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Academic Curriculum Vitæ

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Academic Profile



I am a Lecturer in Applied Mathematics and Programme Director for the MSc in Mathematics at the University of Hull. My work combines rigorous mathematical analysis with computational and statistical modelling, drawing on *Statistics*, *Optimization*, *Partial Differential Equations*, and *Variational Methods*. I am particularly interested in inverse problems, data-driven modelling, and the use of mathematical methods to extract structure from complex systems.

My research has applications in *Mathematical Imaging*, *Materials Science*, *Sports Analytics*, and *Machine Learning*. I am also an experienced educator and academic leader, a *Fellow of the Higher Education Academy*, and have taught, developed, and supervised students across a broad range of pure and applied mathematics topics.

Academic Positions













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| 04/23 – Now | Lecturer in Applied Mathematics & Programme Director, MSc in Mathematics
Department of Mathematics, University of Hull, UK |
| 06/22 – 03/23 | Faculty member (University Assistant)
Department of Mathematics & Scientific Computing, University of Graz, Austria |
| 04/18 – 10/21 | Postdoctoral Researcher
Department of Mathematics & Scientific Computing, University of Graz, Austria |
| 09/14 – 03/18 | Associate Tutor
Department of Mathematics, University of Sussex, UK |

Education

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| 2024 – 2025 | Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PCAP) , University of Hull, UK |
| 2014 – 2018 | PhD in Mathematics , University of Sussex, UK
Thesis: <i>Geometric patterns and Microstructures in the study of Material Defects and Composites</i>
Grade: Pass with no corrections, Advisor: Prof. Mariapia Palombaro  |
| 2012 – 2014 | MSc in Mathematics , Sapienza University, Italy
Thesis: <i>A variational approach to topological singularities in two-dimensions</i>
Grade: 110/110 Cum Laude, Advisor: Prof. Marcello Ponsiglione  |
| 2008 – 2011 | BSc in Mathematics , Sapienza University, Italy
Thesis: <i>The isoperimetric problem</i> |



Top 4 Publications






















- [1] *Asymptotic linear convergence of Fully–Corrective Generalized Conditional Gradient methods*
MATHEMATICAL PROGRAMMING, 205:135–202, 2024
K. Bredies, M. Carioni, **S. Fanzon**, D. Walter   
- [2] *A Generalized Conditional Gradient Method for Dynamic Inverse Problems with Optimal Transport Regularization*
FOUNDATIONS OF COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS, 23:833–898, 2023
K. Bredies, M. Carioni, **S. Fanzon**, F. Romero   
- [3] *A superposition principle for the inhomogeneous continuity equation with Hellinger–Kantorovich-regular coefficients*
COMMUNICATIONS IN PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, 47(10):2023–2069, 2022
K. Bredies, M. Carioni, **S. Fanzon**   
- [4] *Derivation of Linearized Polycrystals from a Two-Dimensional System of Edge Dislocations*
SIAM JOURNAL ON MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS, 51(5):3956–3981, 2019
S. Fanzon, M. Palombaro, M. Ponsiglione   













List of Publications

I have authored 11 Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles, 1 Book and 3 Theses

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles




Authors are listed in alphabetical order, unless marked by #

- [16] # *Elementary econometric and strategic analysis of curling matches*
MANAGERIAL FINANCE, 51(7):1206–1216, 2025
J. Fry, M. Austin, **S. Fanzon**   
- [15] # *Faster identification of faster Formula 1 drivers via time-rank duality*
ECONOMICS LETTERS, 237:111671, 2024
J. Fry, T. Brighton, **S. Fanzon**   
- [14] *Asymptotic linear convergence of Fully–Corrective Generalized Conditional Gradient methods*
MATHEMATICAL PROGRAMMING, 205:135–202, 2024
K. Bredies, M. Carioni, **S. Fanzon**, D. Walter   
- [13] *A Generalized Conditional Gradient Method for Dynamic Inverse Problems with Optimal Transport Regularization*
FOUNDATIONS OF COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS, 23:833–898, 2023
K. Bredies, M. Carioni, **S. Fanzon**, F. Romero   
- [12] *A superposition principle for the inhomogeneous continuity equation with Hellinger–Kantorovich-regular coefficients*
COMMUNICATIONS IN PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, 47(10):2023–2069, 2022
K. Bredies, M. Carioni, **S. Fanzon**   
- [11] *On the extremal points of the ball of the Benamou–Brenier energy*
BULLETIN OF THE LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, 53(5):1436–1452, 2021
K. Bredies, M. Carioni, **S. Fanzon**, F. Romero   
- [10] *An optimal transport approach for solving dynamic inverse problems in spaces of measures*
ESAIM: MATHEMATICAL MODELLING AND NUMERICAL ANALYSIS, 54(6):2351–2382, 2020
K. Bredies, **S. Fanzon**   






- [9] *Uniform distribution of dislocations in Peierls–Nabarro models for semi-coherent interfaces*
 CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS AND PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, 59(4):141, 2020
 S. Fanzon, M. Ponsiglione, R. Scala   
- [8] *Derivation of Linearized Polycrystals from a Two-Dimensional System of Edge Dislocations*
 SIAM JOURNAL ON MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS, 51(5):3956–3981, 2019
 S. Fanzon, M. Palombaro, M. Ponsiglione   
- [7] *Optimal lower exponent for the higher gradient integrability of solutions to two-phase elliptic equations in two dimensions*
 CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS AND PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, 56(5):137, 2017
 S. Fanzon, M. Palombaro   
- [6] *A Variational Model for Dislocations at Semi-coherent Interfaces*
 JOURNAL OF NONLINEAR SCIENCE, 27(5):1435–1461, 2017
 S. Fanzon, M. Palombaro, M. Ponsiglione   

Miscellaneous

Authors are listed in alphabetical order, unless marked by #

- [5] # *Optimal Transport Based Convex Hybrid Image and Motion-Field Reconstruction*
 2021 ISMRM & SMRT ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBITION, 15-20 May 2021, Vancouver, Canada
 I. Middelhoff, M. Schlögl, A. M. Fernández, S. Fanzon, K. Bredies, R. Stollberger 
- [4] *Geometric patterns and microstructures in the study of material defects and composites*
 DOCTORAL THESIS (PHD), University of Sussex, 2018  
- [3] *A variational approach to topological singularities in two-dimensions (in Italian)*
 MASTER THESIS, Sapienza University, 2014 
- [2] *Lecture Notes on Ordinary Differential Equations (in Italian)*
 BOOK, ISBN: 8890734175, Edizioni LaDotta, 2013
 S. Fanzon, A. Malusa  
- [1] *The isoperimetric problem (in Italian)*
 BACHELOR THESIS, Sapienza University, 2011 

























Research Impact: Projects & Funding

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| 2020/21 | Participation in FWF Research Project P29192 led by K. Bredies (€ 231k)
Project title: <i>Regularization Graphs for Variational Imaging</i>   |
| 2019/21 | Participation in FWF Research Project P28858 led by K. Bredies (€ 221k)
Project title: <i>Solving bilinear inverse problems by tensorial lifting</i>   |
| 2018/20 | Participation in FWF Research Project PIR-27 led by K. Bredies (€ 234k)
Project title: <i>Mathematical methods for motion-aware medical imaging</i>   |
| 2014/18 | Full-time PhD Studentship for 3.5 Years from the University of Sussex (£ 49k)
Project title: <i>Rigidity problems and Microstructures in Materials Science</i> |
| 2014/18 | PhD Fees Waiver for 3.5 Years from the University of Sussex (£ 14k) |
| 2014/18 | Research Grant from the University of Sussex (£ 5.8k) |
| 2014/17 | Travel support from Carnegie Mellon University (US), Oxford University (UK),
SISSA (Italy), Warwick University (UK), National Research Council of Italy (total £ 4k) |










Teaching Experience

I have taught 21 modules: 13 as Lecturer and 8 as Teaching Assistant

Lecturer

2025/26		MSc PROJECT, MSc Math	University of Hull, UK
		GRADUATE SKILLS, MSc Math	
	 	STATISTICAL MODELS, Y2 BSc Math	
2024/25	 	STATISTICAL MODELS, Y2 BSc Math	
	 	DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY, Y3 BSc Math	
	 	NUMBERS, SEQUENCES AND SERIES, Y1 BSc Math	
2023/24	 	STATISTICAL MODELS, Y2 BSc Math	
	 	NUMBERS, SEQUENCES AND SERIES, Y1 BSc Math	
	 	DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY, Y3 BSc Math	
2022/23	 	ANALYSIS 3 (EXERCISE COURSE), Y2 BSc Math	University of Graz, Austria
	 	INVERSE PROBLEMS (EXERCISE COURSE), Y2 MSc Math	
2020/21	 	CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS, Y1 MSc Math	
2019/20	 	ADVANCED FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS (EXERCISE COURSE), Y1 MSc Math	

Teaching Assistant

2017/18		GEOMETRY 1, Y1 BSc Math	University of Sussex, UK
2016/17		ANALYSIS 1, Y1 BSc Math	
		INTRODUCTION TO PROBABILITY, Y1 BSc Math	
		MATHEMATICS DEMYSTIFIED, Y1 BSc Math	
2015/16		PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS, Y2 BSc Math	
		INTRODUCTION TO PROBABILITY, Y1 BSc Math	
2014/15		PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS, Y2 BSc Math	
2012/13	 	ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, Y2 BSc Math	Sapienza University, Italy




Academic Supervision

I have supervised 9 students: 1 PhDs, 3 Master's and 5 Undergraduate students






PhD Students

Start 2025		MARK AUSTIN, PhD Mathematics Thesis title: <i>Statistical Models for Sports</i> Joint supervision with John Fry	University of Hull, UK
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Master Students

2023/24		OLAPEJU ENITAN AROWOBUSOYE, MSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>A Complex Analysis approach to the isoperimetric inequality</i>	University of Hull, UK
		LUCKY EKESHILI, MSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>The Euler-Lagrange equation</i>	
2022/23		DAVID AWUKU, MSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>The Isoperimetric Problem</i>	



Undergraduate Students

2025/26		OSCAR CAWTHORNE, BSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>Inverse Problems in Imaging</i>	University of Hull, UK
		KOTRYNA KUBILIUTE, BSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>Optimal Transport, with applications to Tennis</i>	
2024/25		SAM FOWLER, BSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>Optimal Transport, with applications to Logistic problems</i>	
		DECLAN HODGES, BSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>Gödel's First Incompleteness Theorem</i>	
		JOE VARLEY, BSc Mathematics Thesis title: <i>Geodesics, old and new</i>	

Administrative Experience

Since 2025/26	Programme Director for the MSc Mathematics at the University of Hull
2025/26	Convenor of MSc Mathematics module "MSc Project" at the University of Hull
2024/25	Organized Welcome Week for BSc and MSc in Mathematics at the University of Hull
Since 2023/24	Responsible for open days Mathematics desk at the University of Hull

Professional Qualifications & Memberships

Since 2025	Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)	
Since 2023	Member of the <i>Inverse Problems International Association</i> (IPIA)	

Technical Skills

Coding	Python, Matlab, R, C, Mathematica
Teaching	LaTeX, Quarto, Canvas, Panopto, MS Office, MS Teams, Moodle
Web	Git, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Jekyll, Liquid, YAML, Markdown

Reviewer Activity

SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis
SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences
ESAIM: COCV
Managerial Finance



Numerische Mathematik
Inverse Problems and Imaging
Mathematics in Engineering



Research Stays

2022	UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, UK, 1–22 Jul and 27 Oct–5 Nov	Filippo Cagnetti
	HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY, UK, 12–16 Sep	Panagiota Birmpa
2019	SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY, Italy, 15–19 Apr and 8–17 Jul	Marcello Ponsiglione
2018	SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY, Italy, 17–21 Dec	Marcello Ponsiglione
	UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ, Austria, 31 Jan–2 Feb	Kristian Bredies




Communication

I have given 16 presentations: 13 oral presentations (12 invited) and 3 poster presentations (1 invited)

Oral Presentations





✉ indicates invited presentation

2025	✉ 1ST WORKSHOP OF YOUNG ANALYSTS IN ROME Sapienza University, Italy, 17–19 Dec 2025	
2023	✉ AIP 2023: 11TH APPLIED INVERSE PROBLEMS CONFERENCE University of Göttingen, Germany, 4–8 Sep 2023	
2022	✉ SUSSEX MATHEMATICS SEMINAR University of Sussex, UK, 3 Nov 2022	
	✉ SEMINAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS Heriot-Watt University, UK, 13 Sep 2022	
	✉ SEMINAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING University of Graz, Austria, 18 Feb 2022	
2021	✉ SIMAI 2020–2021 PARMA University of Parma, Italy, 30 Aug - 3 Sep 2021	
2019	✉ M.A.G.A. DAYS (MONGE-AMPÈRE ET GÉOMÉTRIE ALGORITHMIQUE) Laboratoire de mathématiques d'Orsay, France, 20–21 Nov 2019	
	✉ 1ST AUSTRIAN CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS DAY University of Vienna, Austria, 17–18 Oct 2019	
	✉ ICCOPT: 6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONTINUOUS OPTIMIZATION Technical University Berlin, Germany, 3–8 Aug 2019	
2018	✉ TOPICS IN NONLINEAR ANALYSIS: CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS AND PDEs University of Lisbon, Portugal, 10–12 Oct 2018	
	✉ SEMINAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING University of Graz, Austria, 31 Jan 2018	

- 2017 XXVII NATIONAL MEETING OF CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS
Levico Terme, Italy, 6-10 Feb 2017  
- 2016 WORKING SEMINAR ON CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS
Sapienza University, Italy, 19 Dec 2016 

Poster Presentations

indicates invited presentation

- 2021 ITN TRADE-OPT WINTER SCHOOL
Online, 15-19 Feb 2021  
- 2016 HYSTERESIS, AVALANCHES AND INTERFACES IN SOLID PHASE TRANSFORMATIONS
University of Oxford, UK, 19-21 Sep 2016  
- PIRE-CNA. NEW FRONTIERS IN NONLINEAR ANALYSIS FOR MATERIALS
Carnegie Mellon University, US, 2-10 Jun 2016 