

SoRAIM Winter School

Introduction & Demo

February 19th, 2024, Grenoble, France

SoRAIM Winter School: Social Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and Multimedia

Discuss recent progress in building socially aware robots that communicate and interact with humans. Topics:



- ▶ Speech source localization and separation
- ▶ Mapping and visual self-localization
- ▶ Social-aware robot navigation
- ▶ Tracking and analysis of human behavior
- ▶ Dialog management, natural language understanding
- ▶ Robotic middle-ware and software integration
- ▶ Ethics and experimental design

SoRAIM Context: The H2020 SPRING Project

Socially Pertinent Projects in Gerontological Healthcare

SPRING's overall objective: to develop **socially assistive robots** with the capacity of performing multi-person interactions and open-domain dialogue.



Strategic objective 1
Robust robot **perception** in complex, unstructured and populated environments

Strategic objective 2
Sensor-based robot **action** for multi-modal multiperson communication

Strategic objective 3
Validation of the technology based on the needs of gerontological healthcare

SoRAIM Context: The H2020 Socially Pertinent Projects in Gerontological Healthcare



Inria [Coordinator, FR] – Robot behavior, tracking
CVUT [CZ] – Self-localisation, object discovery
UNITN [IT] – Human and social behavior analysis
BIU [ISR] – Audio and speech processing
HWU [UK] – Dialogue and interaction management
ERM [FR] – Software integration and experimentation
PAL [ES] – Robot hardware and software architecture
AP-HP [FR] – Ethics protocols, experimentation

SoRAIM: What & How?



8 Plenary Sessions: Invited Speaker + SPRING Speaker



Panel discussion (Tuesday Afternoon)



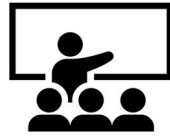
Poster Session (Wednesday Afternoon)



Social Activity (Thursday Afternoon)



Hands-on session (Friday)



Plenary Sessions (I)



Plenary 01 – Autonomous robots: adaptation and soft. integration

Autonomous Robots in the Wild – Adapting from and for Interaction
Prof. Marc Hanheide, University of Lincoln



WP7: Robot customisation and Software Integration
Dr. Séverin Lemaignan, PAL Robotics



Plenary 02 – Experimental robotics: from results to policies

AI and Children's Rights: Lessons Learnt from the Implementation of the UNICEF Policy Guidance to Social Robots for Children
Dr. Vasiliki Charisi, JRC European Commission

WP1: Experimental Validation of the SPRING-ARI robotic platform
Cyril Liotard, ERM Automatismes Industriels





Plenary Sessions (II)



Plenary 03 – Ethics-ready robotics or robot-ready ethics?

Ethically Aligned Design for Social Robotics
Prof. Raja Chatila, Sorbonne Université



Opportunities & challenges in putting AI ethics in practice: the role of the EU
Dr. Mihalis Kritikos, Ethics and Integrity Sector of the EC

WP10: Ethics and robot acceptance in a day-care hospital
Prof. Anne-Sophie Rigaud, APHP



Plenary 04 – Audio-visual perception: the robo-centric case

Audio-Visual Speech Source Separation and Speaker Tracking
Prof. Wenwu Wang, University of Surrey



WP3: Robust Audio-visual Perception of Humans
Prof. Sharon Gannot, BIU





Plenary Sessions (III)



Plenary 05 – Multi-party conversational robots

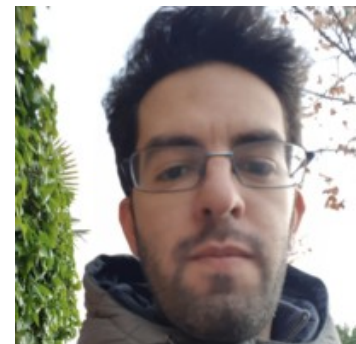
Predictive modelling of turn-taking in human-robot interaction

Prof. Gabriel Skantze, KTH Stockholm



WP5: Multi-User Spoken Conversations with Robots

Dr. Daniel Hernandez Garcia, HWU



Plenary 06 – Social robot behavior policies

Human-Interactive Mobile Robots: from Learning to Deployment

Prof. Xuesu Xiao, George Mason University



WP6: Learning Robot Behaviour

Dr. Chris Reinke, INRIA





Plenary Sessions (IV)



Plenary 07 – Sensing the environments: from falls to self-localisation

Human-presence modeling and social navigation of an assistive robot solution for detection of falls and elderly's support

Prof. Antonios Gasteratos, Democritus University of Thrace



WP2: Environment Mapping, Self-localisation and Simulation

Dr. Michal Polic, CVUT



Plenary 08 – Understanding human behavior for wellbeing and robots

Robotic Coaches for Mental Wellbeing: From the Lab to the Real World

Prof. Hatice Gunes, University of Cambridge

WP4: Multi-Modal Human Behaviour Understanding

Dr. Lorenzo Vaquero Otal, UNITN





Panel Session

Are social robots already out there? Immediate challenges in real-world deployment



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Poster Session

- P#01: The Social Bench Tool to study **Child-Robot Interaction** (Francesca Cocchella, IIT/ U Genoa)
- P#02: LLM in Social Robots: The Key to Open Unconstrained **Human-Robot Conversations?** (Maria Pinto, Ghent U)
- P#03: Adaptive second language tutoring through **generative AI and social robots** (Eva Verhelst, Ghent U)
- P#04: Design space model for **Robots Supporting Trust** of Children/Older Adults in Wellness (Chia-Hsin Wu, Tampere U)
- P#05: Goes to the Heart: Speaking the **User's Native Language** (Shaul Ashkenazi, U Glasgow)
- P#06: Co-designing **Conversational Agents for the Elderly**: A Comprehensive Review (Sidonie Salomé, UGA)
- P#07: Improvement of **real-world dialogue** recognition and capabilities of social robots (Andrew Blair, U Glasgow)
- P#08: I Was Blind but Now I See: Implementing **Vision-Enabled Dialogue** in Social Robots (Giulio Antonio Abbo, Ghent U)
- P#09: **Sound Source Localization and Tracking** in Complex Acoustic Scenes (Taous Iatariene, U Lorraine)
- P#10: A prob. approach for **learning/adapting shared control** skills with the human in the loop (Gabriel Quere, DLR, IP Paris)
- P#11: **Musical Robot** for People with Dementia (Paul Raingard de la Bletiere, TU Delft)
- P#12: Univariate RBF Layers: **Brain-inspired Deep Neural Layers** for Low-Dimensional Inputs (Daniel Jost, INRIA)
- P#13: **Mixture of Dynamical VAEs** for Multi-Source Trajectory Modeling and Separation (Xiaoyu Lin, INRIA)
- P#14: **Preference-Based Reinforcement Learning** for Social Robotics (Anand Ballou, INRIA)
- P#15: Speech Modeling with a **Hierarchical Transformer Dynamical VAE** (Xiaoyu Lin, INRIA)



Social Program



Visit #1: Historic Grenoble
Thursday, 2pm – 3.30pm
Start: Grenoble's Touris Office

Visit #2: Climb to Bastille & Alps Panorama
Thursday, 3.30pm – 5pm
Grenoble-Bastille cable car (bottom station)



All information + registration links in the booklet!



Hands-on Sessions

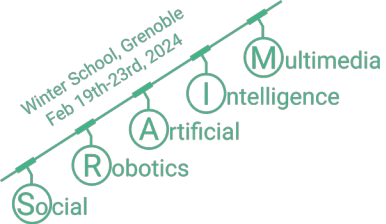


Friday, 11am-12.30pm & 2.30pm-4pm

Learn from **the experience of 5 teams** on different topics (info @ booklet):

- ▶ a navigation simulation (lead: INRIA)
- ▶ a use case of the people identifier/manager (lead: PAL Robotics)
- ▶ a prompt engineering building conversational system with LLM (lead: HWU)
- ▶ a localisation trial (lead: CVUT)
- ▶ a speaker extraction use case (lead: BIU)





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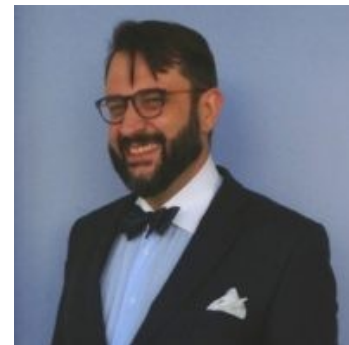


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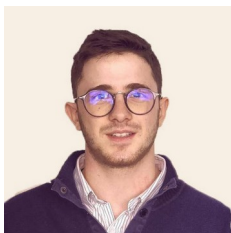


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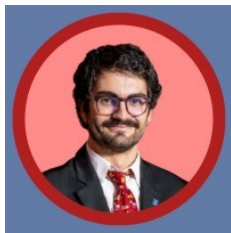


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Time for demo!!!