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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1989 **PhD in mathematics**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*.
- 1985 **BSc with honors in mathematics**, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*.

Research interests

- Homotopy theory, category theory
- Applications of algebraic topology in the life sciences and in material science.

Academic positions held

- 2025–present **Member of the Academic Board**, *Swiss National Science Foundation*.
- 2021–2024 **Associate vice-president for student affairs and outreach**, *EPFL*.
- 2019–present **Full professor**, *EPFL*.
- 2015–2019 **Associate professor**, *EPFL*.
- 2014 **Research professor in the algebraic topology program (one semester)**, *MSRI*.
- 1999–2014 **Adjunct professor**, *EPFL*.
- 1999–2000 **Visiting professor**, *University of Stockholm*, fellowship from the Swedish NSF.
- 1998–1999 **Scientific collaborator**, *EPFL*.
- 1993–1999 **Lecturer (Chargée de cours)**, *EPFL*.
- 1992–1998 **First assistant (position “relève académique”)**, *EPFL*.
- 1991–1992 **Assistant**, *EPFL*.
- 1991 **Visiting professor (one semester)**, *University of Toronto*.
- 1990 **Visiting researcher (one semester)**, *University of Nice*.
- 1989–1990 **Visiting researcher (one year)**, *University of Stockholm*, fellowship from the Swedish NSF.

Honors and awards

- 2024 Fellow of the Association for Women in Mathematics
- 2023 Chaire de la Vallée Poussin at UC Louvain-la-Neuve
- 2018 Best teacher in the Faculty of Life Sciences
- 2017 Distinguished Speaker of the European Mathematical Society
- 2017 Fellow of the American Mathematical Society
- 2016 Individual member of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences
- 2013 “Polysphère d’Or” (Agépoly prize for best teacher at the EPFL)
- 2012 Crédit Suisse prize for best EPFL teacher
- 2005 Agépoly prize for best teacher in the Faculty of Basic Sciences

Research grants (since 2017)

- 2019 Co-PI on Innosuisse grant "Topological suite for deep learning: enhanced model reliability, stability and performance" (1 MCHF over 24 months)
- 2019 Co-PI on Marie Curie ITN grant CANCERPREV (4 MEUR over 48 months)
- 2018 Co-PI on Innosuisse grant "Topological warning signals for critical system transitions" (500 KCHF over 18 months)
- 2018 PI on SNF-ANR grant "Operads, calculus, and homotopy theory methods in topology" (331 KCHF over four years)
- 2017 Co-PI on SNF Sinergia grant "Synergistic Approach to Capturing and Exploiting Microscopy Images" (2.1 MCHF over four years)
- 2017 PI on SNF grant "Signal processing on simplicial complexes" (488 KCHF over four years)

Conference and seminar presentations (since 2020)

2025

Colloquium, University of Düsseldorf, Germany
Distinguished lecture, IAS-SPMS Seminar, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Keynote lecture and special session lecture, Fourth International Conference on Mathematics and Statistics, American University of Sharjah, UAE
Colloquium, European Society for Mathematical and Theoretical Biology (online)
Invited lecture, Kerala Mathematics Association Seminar (online)
Joint Schmidt Center-EECS Colloquium, Broad Institute, MIT, USA
Colloquium, University of Montpellier, France
Invited lecture, Advancing mathematical methods in neuroscience data analysis, CNS*2025, Florence, Italy
Invited lecture, Workshop on Interactions between Group Theory and Homotopy Theory, Fields Institute, Canada
Invited lecture, The Geometric Realization of AATRN, IMSI, USA
Invited lecture, Medicine and Society Forum of EMBO and the Cancerprev Institute (online)
Statistics seminar, University of Strasbourg, France
Invited lecture, ELLIIT Annual Meeting, Norrköping, Sweden
Invited lecture, Workshop on Geometry, Topology, and Machine Learning, MPI MIS, Leipzig, Germany

2024

Topology seminar, Haifa University. Israel (online)
Math biology seminar, Arizona State University, USA (online)
Plenary lecture, GROW Bonn, Germany
Invited lecture, MUNI Seminar Series, Masaryk University, Slovakia
Maheshwari Colloquium, University of Albany, USA
Invited lecture, Annual meeting of the Swedish e-Science Research Centre, Sweden
Invited lecture, 55e Journées de statistique de la SFdS, France
Seminar in mathematics, physics, and machine learning, IST, Portugal (online)
Invited lecture, Demi-journée Afrimath, France (online)
Keynote lecture, International Conference on Mathematical Neuroscience, Ireland
Invited lecture, IMS-NTU Joint Workshop on Biomolecular Topology: Modelling and Data Analysis, Singapore (online)
Invited lecture, International Conference on Topology, Representation Theory, and Higher Structures, Scotland (online)
Keynote lecture, London Geometry and Machine Learning Workshop, England
Invited lecture, Workshop on computational persistence, Graz, Austria

2023

Colloquium, TU Kaiserslauten, Germany

Invited lecture, Conference in Honor of Paul Goerss, Northwestern University, USA

Invited lecture, Meeting of the Mathematics-Astronomy-Physics Plenum of the Swiss Academy of Sciences, Bern, Switzerland

Invited lecture, Distinguished colloquium series of the Turkish Mathematical Society (online)

Public lecture, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Keynote lecture, Bern Data Science Day 2023, Bern, Switzerland

Invited lecture, GAP XVIII, Paris, France (declined due to scheduling conflict)

Invited lecture, Computational Topology and Geometry Workshop, Paris, France (declined due to scheduling conflict)

Plenary lecture, International Conference on Approximation Theory and Applications, Cetraro, Italy (online)

Plenary lecture and TDA special session invited lecture, 29th Nordic Congress of Mathematicians, Aalborg, Denmark

Invited lecture, Conference in Honor of Bjørn Dundas, Nijmegen, Netherlands

Public lecture, Scientifica, ETHZ, Zurich, Switzerland

Keynote lecture, Workshop on TDA for the life sciences, Heidelberg, Germany (online)

Invited lecture, Network Science Society Colloquium (online)

Invited lecture, Progress and Visions in Consciousness Science (online)

Invited lecture series, Chaire de la Vallée Poussin, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgique

2022

Invited lecture, Workshop on Mathematical Modeling and Statistical Analysis in Neuroscience, IHP, France (online)

Plenary lecture, CITMaGa inauguration, Santiago de Compostella, Spain (online)

Seminar, Center for Intelligent Systems, EPFL (online)

Applied math seminar, Oxford University, UK (online)

Seminar, Mittag-Leffler Institute, Sweden

Mathematical brain modelling seminar, Oxford University, UK (online)

Keynote lecture, TDA Workshop, SIAM Data Mining Conference, USA (online)

NAGANA seminar, Montpellier, France (online)

Plenary lecture, Conference of Mathematics of Complex Data, KTH, Sweden

Invited lecture, Barcelona Conference on Higher Structures, Spain (declined due to scheduling conflict)

Invited lecture, Curves and Surfaces 2022, Arcachon, France (declined due to scheduling conflict)

Invited lecture, Conference on Applied, Combinatorial, and Toric Topology, IMS, Singapore (online)

Invited lecture, Algebraic Topology and Topological Data Analysis, IMA, Minneapolis, USA

Invited lecture, GQT Colloquium, Netherlands

Invited lecture, Classifying Spaces in Homotopy Theory, ICMS, Scotland

Invited lecture, Workshop on Geometry, Topology and Statistics in Data Sciences, IHP, France

Invited lecture, Baues Memorial Conference, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Germany

Invited lecture, SLMATH/MSRI Scientific Advisory Council, Berkeley, USA (online)

Lecture series, Thematic program on Geometry and Statistics in Data Sciences, IHP, France

Invited lecture, Electronic Computational Homotopy Theory Seminar (online)

Invited lecture, Workshop in Honor of Clemens Berger, University of Nice, France

2021

Public lecture, William and Mary College, USA (online)

Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, USA (online)

Seminar, Neuro and AI, University of Washington, USA (online)

Invited lecture, Journée "Mathématiques et intelligence artificielle", France (online)

Seminar, Purdue University, USA (online)

Colloquium "Jacques Morgenstern", Sophia Antipolis, France (online)

Colloquium, University of Haifa, Israel (online)

Seminar, Program on Higher Homotopical Structures, Barcelona Spain (online)

Public lecture, 8th European Congress of Mathematics, Slovenia (online)
 Invited lecture, Topos Colloquium (online)
 Colloquium, Berlin Mathematical School, Germany (online)
 Colloquium (SFB Lecture), University of Regensburg, Germany (online)
 Lecture series, Young Topologists Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden (online)
 Invited lecture, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Amsterdam (online)
 Invited lecture, 60th Anniversary of CINVESTAV, Mexico (online)
 Lecture series, Annual meeting of the GDR "Algebraic topology and applications", Strasbourg, France
 Invited lecture, COGENT seminar (online)
 Invited lecture, Forum des jeunes mathématiciennes, Besançon, France (online)

Longterm research visits

2025

Newton Institute (longterm visitor)

2023

ICERM (two-week research membership) (declined)

2022

Mittag-Leffler Institute (two-week research membership)

Institut Henri Poincaré (visiting professorship)

2019

MSRI (one-month research membership)

2018

Newton Institute (one-month visitor)

2015

Stockholm University (two weeks)

2014

MSRI (three-month research professorship)

2013

Newton Institute (three-week visitor)

2012

University of Chicago (three weeks)

Published articles and preprints

1. K. Hess, *A proof of Ganea's conjecture for rational spaces*, *Topology* **30** (1991), 205-214.
2. K. Hess, *Twisted tensor products of DGA's and the Adams-Hilton model for the total space of a fibration*, *London Mathematical Society Lecture Notes* **175** (1992) 29-51.
3. K. Hess, *Mild and tame homotopy theory*, *J. Pure and Applied Algebra* **84** (1993) 277-310.
4. K. Hess and J.-M. Lemaire, *Generalizing LS-category to model categories*, *J. Pure and Applied Algebra* **91** (1994) 165-182.
5. N. Dupont and K. Hess, *Twisted tensor models of fibrations*, *J. Pure and Applied Algebra* **91** (1994) 109-120.
6. K. Hess and J.-M. Lemaire, *Nice and lazy cell attachments*, *J. Pure and Applied Algebra* **112** (1996) 29-39.
7. K. Hess, *Perturbation and transfer of generic algebraic structure*, *Contemporary Math.* **227** (1999) 103-144.
8. K. Hess, *A history of rational homotopy theory*, *History of Topology*, ed. I.M. James, Elsevier Science B.V., 1999, pp. 757-796.

9. N. Dupont and K. Hess, *Noncommutative algebraic models for fiber squares*, Math. Annalen **314** (1999) 449-467.
10. N. Dupont and K. Hess, *How to model the free loop space algebraically*, Math. Annalen **314** (1999), 469-490.
11. N. Dupont and K. Hess, *Hochschild cohomology is topological*, J. Pure and Applied Algebra **165** (2001) 1-6.
12. K. Hess, *Model categories in algebraic topology*, Applied Categorical Structures **10** (2002) 195-220.
13. N. Dupont and K. Hess, *An algebraic model for homotopy fibers*, Homology Homotopy Appl. **4** (2002) 117-139.
14. K. Hess and P.-E. Parent, *Emergence of the Witt group in the cellular lattice of rational spaces*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **354** (2002) 4571-4583.
15. K. Hess, *Review of "Rational Homotopy Theory" by Felix, Halperin and Thomas*, Bull. of the London Math. Soc. **34** (2002) 624-626.
16. N. Dupont and K. Hess, *Commutative free loop space models at large primes*, Math. Z. **244** (2003) 1-34.
17. G. Adagio (S. Blanc, R. Guerraoui, K. Hess, P. Kouznetsov, P.-E. Parent, B. Pochon and O. Sauvageot), *Using the topological characterization of synchronous models*, Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science **81** (2003) 12 p.
18. K. Hess, P.-E. Parent, A. Tonks and K. Worytkiewicz, *Simulations as homotopies*, Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science **100** (2004) 65-93.
19. K. Hess, P.-E. Parent, J. Scott, A. Tonks, *A canonical enriched Adams-Hilton model for simplicial sets*, Adv. in Math. **207** (2006), 847-875.
20. K. Hess, *An algebraic model for mod 2 topological cyclic homology*, in *String Topology and Cyclic Homology*, Advanced Courses in Mathematics CRM Barcelona, Birkhäuser, 2006, pp. 97-163.
21. K. Hess, P.-E. Parent, A. Tonks and K. Worytkiewicz, *A model structure la Thomason on 2-CAT*, J. Pure and Applied Algebra **208** (2007) 205-236.
22. K. Hess, P.-E. Parent and J. Scott, *A chain coalgebra model for the James map*, Homology Homotopy Appl. **9** (2007) 209-231.
23. K. Hess, *Rational homotopy theory: a brief introduction*, Contemporary Math. **436** (2007) 175-202.
24. K. Hess, R. Levi, *An algebraic model for the loop space homology of a homotopy fiber*, Alg. Geom. Top. **7** (2007) 1699-1765.
25. K. Hess, P.-E. Parent and J. Scott, *CoHochschild homology of chain coalgebras*, J. Pure Applied Algebra **213** (2009) 536-556.
26. K. Hess, *Homotopic Hopf-Galois extensions: Foundations and examples*, Geometry and Topology Monographs **16** (2009) 79-132.
27. K. Hess and A. Tonks, *The loop group and the cobar construction*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **138** (2010) 1861-1876.
28. E. D. Farjoun and K. Hess, *Normal and conormal maps in homotopy theory*, Homology Homotopy Appl. **14** (2012) 79-112.
29. K. Hess, *Multiplicative structure in equivariant cohomology*, J. Pure Applied Algebra **216** (2012) 1680-1699.
30. W. Dwyer and K. Hess, *Long knots and maps between operads*, Geometry and Topology **16** (2012) 919-955.
31. J.P.C. Greenlees, K. Hess and S. Shamir, *Complete intersections in rational homotopy theory*, J. Pure Applied Algebra **217** (2013) 636-663.
32. J. E. Harper and K. Hess, *Homotopy completion and topological Quillen homology of structured ring spectra*, Geometry and Topology **17** (2013) 1325-1416.
33. K. Hess and B. Shipley, *The homotopy theory of coalgebras over a comonad*, Proc. London Math. Soc. **108** (2014) 484-516.
34. W. Dwyer and K. Hess, *The Boardman-Vogt tensor product of operadic bimodules*, Contemporary Mathematics **620** (2014) 71-98.
35. M. Bayeh, K. Hess, V. Karpova, M. Kedziorek, E. Riehl and B. Shipley, *Left-induced model category*

structures and diagram categories, *Contemporary Mathematics* **641** (2015) 49-81.

36. C. Briskin, K. Hess, and R. Jeitziner, *Progesterone and overlooked endocrine pathways in breast cancer pathogenesis*, *Endocrinology* **156** (2015) 3442-3450.

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38. K. Hess and B. Shipley, *Waldhausen K -theory of spaces via comodules*, *Adv. in Math.* **290** (2016) 1079-1137.

39. K. Hess, M. Kedziorek, E. Riehl, and B. Shipley, *A necessary and sufficient condition for induced model structure*, *J. Topology* **10** (2017) 324-369.

40. Y. Lee, S. Barthel, S. Mohammad Moosavi, P. Dłotko, K. Hess, and B. Smit, *Quantifying similarity of pore-geometry in nanoporous materials*, *Nature Communications* (2017) doi: 10.1038/ncomms15396.

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43. A. Beaudry, K. Hess, M. Kędziorek, M. Merling, and V. Stojanoska, *Motivic homotopical Galois extensions*, *Topology and its Applications (Virtual Special Issue – Women in Topology II: Further collaborations in homotopy theory)*, **235** (2018) 290-338.

44. A. Berglund and K. Hess, *Homotopic Hopf-Galois extensions revisited*, *Journal of Noncommutative Geometry* **12** (2018) 107-155.

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46. A. Berglund and K. Hess, *Homotopical Morita theory for corings*, *Israel Journal of Mathematics* **227** (2018) 239-287.

47. W. Dwyer, K. Hess, and B. Knudsen, *Configuration spaces of products*, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* **371** (2019) 2963-2985.

48. K. Hess and M. Kędziorek, *The homotopy theory of coalgebras over simplicial comonads*, *Homology Homotopy Appl.* **21** (2019) 247-268.

49. J.-B. Bardin, G. Spremann, K. Hess, *Topological exploration of artificial neuronal network dynamics*, *Network Neuroscience* (2019) https://doi.org/10.1162/netn_a_00080.

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52. A. Doerig, A. Schurger, K. Hess, and M. H. Herzog, *The unfolding argument: why IIT and other causal structure theories of consciousness are empirically untestable*, *Consciousness and Cognition* **72** (2019) 49-59.

53. K. Hess, *Topological adventures in neuroscience*, in the *Proceedings of the 2018 Abel Symposium: Topological Data Analysis*, Springer Verlag, 2020.

54. K. Hess, P.-E. Parent, and J. Scott, *Twisting structures and morphisms up to strong homotopy*, *J. Homotopy Relat. Struct.* **15** (2020) 185-222.

55. M. Fournier, M. Scolamiero, ..., P. Conus, K. Do Cuénod, and K. Hess, *Topology predicts long-term functional outcome in early psychosis*, *Molecular Psychiatry* (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41380-020-0826-1>.

56. L. Kanari, A. Garin, and K. Hess, *From trees to barcodes and back again: theoretical and statistical perspectives*, *Algorithms* **13** (2020) 335, doi:10.3390/a13120335

57. K. Hess and B. Shipley, *Invariance properties of coHochschild homology*, *J. Pure Applied Algebra* **225** (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpaa.2020.106505>.

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- Hess, *giotto-tda: a topological data analysis toolkit for machine learning and data exploration*, J. Mach. Learn. Res. **22** (2021), 39:1-39:6.
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62. A-L- García-Pulido, K. Hess, J. Tan, K. Turner, B. Wang, and N. Yerolemou, *Graph pseudometrics from a topological point of view*, In: Gasparovic, E., Robins, V., Turner, K. (eds) Research in Computational Topology 2. Association for Women in Mathematics Series, vol 30. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-95519-9_5.
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Teaching and supervision

Courses taught

- 1st year Linear algebra (for engineers and for mathematicians and physicists)
- 2nd year Analysis (University of Toronto), general topology, abstract algebra, group theory
- Upper level Knot theory, Lie algebras, algebraic topology, homological algebra, algebraic K-theory
- Doctoral Game theory, symmetric spectra, homotopy theory (University of Stockholm), cyclic homology, homotopical algebra, topological data analysis, various working groups in algebraic topology

Projects supervised

- Over 70 semester projects at the EPFL personally directed since 1991, on topics including homotopy theory, knot theory, topological groups, homological algebra, Galois theory, category theory, K-theory, the Atiyah-Singer index theorem, mathematical physics, C^* -algebras, algebraic genetics and topological data analysis.
- Over 50 masters or diploma projects at the EPFL personally directed since 1993, on topics including category theory, homological algebra, homotopy theory, K-theory, knot theory (including applications to polymer science and dynamical systems), algebraic geometry, cryptography, mathematical physics (quantum gauge theory, quantum gravity, topological insulators), topological data analysis, triangulated categories.

Doctoral students

- Joseph Griggs, starting Fall 2025
- Bjørnar Gullikstad Hem, started Fall 2023
- Markus Kirolos Youssef, started Fall 2023
- Kelly Maggs, "Cochains are all you need," thesis defended June 2024 (postdoc at MPI Dresden)
- Haoqing Wu, "A Hopf-algebra model for Dwyer's tame spaces", thesis defended July 2022 (quant at Barclay's Bank)
- Aras Ergus, "Hopf algebras and Hopf-Galois extensions in ∞ -categories", thesis defended July 2022 (programmer at a high-tech start-up)
- Celia Hacker, "Reduced representations of complexes, signals, and multifiltrations", thesis defended July 2022 (postdoc at MPI-MIS Leipzig)
- Stefania Ebli, "Collapse-invariant properties of spaces equipped with signals or directions," thesis defended May 2022 (working for Expedia)
- Adélie Garin, "From trees to barcodes and back again: a combinatorial, probabilistic and geometric study of a topological inverse problem," thesis defended February 2022 (mathematics instructor at EPFL)
- Rachel Jeitziner, "Development of topological tools for the analysis of biological data," joint supervision with Cathrin Brisken (EPFL-SV), thesis defended July 2018 (working for the Swiss Bioinformatics Institute)

- Sophie Raynor, "Compact symmetric multicategories and the problem of loops," joint supervision with Ran Levi (Aberdeen), sponsored by the Blue Brain lab, thesis defended January 2018 (lecturer at James Cook University)
- Dimitri Zaganidis, "The $(\infty, 2)$ -category of homotopy coherent monads in an ∞ -cosmos," sponsored by FN grant 200020-144399, thesis defended May 2017 (applied science team lead at INAIT)
- Martina Rovelli, "Towards new invariants for principal bundles," sponsored by FN grant 200020-144399, thesis defended February 2017 (tenure-track assistant professor at UMass-Amherst)
- Marc Stephan, "Kan spectra, group spectra and twisting structures," thesis defended November 2014 (research assistant at the University of Bielefeld)
- Varvara Karpova, "Homotopic Hopf-Galois theory of commutative differential graded algebras," sponsored by FN grant 200020-132379, thesis defended February 2014 (gymnasium math professor in Zug)
- Patrick Müller, "Homotopic descent over monoidal model categories," sponsored by FN grants 200020-121864 and 200020-132379, thesis defended September 2011 (gymnasium math professor in St Gallen)
- Nicolas Michel, "Categorical foundations of K-theory," thesis defended September 2010, sponsored by FN grant 200020-121864 (gymnasium math teacher in Morges)
- Ilias Amrani, "Catégories simpliciales et K-théorie de Waldhausen," thesis defended September 2010, sponsored by FN grants 200020-113707 and 200020-121864 (researcher at Academic University of St. Petersburg)
- Théophile Naïto, "Alexander-Whitney coalgebras: an algebraic model for topological spaces," thesis defended May 2009, sponsored by FN grant 200020-113707 (librarian at BCU Lausanne)
- Jan Brunner, "The link between the infinite mapping class group of the disk and the braid group on infinitely many strands," thesis defended June 2008, sponsored by FN grant 200020-105383 (math professor at the HES Bienne)
- Sylvestre Blanc, "Modèles tordus d'espaces de lacets libres et fonctionnels," thesis defended September 2004, sponsored by FN grant 2000-068137.02 (IT quant at Grammont Finance S.A)
- Orin Sauvageot, "Stabilisation de complexes croisés," thesis defended November 2002, sponsored by FN grant 21-061707.00 (Chief Operating Officer at Tetral SA)
- Chantal Oberson, "Etude des relations structure-propriété des polymères par des méthodes topologiques," thesis defended June 1999, sponsored by FN grant 21-43404.95 (working for a high-tech start up)
- Fabio Simoncini, "Autour de quelques invariants d'homotopie rationnelle," thesis defended October 1998, sponsored by FN grant 21-43406.95 (portfolio manager on Swiss Fixed Income at Banque Cantonale Vaudoise)

Postdocs supervised

- Caio Beta Lopes (Universidade de Sao Paulo, 2023): September 2023–August 2024 (postdoc in Brazil)
- Henry Kirveslahti (Duke, 2022): September 2022–August 2024 (assistant professor at University of Southern Denmark)
- Victor Roca Lucio (Sorbonne Paris Nord, 2022): September 2022–August 2024 (postdoc in Paris)

- Bernadette Stolz (Oxford, 2019): September 2022–August 2024 (junior group leader at MPI Munich)
- Hadrian Heine (Osnabrück, 2018): September 2021–August 2023 (postdoc at the University of Oslo)
- Darrick Lee (University of Pennsylvania, 2021): September 2021–August 2022 (postdoc at Oxford)
- Kursat Sözer (Indiana University-Bloomington, 2020): September 2021–August 2022 (postdoc at McMaster)
- Nicolas Berkouk (INRIA Saclay, 2020): November 2020–August 2023 (working for CNIL in France)
- Raphael Reinauer (Münster, 2020): November 2020–October 2022 (working for high-tech startup)
- Jens Jakob Kjaer (Notre Dame, 2019): September 2019–August 2021 (working for 3M)
- Nima Rasekh (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2018): September 2019–August 2022 (postdoc at MPI Bonn)
- Anibal Medina Mardones (Stony Brook, 2015): June 2019–August 2020 (assistant professor at Western Ontario)
- Guillaume Tauzin (Wuppertal/Roma Tor Vergata, 2019): March 2019–February 2020 (working for Inait, a high-tech start-up)
- Inbar Klang (Stanford, 2018): September 2018–August 2019 (assistant professor at VU Amsterdam)
- Daniela Egas Santander (Copenhagen, 2015): October 2017–May 2020 (scientist at Blue Brain Project)
- Beren Sanders (UCLA, 2014): September 2017–August 2018 (assistant professor at UC Santa Cruz)
- Nicolas Ninin (Paris XI, 2017): August 2017–May 2020 (scientist at Blue Brain Project)
- Dimitri Zaganidis (EPFL, 2017): July 2017–February 2019 (working for Inait, a high-tech startup)
- Jean Verrette (Hawaii, 2016): March 2016–February 2017 (working for a high-tech startup)
- Gard Spreemann (NTNU, 2015): February 2016–November 2019 (working for Telenor)
- Senja Barthel (Imperial College, 2015): September 2015–August 2019 (assistant professor at VU Amsterdam)
- Katharine Turner (Chicago, 2015): September 2015–August 2017 (lecturer at Australian National University)
- Martina Scolamiero (KTH, 2015): July 2015–July 2018 (assistant professor at KTH)
- Magdalena Kędziorek (Sheffield, 2014): February 2015–August 2017 (associate professor at Radboud University Nijmegen)
- Justin Young (Indiana, 2012): September 2012–August 2014 (lecturer at Ohio State University-Newark)
- Eric Finster (Virginia, 2010): August 2010–August 2012 (postdoc at University of Birmingham)
- Gavin Seal (VU Brussels, 2000): January 2009–December 2012 (teacher for the Euler course and high school math teacher)
- John E. Harper (Notre Dame, 2008): August 2008–July 2010 (associate professor at Ohio State University-Newark)
- Samuel Wüthrich (Bern, 2004): September 2006–July 2008 (employed by the CFF)

- Christine Vespa (Paris XIII, 2006): September 2006–August 2007 (maître de conférence at the University of Strasbourg)
- Sverre Lunøe-Nielsen (Oslo, 2005): September 2005–August 2006 (lecturer at Universitet i Agder)
- Jonathan Scott (Toronto, 2000): September 2004–July 2006 (associate professor at Cleveland State University)
- Peter Bubenik (Toronto, 2003): September 2003–July 2005 (full professor at the University of Florida)
- Paul-Eugène Parent (Louvain-la-Neuve, 2001): September 2001–August 2003 (full professor at the University of Ottawa)

Professional service

Assessments and advisory roles

- 2025 Member of the math doctoral program evaluation panel at the University of Uppsala
- 2025–present Member of the advisory board of the Erlangen Programme for AI Research Hub
- 2025–present Member of the scientific counsel of the Fondation Sciences Mathématiques Paris
- 2024–present Member of the ERC working group of the European Mathematics Society
- 2024–present President of the scientific committee of the Math ViVES program of the Agence Nationale de Recherche (France)
- 2024–present Member of the international scientific advisory board of the Wallenberg AI, Autonomous Systems and Software Program (WASP)
- 2024–present Member of the scientific advisory board of the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics
- 2023–present Member of the scientific advisory board of the CRM (Centre de Recerca Matemàtica)
- 2023–present Member of the scientific advisory board of AI4IDF (Artificial Intelligence for Ile-de France)
- 2022–present Member of the scientific board of ISTA (Institute of Science and Technology Austria)
- 2021–present Member of the scientific advisory board of CITMaga (Galician Center for Mathematical Research and Technology)
- 2021–2024 Member of the expert committee for promotion of STEM fields of the Swiss Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2020–2023 Member of the expert committee of the Labex CEMPI
- 2020–2024 Member of the scientific committee of the Fondation Mathématique Jacques Hadamard
- 2020–2024 Member of the scientific committee of the EUR Maths-Info of Paris 13
- 2019–2022 Member of the international advisory committee for ICM 2022
- 2018–2022 Member of the WASP committee selecting Swedish universities to receive funding for establishing professorships in mathematics and AI
- 2018–present Member of the advisory board of the Centre for Topological Data Analysis at Oxford University
- 2018–2020 Vice-chair of the mathematics panel of Swedish Research Council
- 2017–2018 Member of the selection committee for the ICM 2018 Emmy Noether Lecture
- 2016–2020 Member (chair in 2020) of the international peer review panel on mathematics, statistics and computer science of the Danish Council for Independent Research
- 2016–2022 Member of the Standing Committee of the association of European Women in Mathematics
- 2016 Member of the Review Panel for the Mathematical Institute at Oxford

- 2015–2018 Member of the Association for Women in Mathematics Noether Lecture selection committee
- 2013–2017 Member of the selection committee for the Heidelberg Laureate Forum
- 2012–2015 Chair of the committee evaluating undergraduate mathematics education in all Swedish universities
- 2012 Member of the mathematics panel of the international commission evaluating KTH in its Research Assessment Exercise
- 2004–present Member of the selection committee for choosing a new professor for the mathematics departments of the Universities of Aalborg (2005, 2009, 2015), Bergen (2004), Copenhagen (2015), ETHZ (2014, 2018), Göteborg (2015, 2017), Lille (2012), Nantes (2017), Nijmegen (2012, 2014), Osnabrück (2012), Paris VII (2018), Paris XIII (2015), Paris Sud (2020), Stockholm (2014), Trondheim (2006, 2012, 2013, 2018), Utrecht (2016), and Vienna (2019, 2020) and for promotion to professor at KTH (2010) and Copenhagen (2012, 2014). Reviewer for creation of Junior Research Group at FU Berlin (2013)
- 2001 Member of the international commission evaluating the mathematics departments of all Swedish universities
- 2000–present Reviewer of grant applications for the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Norwegian Research Council, the Academy of Finland, the US-Israel Binational Science Foundation, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, the European Research Commission (EURYI prize), France's National Research Agency, Canada's National Science and Engineering Research Council, Georgia's Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, the Research Foundation-Flanders, the Centre de Recerca Matemàtica, the UK's Leverhulme Trust, UKRI.
- 1992–present Member of thesis and habilitation juries in Aalborg (3), Aberdeen, Amiens, Copenhagen (3), ETHZ (1), Lille (6), Louvain-la-Neuve (2), Malaga, Nantes, Nice (2), Nijmegen, Oslo, Oxford (2), Paris (7), Sheffield (2), Singapore, Stockholm (3), Toulouse, Trondheim (4), and Utrecht (2). Reporter for theses in Angers and Paris.

Service internal to EPFL

- 2024–present Member of the academic committee and the international advisory board of the Essential Tech Centre
- 2021–2023 Member of the hiring committee for joint professorships in life sciences and computer science
- 2019–2020, 2024–present Member of the faculty recruitment committee for the faculty of informatics and communication
- 2019–2020 Member of the EPFL pilot committee on equality issues
- 2018–2020 Member of the computational biology doctoral program committee
- 2018–2019 Member of hiring committees for professorships in computational neuroscience, neuroengineering, and computational biology
- 2017–2020 Member of the neuroscience doctoral program committee
- 2015–2020 Member of the mathematics doctoral program committee
- 2015–2019 EPFL representative on the board of the Fondation Erna Hamburger
- 2014–2019 Vice-president of the EPFL-WISH Foundation (for the promotion of women in science)
- 2012–2015 Director of the Doctoral program in mathematics
- 2010–2012 Member of the committee selecting the laureat of the EPFL doctoral prize
- 2010–2020 Member of the Bureau of the EPFL-WISH Foundation
- 2008–2015 Member of the Research Commission (chair of the mathematics and computer science panel starting in 2013)
- 2008–2012 Vice-director of the Doctoral program in mathematics

- 2006–2012 Member of the Teaching committee of the section of mathematics
- 2006–2012 Exchange coordinator for the section of mathematics
- 2004–2008 Member of the Evaluating Committee of the FSB (responsible for evaluating applications for internal promotion)
- 1995–present Numerous presentations to visiting high school and elementary school students (Journée des gymnasiennes, Journée des gymnasiens, Journée des classes)

Conferences co-organized

- 2025 Emphasis semester on equivariant homotopy theory at the Newton Institute, UK
- 2023 ICERM emphasis semester on Math+Neuroscience, USA
- 2023 Women in Computational Topology workshop, Bernoulli Center, EPFL
- 2023 CIRM Workshop on Chromatic Homotopy Theory, France
- 2021 MSRI Hot Topics Workshop: Topological Insights in Neuroscience, USA
- 2021 IMSI Workshop on Topological Data Analysis, USA
- 2021 Thematic Einstein Semester “Geometric and Topological Structure of Materials” (Berlin, Germany)
- 2020 Algebraic Topology: Methods, Computation, and Science (Ohio State University, USA)
- 2020 Workshop on Statistics for Topological and Discrete Data (EPFL)(postponed)
- 2019 Inaugural workshop of the OCHoTop network (EPFL)
- 2019 Second Engineering PhD Summit (EPFL)
- 2019 Mini-symposium at SIAM AG 2019 (Bern, Switzerland)
- 2018 Workshop on topology and neuroscience (EPFL)
- 2018 General meeting of the association of European Women in Mathematics (Graz, Austria)
- 2018 Abel Symposium on Applied Topology (Geiranger, Norway)
- 2017 Women in Topology Workshop (MSRI)
- 2017 Conference in applied algebraic topology (Sapporo, Japan)
- 2017 Program “Applied and Computational Algebraic Topology” (Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics, Bonn)
- 2015 Workshop in category theory and algebraic topology (Louvain)
- 2014 Introductory Workshop, Emphasis semester in algebraic topology (MSRI)
- 2013, 2014 Summer schools in algebraic topology and category theory (Université Catholique de Louvain/EPFL)
- 2013, 2016 Women in Topology Workshop (Banff International Research Station)
- 2011 André Memorial Conference (EPFL)
- 2010 Workshop on Tannakian Categories (EPFL)
- 2007–present Young Topologists Meetings (held annually in Switzerland, Denmark, or Sweden since 2007)
- 2006 Alpine Operad Workshop (Villars)
- 2006 Emphasis semester in algebraic topology (Mittag-Leffler Institute)
- 1999–present Arolla Conferences on Algebraic Topology (1999, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016)

Editorial work

- Editorial board, *Mathematical Neuroscience* book series of SIAM (2024-26)
- Co-editor of special issue on topological data analysis in the life sciences in *Entropy* (2021)
- Co-editor of special issue on topological data analysis in *Foundations of Data Science* (2020)

- Co-editor of *Frontiers Research Topic "Topology in Real-World Machine Learning and Data Analysis"* (2020)
- Co-editor of the Proceedings of the 2013 and 2016 Women in Topology workshops, in the *Contemporary Mathematics* series of the AMS and in *Topology and its Applications*
- Co-editor of the Proceedings of the 1999, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 Arolla Conferences on Algebraic Topology, in the *Contemporary Mathematics* series of the AMS
- Member of the editorial board of *Algebraic and Geometric Topology* (2001-present, chief editor from 2012), *Communications of the American Mathematical Society* (2021-present), *EMS Magazine* (2021-2022), *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology* (2016-present), *Proceedings of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society* (consulting editor, 2023-present), *Network Neuroscience* (2019-present), *Publicacions Matemàtiques* (2007-present), *SIAM Journal on the Life Sciences* (2025-present), and *Theory and Applications of Categories* (2011-2022)
- Member of the Steering Board of *Compositionality* (2018-present)

Referee work

- Contributor to *Mathematical Reviews* (89 reviews since 1995)
- Referee for numerous journals, including *ACM Computing Surveys*, *Acta Mathematica*, *Advances in Mathematics*, *Algebraic and Geometric Topology*, *Annales Mathématiques du Québec*, *Annals of Mathematics*, *Bulletin de la Société Mathématique de France*, *Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici*, *Communications in Algebra*, *Compositio Mathematica*, *Documenta Mathematica*, *Expositiones Mathematicae*, *Homology*, *Homotopy and Applications*, *IMRN*, *Israel Journal of Mathematics*, *Journal of Algebra*, *Journal of the American Mathematical Society*, *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology*, *Journal of K-theory*, *Journal of Mathematical Biology*, *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra*, *Journal of Topology*, *Journal of Topology and Analysis*, *K-Theory*, *manuscripta mathematica*, *Mathematica Scandinavica*, *Mathematische Annalen*, *Mathematische Zeitschrift*, *Network Neuroscience*, *PLOS Computational Biology*, *Pure and Applied Mathematics Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society*, *Selecta Mathematica*, *Theory and Applications of Categories*, *Topology*, *Topology and its Applications*, *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*, and journals of the London Mathematical Society
- Manuscript reviewer for Springer Verlag, University of Chicago Press, the American Mathematical Society, and the MIT Press
- Referee for the Annual Computational Neuroscience meetings CNS*2018 and CNS*2019
- Program committee member for Applied Category Theory 2019 and for the Workshop on Applications of Topological Data Analysis 2019

Outreach

- 2025 Public lecture in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Commission Romande de Mathématiques
- 2021, 2022 MATHilda presentations to lower secondary girls interested in math
- 2021 Guest speaker at TecLadies Lunch of the SATW
- 2020 Talk at the kickoff of the 2021 Championnat de jeux mathématiques et logiques
- 2019, 2023 Speaker at the "Portes Ouvertes" science festival at the EPFL
- 2019 Invited speaker at roundtable "Mathématiques et société" at HEPL
- 2019 Invited speaker on International Women's Day at Nyon high school
- 2017 Invited talk at TEDxLugano

- 2016 Organizer of the mathematical activities at the “Portes Ouvertes” science festival at the EPFL
- 2013 Invited speaker at “Women Inspire Innovation”, Swiss Embassy, Washington D.C.
- 2011–2013 Speeches given to sections of the Rotary Club, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Lions Club, Kiwanis and the Equal Opportunity Office of the Canton of Valais
- 2010, 2011 EPFL coordinator of the Lausanne semi-final and the Swiss final of the Championnat de jeux mathématiques et logiques
- 2009–2013 Regular (bimonthly) mathematical columnist in *Le Temps* (Swiss newspaper)
- 2007–present Founder of the Cours Euler, a fast-paced mathematics course for young students with very high potential in mathematics (<http://euler.epfl.ch>)
- 2007–2012 Talks at “Maths en Jeu” graduation ceremonies
- 2001 Translated (from Swedish to French), staged, and acted in a play about mathematical history for the EPFL open house “Science et Cité”
- 2000–2006 Acted (in Swedish) in plays about mathematical history, while on leave at the University of Stockholm and on various visits to Sweden

Leadership experience and training

- 2025 Successfully completed courses in High Performance Leadership, Strategy Governance for Boards, Stakeholder Management for Boards, and Boards and Risks at IMD
- 2024 Successfully completed the course in Mastering Board Governance at IMD
- 2022 Participation by invitation in the Advanced Academic Leadership Program of the ETH Domain, organized by IMD
- 2021 Elected to the Forum des 100 of Le Temps
- 2016-2021 Member of the Communal Counsel of Aigle, Switzerland

Languages

- English **Native speaker**
- French **Fluent**
- Swedish **Fluent**
- Norwegian **Excellent oral and written comprehension**
- German **Excellent oral and written comprehension**