award Honorable Mention*
 for PhD dissertation “Solving Planning Tasks in Theory and Practice”
 at ICAPS 2007 in Providence, Rhode Island, USA

- There were 1 winner and 3 honorable mentions for the award.

09/2007 *Best Research Paper Award* for the paper
 “Flexible Abstraction Heuristics for Optimal Sequential Planning”
 at ICAPS 2007 in Providence, Rhode Island, USA
 (with Patrik Haslum and Jörg Hoffmann)

- Out of 136 conference submissions, this was the sole recipient of the award.

06/2004 *Best Student Paper Award* for the paper
 “A Planning Heuristic Based on Causal Graph Analysis”
 at ICAPS 2004 in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

- There were 2 recipients of the award (number of eligible submissions unknown).

09/2001 *PLANET Award for Research Excellence* for the paper “On the Complexity of Planning in Transportation Domains” at ECP 2001 in Toledo, Spain

- Out of 92 conference submissions, 2 received awards.

04/2001 *VDI-Förderpreis* (award of the Association of German Engineers) for Diplomarbeit (Master’s thesis equivalent) “On the Complexity of Planning in Transportation and Manipulation Domains”

- This award honors the best theses submitted at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Freiburg in a given calendar year.

In the year 2001, 1 Ph.D. thesis and 1 diplomarbeit were awarded.

Awards for System Demonstrations

06/2022 *Third Place, Best System Demonstration* for the demo *Unified Planning: A Python Library Making Planning Technology Accessible* at ICAPS 2022, held online (with Andrea Micheli, Gabriele Röger and 23 other collaborators)

- Out of 10 system demonstrations, 3 received awards (1st–3rd place). Members of my research group were involved in three of these system demos, and these won the three awards. I was not personally involved in the winner and runner-up demos.

Awards for Academic Service

10/2024 *Outstanding Program Committee Member Award* at ECAI 2024 in Santiago de Compostela, Spain

- According to the program chairs, 2–3% of PC members of ECAI 2024 received an award.

07/2023 *Outstanding Program Committee Member Award* at ICAPS 2023 in Prague, Czechia

- Out of 191 PC members, 1 received an award.

07/2022 *Best Program Committee Member Award* at SoCS 2022 in Vienna, Austria

- Out of 61 PC members, 1 received an award.

06/2022 *Outstanding Program Committee Member Award* at ICAPS 2022, held online

- Out of 127 PC members for the main track, 1 received an award.

07/2018 *Distinguished Senior Program Committee Member* at IJCAI-ECAI 2018 in Stockholm, Sweden

- Out of 497 SPC members, 115 were distinguished.

06/2016 *Outstanding Reviewer Award* at ICAPS 2016 in London, United Kingdom

- Out of 96 PC members, 1 received an award.

07/2014 *Outstanding Senior Program Committee Member Award* at AAAI 2014 in Québec City, Québec, Canada

- Out of 55 senior program committee members, 3 received an award.

07/2013 *Outstanding Program Committee Member Award* at AAAI 2013 in Bellevue, Washington, USA

- Out of 600 program committee members, 6 received an award.

07/2007 *Outstanding Program Committee Member Award Honorable Mention*
 at AAAI 2007 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 ○ Out of 606 program committee members, 1 received an award
 and 1 received an honorable mention.

Awards for Planning Systems

This list only includes awards at planning competitions where I myself participated as a team member, which I stopped doing in 2011, although I remain very actively involved in the development of our planning systems as project lead of the Fast Downward planning system.

After 2011, the International Planning Competition for classical planners was held at irregular intervals, in 2014, 2018 and 2023. Members of my research group received a total of 10 winner awards (gold medals), 4 runner-up awards (silver medals) and 2 third-place awards (bronze medals) at these competitions, out of a total of 13 gold medals, 11 silver medals and 3 bronze medals awarded in total.

Members of my research group also participated in the one-off International Planning Competition for proving unsolvability in 2016, taking the first three places, and in the International Planning Competition for learning planning systems in 2014, winning 5 out a total of 9 medals (2 out of 3 gold, 1 out of 3 silver, 2 out of 3 bronze).

06/2011 *Winner, Deterministic Sequential Optimization Track*
 for the planning system “Fast Downward Stone Soup-1”
 at the 7th International Planning Competition (IPC 2011)
 at ICAPS 2011 in Freiburg, Germany
 (with Jörg Hoffmann, Erez Karpas, Emil Keyder, Raz Nissim, Silvia Richter, Gabriele Röger, Jendrik Seipp and Matthias Westphal)
 ○ Out of 14 planning systems participating in this competition track,
 1 was declared winner and 2 were declared runners-up.

06/2011 *Runner-up ex-aequo, Deterministic Sequential Optimization Track*
 for the planning system “Merge and Shrink”
 at the 7th International Planning Competition (IPC 2011)
 at ICAPS 2011 in Freiburg, Germany
 (with Raz Nissim and Jörg Hoffmann)
 ○ Out of 14 planning systems participating in this competition track,
 1 was declared winner and 2 were declared runners-up.

06/2011 *Runner-up ex-aequo, Deterministic Sequential Optimization Track*
 for the planning system “Selective Max”
 at the 7th International Planning Competition (IPC 2011)
 at ICAPS 2011 in Freiburg, Germany
 (with Erez Karpas, Carmel Domshlak and Shaul Markovitch)
 ○ Out of 14 planning systems participating in this competition track,
 1 was declared winner and 2 were declared runners-up.

06/2011 *Winner, Deterministic Sequential Satisficing Track*
 for the planning system “LAMA 2011”
 at the 7th International Planning Competition (IPC 2011)
 at ICAPS 2011 in Freiburg, Germany
 (with Silvia Richter, Matthias Westphal and Gabriele Röger)
 ○ Out of 27 planning systems participating in this competition track,
 1 was declared winner and 1 was declared runner-up.

06/2011 *Runner-up, Deterministic Sequential Satisficing Track*
 for the planning system “Fast Downward Stone Soup-1”
 at the 7th International Planning Competition (IPC 2011)
 at ICAPS 2011 in Freiburg, Germany
 (with Erez Karpas, Silvia Richter, Gabriele Röger and Jendrik Seipp)

- Out of 27 planning systems participating in this competition track,
 1 was declared winner and 1 was declared runner-up.

06/2011 *Runner-up, Learning Part*
 for the planning system “Fast Downward Autotune-speed”
 at the 7th International Planning Competition (IPC 2011)
 at ICAPS 2011 in Freiburg, Germany
 (with Chris Fawcett, Holger Hoos, Erez Karpas, Gabriele Röger
 and Jendrik Seipp)

- Out of 8 planning systems participating in this competition,
 1 was declared winner and 1 was declared runner-up.

06/2004 *1st Prize, Satisficing Propositional Track*
 for the planning system “Fast (Diagonally) Downward”
 at the 4th International Planning Competition (IPC 2004)
 at ICAPS 2004 in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada
 (with Silvia Richter)

- Out of 17 planning systems participating in this competition track,
 this is the sole recipient of the award.

04/2000 *Distinguished Planner Award*
 for the planning system “MIPS”
 at the 2nd International Planning Competition (IPC 2000)
 at AIPS 2000 in Breckenridge, Colorado, USA
 (with Stefan Edelkamp)

- Out of 15 participating planning systems across both competition tracks,
 2 were declared winners (“exceptional performance”)
 and 4 were declared runners-up (“distinguished planner”).

Awards for Teaching

03/2025 *Nomination for Teaching Excellence Awards 2025*
 at University of Basel
 in the category “Motivierender Unterricht” (engaging courses)

05/2017 *Nomination for Teaching Excellence Awards 2017*
 at University of Basel
 for the course “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”
 in the category “Top Aktuell” (cutting edge)

05/2017 *Nomination for Teaching Excellence Awards 2017*
 at University of Basel
 for the course “Theorie der Informatik” (Theory of Computer Science)
 in the category “Starke Fundamente” (strong foundations)

09/2014 *Nomination for Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching*
 at University of Basel
 for the course “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz”
 (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence)

- Among all courses taught at the University of Basel,
 38 were nominated for the award and 1 received it.

12/2006 *Lehrpreis des Landes Baden-Württemberg* (state teaching award) for the “Sommercampus” event (as a co-organizer; 40 000 EUR)

- Among all teaching activities at all universities in the German state of Baden-Württemberg, 3 were awarded in the year 2006.

Acquired Funding

All grants as sole primary investigator with all funds to my research group unless indicated otherwise.

Ongoing Projects

02/2024–01/2029 SNSF Advanced Grant *Unifying the Theory and Algorithms of Factored State-Space Search (UTA)*.
2 174 283 CHF, 0.5 senior researchers, 2 post-docs, 3 Ph.D. students.
Swiss National Science Foundation replacement scheme for ERC Advanced Grants.

09/2024–08/2028 *Problem Solving with Domain-Independent Dynamic Programming: Theory and Practice (DIDP)*.
488 800 CHF, 1 senior researcher.
Swiss National Science Foundation.

02/2023–01/2027 *Lifted and Generalized Representations for Classical Planning (LGR-Plan)*.
922 240 CHF, 1 post-doc, 2 Ph.D. students.
Swiss National Science Foundation.

Grants with no Fixed Duration (Gifts)

received 09/2019 IBM Faculty Award *Integrating Deep Policy Learning with Model-Based Heuristic Search for AI Planning*.
40 000 USD.
IBM.

Completed Projects

09/2020–08/2024 *Foundations of Trustworthy AI – Integrating Reasoning, Learning and Optimization (TAILOR)*.
Share of budget: 105 244 EUR, 0.5 post-docs.
European Union Horizon 2020 Programme.
Consortium with 54 partners. Overall project budget 12 000 000 EUR.

10/2022–03/2024 *Workforce Scheduling Problems: Combinatorial Optimization Meets Machine Learning*.
Share of budget: 165 434 CHF, 1 senior researcher.
innosuisse Swiss Innovation Agency.
Consortium with 3 partners. Overall project budget 339 894 CHF.

02/2019–01/2024 ERC Consolidator Grant *Beyond Distance Estimates: A New Theory of Heuristics for State-Space Search (BDE)*.
1 997 510 EUR, 2 post-docs, 3 Ph.D. students.
European Research Council.

01/2021–12/2023 *Bringing AI Planning to the European AI On-Demand Platform (AIPlan4EU)*.
Share of budget: 185 723 EUR, 1 post-doc.
European Union Horizon 2020 Programme.
Consortium with 16 partners. Overall project budget 5 000 000 EUR.

02/2019–01/2023 *Certified Correctness and Guaranteed Performance for Domain-Independent Planning (CCGP-Plan).*
 923 024 CHF, 1 post-doc, 2 Ph.D. students.
 Swiss National Science Foundation.

11/2016–01/2019 *European Robotic Goal-Oriented Autonomous Controller (ERGO).*
 Share of budget: 587 179 CHF, 2 post-docs.
 European Union Horizon 2020 Programme.
 Consortium with 8 partners. Overall project budget 3 774 610 EUR.

02/2014–01/2019 ERC Starting Grant *State Space Exploration: Principles, Algorithms, Applications (SSX).*
 1 499 737 EUR, 1 post-doc, 3 Ph.D. students.
 European Research Council.

05/2015–04/2018 *Reasoning about Plans and Heuristics for Planning and Combinatorial Search (RAPAHPACS).*
 675 631 CHF, 1 post-doc, 2 Ph.D. students.
 Swiss National Science Foundation.

01/2015–07/2016 *Automated Reformulation and Pruning in Factored State Spaces (ARAP).*
 165 367 CHF, 1 post-doc.
 Swiss National Science Foundation.

05/2012–04/2015 *Abstraction Heuristics for Planning and Combinatorial Search (AHPACS).*
 250 000 CHF, 2 Ph.D. students.
 Swiss National Science Foundation.

11/2012–10/2014 *Safe Pruning in Optimal State-Space Search (SPOSSS).*
 206 583 CHF, 0.5 post-docs, 1 Ph.D. student.
 Swiss National Science Foundation.

12/2010–06/2014 *Kontrollwissen für domänenunabhängige Planungssysteme*
 (“control knowledge for domain-independent planning systems”).
 234 000 CHF, 1 post-doc.
 German Research Foundation.
 Project transferred from University of Freiburg to University of Basel.

12/2012–02/2013 *1D Tower Building/2D Twin Tower Building.*
 46 500 CHF.
 Industry project, Dematic GmbH.

(2011–2014) Marie-Curie International Outgoing Fellowship
 to The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.
 240 000 EUR.
 European Commission.
 Cancelled because of appointment to University of Basel.

Publications

See separate list of publications.

Academic Presentations

Invited Plenary Talks at Major Conferences

06/2022 Invited plenary talk at 32nd International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2022), held online.
 Topic: *Beyond Distance Estimates: Reasoning about Solutions in Factored Transition Systems.*

08/2018 Invited plenary talk at 24th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP 2018), held in Lille, France.
Topic: *Constraints at the Heart of Classical Planning*.

06/2016 Influential paper talk at the 26th International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2016) held in London, United Kingdom.
Topic: *A Planning Heuristic Based on Causal Graph Analysis (and Zombies)*.

08/2014 Keynote lecture at 21st European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI 2014), held in Prague, Czech Republic.
Topic: *Are We There Yet?*

07/2011 Invited plenary lecture at Twenty-Second International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2011) held in Barcelona, Spain.
Topic: *At Most Four Approaches to Heuristic Search*
(Computers and Thought Award Lecture).

Other Invited Talks and Panel Presentations at Conferences/Symposia

06/2024 Invited panelist at the ICAPS-2024 Workshop on Echoing (failed) Efforts in Planning (WEEP 2024), held in Banff, Alberta, Canada.
Topic: *Challenges and Opportunities in Communicating Failed Research Efforts*.

07/2022 Invited speaker at Doctoral Consortium of 15th International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS 2022), held in Vienna, Austria.
Topic: *Heuristics for Being a Researcher*.

06/2019 Invited speaker at 13th Workshop on Hybrid Reasoning for Intelligent Systems (Hybris), held in Berlin, Germany.
Topic: *Declarative Heuristics*.

08/2018 Invited panelist at 24th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP 2018), held in Lille, France.
Topic: *CP and Automated Planning*.

08/2018 Invited talk at the CP-2018 Workshop on Constraints and AI Planning, held in Lille, France.
Topic: *Introduction to Planning*.

06/2018 Invited panelist at the ICAPS-2018 Workshop on Heuristics and Search for Domain-independent Planning (HSDIP 2018) held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.
Topic: *The Past, Present, and Future of Domain-Independent Heuristic Search*.

06/2017 Invited talk at the ICAPS-2017 Workshop on Heuristics and Search for Domain-independent Planning (HSDIP 2017) held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.
Topic: *Declarative Heuristics*.

07/2016 Invited talk at the Colloquium on the Occasion of the 60th Birthday of Bernhard Nebel held in Freiburg, Germany.
Topic: *First, you have to understand the problem*.

02/2016 Invited talk at the AAAI-2016 Workshop on Beyond NP held in Phoenix, Arizona, USA.
Topic: *On Planners as Beyond NP Solvers*.

11/2015 Invited talk at SGAICO Annual Assembly and Workshop (SGAICO 2015) held in Geneva, Switzerland
Topic: *Declarative Heuristics for State-Space Search*.

07/2013 Invited non-plenary presentation at Twenty-Seventh AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2013) held in Bellevue, Washington, USA.
Topic: *What's Hot at ICAPS?*

08/2012 Invited talk at the Sixth Starting Artificial Intelligence Researchers' Symposium (STAIRS 2012), held in Montpellier, France.
Topic: *How to be a Strong and Happy AI Researcher.*

07/2011 Invited talk at the IJCAI-2011 Workshop on Benchmarks and Applications of Spatial Reasoning, held in Barcelona, Spain.
Topic: *Lessons Learned from Benchmarking in the Automated Planning Community.*

08/2010 Invited talk at the ECAI-2010 Workshop on Benchmarking Intelligent (Multi-) Robot Systems, held in Lisbon, Portugal.
Topic: *Lessons Learned from Benchmarking in the Automated Planning Community.*

07/2010 Invited panelist at Third Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS 2010), held in Stone Mountain, Georgia, USA.
Topic: *Domain-Independent versus Domain-Specific Search.*

05/2010 Invited panelist at Twentieth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2010), held in Toronto, Canada.
Topic: *The Present and Future(s) of Planning.*

07/2008 Invited talk at First International Symposium on Search Techniques in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (STAIR 2008), held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.
Topic: *Automatically Deriving Abstraction Heuristics.*

05/2007 Invited talk at First SFB/TR 8 Benchmark Workshop (workshop of the interdisciplinary Transregional Collaborative Research Center Spatial Cognition), held in Etelsen, Germany.
Topic: *Benchmarking in Planning.*

Invited Talks at Dagstuhl Seminars

10/2022 Speaker at Dagstuhl seminar “Theory and Practice of SAT and Combinatorial Solving” held at Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany.
Topic: *Introduction to Automated Planning With Some Remarks on Certifying Solvers.*

02/2018 Speaker at Dagstuhl seminar “Planning and Operations Research” held at Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany.
Topic: *Introduction to Planning.*

11/2014 Speaker at Dagstuhl seminar “Automated Planning and Model Checking” held at Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany.
Topic: *Heuristics for Classical Planning: We're More Rigorous Than You Thought!*

10/2009 Speaker at Dagstuhl seminar “Graph Search Engineering” held at Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany.
Topic: *Landmarks, Critical Paths and Abstractions: What's the Difference Anyway?*

04/2006 Speaker at Dagstuhl seminar “Directed Model Checking” held at Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany.
Topic: *A Planning Heuristic Based on Causal Graph Analysis.*

11/2001 Speaker at Dagstuhl seminar “Exploration of Large State Spaces” held at Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany.
 Topic: *Decidability and Undecidability Results for Planning with Numerical State Variables.*

[Invited Talks at Universities](#)

06/2023 University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
 Topic: *Lower Bound Functions for Optimal Classical Planning.*

05/2023 University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
 Topic: *Are We There Yet? Designing Search Heuristics for Classical Planning.*

10/2018 University of Toronto, Canada.
 Topic: *General Search Problems and How Not to Solve Them.*

10/2018 University of Toronto, Canada.
 Topic: *Constraints at the Heart of Classical Planning.*

11/2013 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be’er Sheva, Israel.
 Topic: Tutorial on *Planning and Search.*

11/2013 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be’er Sheva, Israel.
 Topic: *Getting the Most Out of Pattern Databases for Classical Planning.*

09/2013 King’s College, London, United Kingdom.
 Topic: *Getting the Most Out of Pattern Databases for Classical Planning.*

09/2013 King’s College, London, United Kingdom.
 Topic: *What’s Hot in Classical Planning?*

02/2012 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be’er Sheva, Israel.
 Topic: *Heuristics for Domain-Independent Planning*
 (six-hour graduate course).

01/2012 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be’er Sheva, Israel.
 Topic: *At Most Four Approaches to Heuristic Search.*

05/2010 Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA.
 Topic: *Landmarks, Critical Paths and Abstractions: What’s the Difference Anyway?*

06/2009 Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain.
 Topic: *Planning as heuristic search* (series of six invited lectures).

10/2008 Griffith University/NICTA Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
 Topic: *How Good is Almost Perfect?*

10/2008 Australian National University/NICTA Canberra, Canberra, Australia.
 Topic: *How Good is Almost Perfect?*

03/2008 University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
 Topic: *How Good is Almost Perfect?*

02/2008 Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
 Topic: *How Good is Almost Perfect?*

02/2008 Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
 Topic: *Domain-Independent Construction of Pattern Database Heuristics for Cost-Optimal Planning.*

10/2005 University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom, October 2005.
 Topic: *Universal Game Playing – Initial Ideas and Some Experiments in Connect-Four.*

04/2001 University of Durham, United Kingdom, April 2001.
 Topic: *On the Complexity of Planning in Transportation and Manipulation Domains.*

Tutorials at Conferences, Summer Schools and Similar

10/2020 Tutorial at Thirtieth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2020) held online.
 Topic: *Certified Unsolvability in Classical Planning* (with Salomé Eriksson and Gabriele Röger).

07/2019 Tutorial/lecture at 3rd Summer School on Cognitive Robotics held at USC in Los Angeles, California, USA.
 Topic: *Classical Planning Algorithms.*

11/2018 Tutorial at IBM Symposium on Recent Advances in AI Planning held in Yorktown, New York, USA and Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.
 Topic: *Classical Planning Algorithms.*

06/2018 Tutorial/lecture at International Summer School on Planning and Scheduling held in conjunction with ICAPS 2018, Delft, The Netherlands.
 Topic: *Classical Planning Algorithms.*

06/2015 Tutorial at Twenty-Fifth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2015) held in Jerusalem, Israel.
 Topic: *LP-based Heuristics for Cost-optimal Classical Planning* (with Florian Pommerening and Gabriele Röger).

06/2015 Tutorial at Twenty-Fifth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2015) held in Jerusalem, Israel.
 Topic: *Latest Trends in Abstraction Heuristics for Classical Planning* (with Jendrik Seipp and Silvan Sievers).

01/2015 Tutorial at Twenty-Ninth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2015) held in Austin, Texas, USA.
 Topic: *A Beginner's Introduction to Heuristic Search Planning* (with Gabriele Röger).

06/2013 Tutorial at Twenty-Third International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2013) held in Rome, Italy.
 Topic: *Engineering a Heuristic Search Planner* (with Gabriele Röger).

09/2009 Tutorial/lecture at ICAPS 2009 Summer School on Automated Planning and Scheduling, held in conjunction with ICAPS 2009, Thessaloniki, Greece.
 Topic: *Computational Complexity of Planning.*

09/2009 Tutorial/lecture at ICAPS 2009 Summer School on Automated Planning and Scheduling, held in conjunction with ICAPS 2009, Thessaloniki, Greece.
 Topic: *Planning as Heuristic Search: From Basics to Advanced Methods* (with Carmel Domshlak).

09/2008 Tutorial at Eighteenth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2008) held in Sydney, Australia.
 Topic: *Abstraction Heuristics for Planning* (with Patrik Haslum).

06/2006 Tutorial at Sixteenth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS 2006) held in the Lake District, United Kingdom.
 Topic: *Planning and Complexity.*

Outreach Activities and Non-Technical Presentations

12/2024 Lecture at Seniorenuniversität beider Basel held in Basel, Switzerland.
Topic: *Können wir Künstlicher Intelligenz vertrauen?*
(Can We Trust Artificial Intelligence?)

10/2024 Presentation to the Digitalisation Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.
Topic: *Von Euler und Bernoulli zur heutigen KI-Forschung in Basel.*
(From Euler and Bernoulli to current research in AI in Basel.)

04/2021 Lecture in the lecture series “Künstliche Intelligenz im Recht”
("Artificial Intelligence in Law") at University of Basel.
Topic: *Können wir künstlicher Intelligenz vertrauen?*
(Can We Trust Artificial Intelligence?)

12/2020 Q&A session with Turing Award winner Leslie Lamport (as host).
at Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Basel.
Coordinated with seminar *Turing Award Winners and Their Contributions*.

11/2020 Lecture in the lecture series “Herausforderung Digitalisierung – Perspektiven von Universität und Gesellschaft” (“Challenge Digitalization – Perspectives of University and Society”) at University of Basel.
Topic: *Können wir Algorithmen vertrauen?* (Can We Trust Algorithms?)

09/2019 Presentation at the EUresearch event “Horizon 2020 – Information and Networking in Information and Communication Technologies”
at University of Basel.
Topic: *Horizon 2020 Projects in Academica — Experiences with failed and successful applications.*

04/2019 Presentation for the doctoral program “Recht im Wandel” (“law in change”) at the Faculty of Law at University of Basel.
Topic: *Künstliche Intelligenz* (Artificial Intelligence).

02/2019 Presentation to the University of Basel Human Resources office.
Topic: *Künstliche Intelligenz an der Uni Basel*
(Artificial Intelligence at University of Basel.)

04/2017 Television interview for SRF1 science magazine “Einstein”.
Topic: *Künstliche Intelligenz – Die Macht der Maschinen*
(Artificial Intelligence – The Power of the Machines).
Originally broadcast on April 13, 2017.

11/2013 Lecture at Seniorenuniversität beider Basel held in Basel, Switzerland.
Topic: *Universelles Problemlösen durch Künstliche Intelligenz*
(Universal Problem Solving through Artificial Intelligence).

Academic Service

University of Basel

since 08/2015 Head of Computer Science teaching commission

since 08/2015 Member of Computer Science teaching commission

since 08/2015 Member of commission for extra-faculty degree subjects of the Faculty of Science (*Kommission für ausserfakultäre Studienfächer*)

09/2023–05/2024 Member of appointment committee for professorship in *Mathematics*
(with emphasis on algebra and geometry)

06/2021–02/2023	Member of appointment committee <i>Quantum Condensed Matter Theory and Quantum Computing</i> (Physics)
11/2021–05/2022	Member of appointment committee <i>Cyber Security</i> (Computer Science)
08/2020–07/2021	Head of Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
08/2019–07/2021	Head of Computer Science section
12/2019–07/2020	Member of commission for university lecture series on digitalization (<i>Steuerungsgruppe Ringvorlesung Digitalisierung</i>)
08/2019–07/2020	Deputy Head of Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
12/2015–08/2018	Member of university website toolkit migration committee (<i>Steuerungsausschuss WBK-Migration</i>)
09/2016–07/2017	Member of search committee <i>Adaptive Systems</i> (Computer Science)
10/2015–08/2016	Member of appointment committee <i>Adaptive Systems</i> (Computer Science)
12/2015–07/2016	Acting head of computer science degree programs (jointly with Christine Meier)
01/2013–06/2015	Member of university website relaunch committee (<i>Steuerungsausschuss Redesign Corporate Website www.unibas.ch</i>)
12/2012–10/2014	Member of appointment committee <i>High Performance Computing</i> (Computer Science)
03/2013–04/2014	Member of appointment committee <i>Pure Mathematics</i> (Mathematics)
	Societies and Scientific Organizations
AAAI	Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AAAI Fellow (since 2021) ○ Member
EurAI	European Association for Artificial Intelligence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EurAI Fellow (since 2020)
ICAPS	International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ICAPS President (2018–2020) ○ ICAPS President-Elect (2016–2018) ○ ICAPS executive council conference liaison (2012–2016) ○ Member of the ICAPS executive council (2011–2020)
SoCS	Symposium on Combinatorial Search <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member of the SoCS council (2013–2017)
CAIRNE	Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe (formerly CLAIRE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member of the Informal Advisory Group Planning (since 2018) ○ National Contact, Switzerland (since 2020) ○ Advisory Board Member, CLAIRE Office Zurich (since 2021)
SI	Swiss Computer Science Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member
SGAICO	SI Special Interest Group on AI and Cognitive Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member
	Journals and Monograph Publishers
AI Access	AI Access foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Associate editor (2013–2017)

- AIJ Artificial Intelligence Journal
 - Associate Editor (since 2021)
 - Reviewer (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)
- JAIR Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research
 - Editor-in-Chief (2023–2024)
 - Associate Editor-in-Chief (2021–2022)
 - Advisory board member (since 2016)
 - Associate editor (2010–2016)
 - Editorial board member (2007–2010)
 - Reviewer (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
 - Member of distinguished paper award selection committee (2013)
- Others
 - AIEDAM (Artificial Intelligence for Engineering Design, Analysis and Manufacturing): Reviewer 2006
 - AMAI (Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence): Reviewer 2007, 2008, 2010
 - COMPINT (Computational Intelligence): Reviewer 2008, 2024
 - IJAIT (International Journal on Artificial Intelligence Tools): Reviewer 2005
 - JAAMAS (Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems): Reviewer 2006
 - JACM (Journal of the ACM): Reviewer 2016, 2021
 - JCSS (Journal of Computer and System Sciences): Reviewer 2009
 - JoH (Journal of Heuristics): Reviewer 2014
 - JOS (Journal of Scheduling): Reviewer 2007, 2008
 - KI (Künstliche Intelligenz, engl. *Artificial Intelligence*): Reviewer 2009, 2010, 2011
 - TCS (Theoretical Computer Science): Reviewer 2003, 2010, 2013, 2022

Funding Agencies

- Agencies Reviewing for international funding agencies:
 - Canada (NSERC): 2014, 2015, 2020, 2021
 - Germany (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation): 2021, 2022
 - Germany/Israel (GIF): 2019
 - Greece (Hellenic Republic Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs): 2011
 - Israel (ISF): 2007, 2013
 - United Kingdom (EPSRC): 2015

Conferences

AAAI AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence

- Tutorial chair (2016, 2017)
- Journal track chair (2024)
- Area chair (2018, 2020, 2021, 2023)
- SPC member (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015)
- PC member (2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2019, 2022)
- Reviewer (2002, 2005)
- Senior member track PC member (2015, 2022)
- Late-breaking paper track PC member (2013)

ECAI European Conference on Artificial Intelligence

- Area chair (2012, 2020, 2022, 2023)
- SPC member (2016, 2018)
- PC member (2006, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2024, 2025)
- Reviewer (2002)

ICAPS International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling

- Conference chair (2011)
- Area chair (2024, 2025)
- SPC member (2013, 2014)
- PC member (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Reviewer (2002, 2003, 2004)
- Tutorial chair (2009, 2016)
- ICAPS award committee member (2008, 2010)
- Journal presentation track chair (2018, 2021)
- Journal presentation track PC member (2013)
- Doctoral consortium mentor (2007, 2008×2, 2010×2, 2011×2, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019×2, 2021, 2022, 2023×2, 2024×2)
- Doctoral consortium PC member (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

IJCAI International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence

- Advisory board member (2013, 2017)
- Executive committee member (2013, 2017)
- Journal track chair (2020, 2021)
- Area chair (2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022)
- SPC member (2011, 2013, 2018, 2023, 2024)
- PC member (2009)
- Reviewer (2005, 2007)
- Video competition PC member (2013, 2015)
- Best papers from sister conferences PC member (2015)

KI Annual German Conference on Artificial Intelligence

- Program chair (2016)
- PC member (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

SoCS International Symposium on Combinatorial Search

- Conference chair (2013)
- PC member (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Student mentor (2019)

Others

- CAEPIA (Conference of the Spanish Association for AI):
PC member 2009
- DAGM (Symposium of the German Association for Pattern Recognition):
Reviewer 2002, 2004
- ICTAI (IEEE International Conference on Tools with AI):
Reviewer 2007
- ISAIM (International Symposium on AI and Mathematics):
PC member 2008, 2010
- KR (International Conference on Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning): PC member 2014; reviewer 2004, 2006
- PRICAI (Pacific Rim International Conference on Artificial Intelligence):
Reviewer 2004
- SAT (International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing): Reviewer 2025
- STAIRS (Starting AI Researchers' Symposium):
Reviewer 2004

Summer Schools

This section mentions organization of summer schools.

See section “Academic Presentations” for a list of summer school tutorials given.

ACAI Advanced Course on AI

- Organizer of ACAI 2011 Summer School on Automated Planning and Scheduling (with Michael Brenner, Bernhard Nebel and Gabriele Röger)

Workshops

CAIP Workshop on Constraints and AI Planning

- Organizer of CAIP 2018 (with J. Christopher Beck, Michael Cashmore and Gilles Pesant)

CAIR Workshop on Competitions in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

- Organizer of CAIR 2009 (with Johan de Kleer, Lukas Kuhn and Paul E. Rybski)

CP4PS Workshop on Problem Solving using Classical Planners

- PC member of CP4PS 2012

GRAPHite Workshop on GRAPH Inspection and Traversal Engineering

- PC member of GRAPHite 2012

HSDIP Workshop for Heuristics and Search for Domain-Independent Planning

- Organizer of HSDIP 2013 (with Gabriele Röger, Jordan T. Thayer and Michael Katz)
- Organizer of HSDIP 2012 (with Patrik Haslum, Erez Karpas, Carlos Linares López, Gabriele Röger, Jordan Thayer and Rong Zhou)
- Organizer of HSDIP 2009 (with Carmel Domshlak and Jörg Hoffmann)
- Organizer of HSDIP 2007 (with Blai Bonet, Carmel Domshlak, Héctor Geffner, Patrik Haslum, Jörg Hoffmann and Vincent Vidal)

MCTS Workshop on Monte-Carlo Tree Search: Theory and Applications

- PC member of MCTS 2011

PlanSOpt Workshop on Planning, Search, and Optimization

- PC member of PlanSOpt 2015

PuK Workshop Planen, Scheduling und Konfigurieren, Entwerfen
(*Planning, Scheduling and Configuration, Design*)
o Local arrangements chair of PuK 2002

WIPC Workshop on the International Planning Competition
o Organizer of WIPC 2007
(with Minh Binh Do, Alan Fern and Ioannis Refanidis)
o PC member of WIPC 2012

Other

IPC International Planning Competition
o Organizer of IPC 2008, Deterministic Part
(with Minh Binh Do and Ioannis Refanidis)
o IPC committee member (since 2009)
o advisory committee member for IPC 2011

Teaching

Evaluation results for all courses are available on request.

Teaching at University of Basel

Spring 2025	Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”
Spring 2025	Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”
Fall 2024	Lecture “Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science” (with Gabriele Röger)
Fall 2024	Lecture “Planning and Optimization” (with Gabriele Röger)
Fall 2024	Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”
Spring 2024	Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”
Spring 2024	Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”
Fall 2023	Lecture “Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science” (with Gabriele Röger)
Fall 2023	Lecture “Planning and Optimization” (with Gabriele Röger)
Fall 2023	Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”
Spring 2023	on sabbatical leave
Fall 2022	Lecture “Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science” (with Gabriele Röger)
Fall 2022	Lecture “Planning and Optimization” (with Gabriele Röger)
Fall 2022	Seminar “Algorithm Engineering” (with Augusto Blaas Corrêa and Florian Pommerening)
Fall 2022	Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”
Spring 2022	Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”
Spring 2022	Seminar “Advanced Computational Complexity Theory” (with Gabriele Röger)
Fall 2021	Lecture “Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science” (with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2021 Lecture “Planning and Optimization”
(with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2021 Seminar “Theory and Algorithms of Puzzles and Games”
(with Augusto Blaas Corrêa and Liat Cohen)

Fall 2021 Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”

Spring 2021 Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”

Spring 2021 Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”

Spring 2021 Lecture Series “Künstliche Intelligenz im Recht”
 (“Artificial Intelligence in Law”; speaker in lecture series)

Fall 2020 Lecture “Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science”
(with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2020 Lecture “Planning and Optimization”
(with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2020 Seminar “Turing Award Winners and Their Contributions”
(with Augusto Blaas Corrêa and Florian Pommerening)

Fall 2020 Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”

Fall 2020 Lecture Series “Herausforderung Digitalisierung – Perspektiven von Universität und Gesellschaft” (“Challenge Digitalization – Perspectives of University and Society”; co-organizer and speaker in lecture series)

Spring 2020 Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”
(with Thomas Keller)

Spring 2020 Research Seminar “Readings in Planning and Search”

Fall 2019 Lecture “Planning and Optimization”
(with Thomas Keller)

Fall 2019 Seminar “Selbstbezüglichkeit”
 (Self-Referentiality; with Florian Pommerening)

Spring 2019 Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”

Spring 2019 Lecture “Advanced Methods in Computational Sciences”
(with Helmut Harbrecht, Dietmar Maringer, Markus Meuwly, Richard Neher, Martin Steinhauser, Erik van Nimwegen and Mihaela Zavolan)

Fall 2018 on sabbatical leave

Spring 2018 Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”

Spring 2018 Lecture “Advanced Methods in Computational Sciences”
(with Ruben Cabezon, Philippe Claude Cattin, Stefan Goedecker, Helmut Harbrecht, Christian Kleiber, Dietmar Maringer, Markus Meuwly and Martin Steinhauser)

Fall 2017 Lecture “Planning and Optimization”
(with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2017 Seminar “Recreational Computer Science from Langton’s Ant to Turing’s Subway” (with Gabriele Röger)

Spring 2017 Lecture “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”
(with Gabriele Röger)

- nominated for *University of Basel Teaching Excellence Awards 2017* in the category “Top Aktuell” (cutting edge)

Spring 2017 Lecture “Theorie der Informatik”
 (Theory of Computer Science)
 ○ nominated for *University of Basel Teaching Excellence Awards 2017*
 in the category “Starke Fundamente” (strong foundations)

Fall 2016 Lecture “Planning and Optimization”
 (with Gabriele Röger)

Spring 2016 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz”
 (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence; with Martin Wehrle)

Spring 2016 Lecture “Theorie der Informatik”
 (Theory of Computer Science)

Fall 2015 Seminar and Project “Search and Optimization”
 (with Martin Wehrle)

Spring 2015 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz”
 (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence)

Spring 2015 Lecture “Theorie der Informatik”
 (Theory of Computer Science; with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2014 Seminar and Project “Search and Optimization”
 (with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2014 Seminar and Project “Open-Source-Softwareentwicklung”
 (Open Source Software Development; with Jendrik Seipp)

Spring 2014 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz”
 (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence)
 ○ nominated for *Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching*

Spring 2014 Lecture “Theorie der Informatik”
 (Theory of Computer Science; with Gabriele Röger)

Fall 2013 Seminar and Project “Search and Optimization”

Spring 2013 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz”
 (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence)

Spring 2013 Lecture “Theorie der Informatik”
 (Theory of Computer Science; with Christian Tschudin)

Fall 2012 Seminar and Project “Search and Optimization”

Spring 2012 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz”
 (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence)

Spring 2012 Lecture “Theorie der Informatik”
 (Theory of Computer Science; with Christian Tschudin)

Spring 2010 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz” (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence; with Wolfram Burgard, Bernhard Nebel and Volker Roth)

Spring 2009 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz” (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence; with Wolfram Burgard, Bernhard Nebel and Volker Roth)

Summer 2007 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz” (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence; with Wolfram Burgard and Bernhard Nebel)

Summer 2006 Lecture “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz” (Foundations of Artificial Intelligence; with Wolfram Burgard and Luc De Raedt)

[Teaching at University of Freiburg](#)

For brevity, this list only includes teaching activities in the lecturer (for lectures) or main organizer (for laboratories and seminars) role. Activities in a teaching assistant or seminar contributor role are omitted.

Winter 2010/2011 Laboratory “Handlungsplanung”
(Artificial Intelligence Planning)

Summer 2010 Lecture “Handlungsplanung”
(Principles of AI Planning; with Bernhard Nebel)

Winter 2009/2010 Lecture “Theoretical Computer Science II”
(with Andreas Karwath)

Summer 2009 Practical “Grundlagen der Künstlichen Intelligenz”
(Foundations of Artificial Intelligence)

Winter 2008/2009 Lecture “Handlungsplanung”
(Principles of AI Planning)

Summer 2008 Lecture “Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning”
(with Bernhard Nebel and Stefan Wölfl)

Winter 2007/2008 Lecture “Spieltheorie”
(Game Theory; with Bernhard Nebel)

Winter 2007/2008 “Handlungsplanung und Modelchecking”
(AI Planning and Model Checking)

Summer 2007 Lecture “Constraint-Satisfaction-Probleme”
(Constraint Satisfaction Problems; with Stefan Wölfl)

Winter 2006/2007 Lecture “Handlungsplanung”
(Principles of AI Planning; with Bernhard Nebel)

Summer 2003 Seminar “Spiele, Spieltheorie und Multiagentensysteme”
(Games, Game Theory and Multi-Agent Systems)

Teaching at Other Institutions

Summer 2013 Lecture “Heuristic Search in Artificial Intelligence”
at Ibn Sina School for Computer Science 2013

Summer 2012 Lecture “Computational Complexity”
at Ibn Sina School for Computer Science 2012

Winter 2001/2002 Lecture “Informatik 1” (Introduction to Computer Science)
at Berufssakademie Lörrach (with Stefan Edelkamp)

Other Teaching Activities

I am the initiator of the postgraduate seminar *Reading Group on Planning and Search*, which has been held weekly since May 2009. The reading group was originally held at the University of Freiburg. Starting in June 2011, it was held as a joint event of the University of Freiburg and the University of Basel, alternating between the two locations. Since spring 2020, the seminar became an official course in the University of Basel course catalog under the name *Readings in Planning and Search* in which ECTS credits can be obtained. Since August 2022 it has been held in Basel and as an online event.

I was one of the main initiators (jointly with Thomas Nunninger) of the *Sommercampus* event, a grass-roots initiative to foster teaching and learning at the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Freiburg outside the regular curricula. Jointly with Thomas Nunninger and Janis Fehr, I did the bulk of the organization work for the six Sommercampus events in 2004–2009. The Baden-Württemberg ministry of education has recognized the Sommercampus with the *Landeslehrpreis 2006* (state teaching award), worth 40 000 EUR.

Supervision of Ph.D. Students

As Supervisor: Ongoing

since 05/2025 Esther Mugdan
since 09/2024 Travis Rivera Petit
since 04/2024 Claudia Grundke
since 03/2022 Simon Dold
since 08/2021 Remo Christen
since 09/2020 Clemens Büchner

As Supervisor: Completed

09/2024 Augusto Blaas Corrêa, *Planning with Different Representations*.
University of Basel, Switzerland.

11/2022 Patrick Ferber, *Machine Learning for Classical Planning: Neural Network Heuristics, Online Portfolios, and State Space Topologies*.
University of Basel, Switzerland, and Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany
(cotutelle de thèse, jointly supervised with Jörg Hoffmann).

05/2019 Manuel Heusner, *Search Behavior of Greedy Best-First Search*.
University of Basel, Switzerland.

04/2019 Salomé Eriksson, *Certifying Planning Systems: Witnesses for Unsolvability*.
University of Basel, Switzerland.
○ Winner of the Fakultätspreis der Philosophisch-Naturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Basel 2021
(faculty award of the Faculty of Science of University of Basel)

02/2018 Jendrik Seipp, *Counterexample-guided Cartesian Abstraction Refinement and Saturated Cost Partitioning for Optimal Classical Planning*.
University of Basel, Switzerland.
○ Winner of the ICAPS Best Dissertation Award 2020.

10/2017 Silvan Sievers, *Merge-and-Shrink Abstractions for Classical Planning: Theory, Strategies, and Implementation*.
University of Basel, Switzerland.

05/2017 Florian Pommerening, *New Perspectives on Cost Partitioning for Optimal Classical Planning*.
University of Basel, Switzerland.
○ Winner of the 2017 Artificial Intelligence Dissertation Award sponsored by EurAI, the European Artificial Intelligence Association.
○ Winner of the ICAPS Best Dissertation Award 2018.
○ Winner of the Fakultätspreis der Philosophisch-Naturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Basel 2018
(faculty award of the Faculty of Science of University of Basel)

03/2011 Silvia Richter, *Landmark-Based Heuristics and Search Control for Automated Planning*.
Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia.
(Jointly supervised with Abdul Sattar and Charles Gretton.)
○ Winner of the CORE Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation award for the best Computer Science thesis produced in Australia during 2011.
○ Winner of the ICAPS Best Dissertation Award 2012.
○ Awarded with the Griffith University Chancellor's Medal 2011.

As External Examiner

12/2022 Marcel Steinmetz, *Conflict-Driven Learning in AI Planning State-Space Search*.
Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany.

09/2022 Alberto Camacho Martinez, *Automata-Theoretic Synthesis of Plans and Reactive Strategies*. University of Toronto, Canada.

11/2021 Daniel Gnad, *Star-Topology Decoupled State-Space Search in AI Planning and Model Checking*. Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany.

10/2021 Shahaf Shperberg, *Meta-level Techniques for Planning, Search, and Scheduling*. Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er Sheva, Israel.

12/2017 Pascal Bercher, *Hybrid Planning — From Theory to Practice*. Ulm University, Germany.

10/2017 Simon Ståhlberg, *Methods for Detecting Unsolvable Planning Instances using Variable Projection*. Linköping University, Sweden.

02/2017 Isabel Rosario Cenamor Guijarro, *Creating Planning Portfolios with Predictive Models*. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain.

12/2015 Fan Xie, *Exploration in Greedy Best-First Search for Satisficing Planning*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

12/2015 Fazlul Hasan Siddiqui, *Using Plan Decomposition for Continuing Plan Optimisation and Macro Generation*. The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

06/2015 Álvaro Torralba Arias de Reyna, *Symbolic Search and Abstraction Heuristics for Cost-Optimal Planning*. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain.

09/2013 Bram Ridder, *Lifted Heuristics: Towards More Scalable Planning Systems*. King's College London, United Kingdom.

05/2013 Hootan Nakhost, *Random Walk Planning: Theory, Practice, and Application*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

01/2013 Robert Mattmüller, *Informed Progression Search for Fully Observable Nondeterministic Planning*. University of Freiburg, Germany.

09/2012 Peter Kissmann, *Symbolic Search in Planning and General Game Playing*. University of Bremen, Germany.

02/2012 Erez Karpas, *Non-classical Heuristics for Classical Planning*. Technion, Haifa, Israel.

Supervision of M.Sc. Students

Ongoing

since 04/2025 Jill Panter

since 01/2025 Laura Engist

since 10/2024 Elia Hänggi

since 10/2024 Nadine Sonderegger

At University of Basel: Completed

03/2025 Takudzwa Togarepi, *Constrained Pattern Databases*.

02/2024 Renato Farruggio, *Enhancing Efficiency of LP-based Heuristic Search in Optimal Planning*.

05/2023 Tim Bachmann, *Automated Planning using Property-Directed Reachability with Seed Heuristics*.

02/2023 Fabian Kruse, *Certifying Unsolvability using CNF Formulas*.

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