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EDUCATION

- 10/2020 - 12/2024 **Ph.D., INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**
University of Twente, the Netherlands
"Clair: Guiding Productive Student Dialogue with a Collaborative Conversational Agent"
Supervisors: Prof Dr Ton de Jong, Prof Dr Susan McKenney, Dr Pantelis Papadopoulos
- 07/2017 - 09/2019 **M.Sc., COMPUTER SCIENCE**
Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
"Predspot: Predicting Crime Hotspots with Machine Learning"
Supervisors: Dr Nelio Cacho, Dr Leonardo Bezerra
- 07/2016 - 06/2018 **B.Eng., COMPUTING ENGINEERING**
Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
"A Framework for Crime Hotspot Detection in Smart Cities"
Supervisor: Dr Nelio Cacho
- 07/2013 - 06/2016 **B.Sc., SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**
Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 09/2020 - 11/2024 PhD candidate at UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE - Enschede, the Netherlands
Developed a conversational agent for group dialogue, conducted three classroom studies with secondary school students, published papers in excellent journals and conferences in the field of AI in Education, and helped organize two hackathons.
- 04/2019 - 08/2020 Data Scientist at PUBLIC MINISTRY OF RIO G. DO NORTE (MPRN) - Natal, Brazil
Developed NLP tools for crime investigation and dashboards to analyze public budget, managed data lake infrastructure and ETL workflows, and supervised three interns.
- 10/2015 - 08/2020 Research Assistant at SMARTMETROPOLIS - Natal, Brazil
Researched predictive policing and smart cities, trained spatiotemporal models, organized research events, presented at conferences and to public safety authorities.
- 08/2017 - 02/2018 Data Scientist at LAW COURT OF RN - Natal, Brazil
Developed NLP tools to analyze legal petitions.

AWARDS

- 2024 Hybrid Intelligence Program Mobility Grant (University of Oulu) - \$3,000.00
- 2024 The Learning Agency's Tools Competition Catalyst Award - \$50,000.00
Project name: "Collaborative Learning Agent for Interactive Reasoning" (Clair)
- 2021 LAK'21 Conference Doctoral Consortium Scholarship - \$500.00
- 2019 Google Latin America Research Award (LARA) - \$12,000.00
Project name: "Towards Interpretation and Interaction of Predictive Policing Systems"
- 2018 Google Latin America Research Award (LARA) - \$6,000.00
Project name: "Automating Patrol Planning by Learning from Crimes and News"

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

de Araujo, A., Papadopoulos, P. M., McKenney, S., de Jong, T. (2025). *Investigating the impact of a collaborative conversational agent on dialogue productivity and knowledge acquisition*. Under review.

de Araujo, A., Papadopoulos, P. M., McKenney, S., de Jong, T. (2024). *A learning analytics-based collaborative conversational agent to foster productive dialogue in inquiry learning*. *Journal of Computer Assisted Learning*, 1-15. ([PDF](#))

de Araujo, A., Papadopoulos, P. M., McKenney, S., de Jong, T. (2023). *Automated coding of student chats, a trans-topic and language approach*. *Computers and Education: Artificial Intelligence*, 4, 100123. ([PDF](#))

Kounadi, O., Ristea, A., Araujo, A., Leitner, M. (2020). *A systematic review on spatial crime forecasting*. *Crime science*, 9(1), 1-22. ([PDF](#))

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

de Araujo, A., Martens, J., Papadopoulos, P. M. (2024). *Enhancing student dialogue productivity with learning analytics and fuzzy rules*. 25th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED'24) ([PDF](#))

de Araujo, A., Papadopoulos, P. M., McKenney, S., de Jong, T. (2023). *Supporting Collaborative Online Science Education With a Transferable and Configurable Conversational Agent*. 16th International Conference on Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning (CSCL) ([PDF](#))

de Araujo, A., Cacho, N., Bezerra, L., Vieira, C., Borges, J. *Towards a Crime Hotspot Detection Framework for Patrol Planning*. Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Smart City, Exeter, UK. IEEE, 2018. ([PDF](#))

de Araujo, A., et al (2020). *A platform for citizen cooperation during the COVID-19 pandemic in RN, Brazil*. In 2020 IEEE international smart cities conference (ISC2). ([PDF](#))

de Araujo, A., et al (2017). *A predictive policing application to support patrol planning in smart cities*. In 2017 International smart cities conference (ISC2). ([PDF](#))

TECHNICAL STACK

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES:	Python, SQL, and a bit of Java, C++, R.
MACHINE LEARNING FRAMEWORKS:	Keras and Scikit-Learn.
DATA MODALITIES:	Text, Audio, Time series, Geospatial, Logs.
WEB FRAMEWORKS:	FastAPI, Flask.
ETL PIPELINES:	Airflow, Hadoop, PowerBI.

TEACHING

"Concurrent and Parallel Programming" (20h) at FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO G. DO NORTE (2019)

"Introduction to IT: Software, Hardware and Peopleware" (10h) at NATAL'S POLICE DEPARTMENT (2018-2019)

LANGUAGES

PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 2023-2024: Coordination team of UTwente's research network [AI and Data in Education](#).
- 2023: PhD project featured at the [Npuls magazine](#).
- 2018: Research visit at [Urban Observatory](#) (Newcastle University, UK).
- 2017: Internship at UFRN's supercomputer ([NPAD](#)).
- 2017: Founding vice-president of student consulting company [Include Engenharia](#).