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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Elna Sofia Carolina Mattsson
Nationality: Sweden & United States
Place of birth: Göteborg, Sweden
Date of birth: 1992-08-02

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Northeastern University , Network Science Institute	2020
B.A.	Lehigh University , Department of International Relations	2014
B.S.	Lehigh University , Department of Physics	2014

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Researcher	2023-present
CENTAI (Research Institute at Intesa Sanpaolo) Turin, Italy	

Develop computational methods for marcoeconomic measurement from digital transaction records, such as from CBDCs. Further collaborative projects involving inter-firm transaction networks, digital payment systems, and synthetic data generation for anti-financial crime initiatives. Supervise M.Sc. students at University of Turin.

Postdoctoral Researcher	2020-2022
Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science Leiden, Netherlands	

Completed projects mapping real-world payment systems from digital transaction records, the graph structure of production networks, and temporal networks. Drove a research collaboration involving multiple universities and government departments. Supervised and co-supervised M.Sc. students in the Computational Network Science Lab.

Graduate Research Fellow	2014-2020
Network Science Institute, Northeastern University Boston, MA	

Developed theoretical and computational frameworks for analyzing financial networks using transaction-level data. Furthered methodological innovations in computational social science through integration of digital trace, administrative, and survey data (Lazer Lab). Funded by National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

WORKING PAPERS

Holding periods: Inverse estimation of money velocity	<i>Job Market Paper</i>
Carolina Mattsson, Allison Luedtke, Frank Takes	

Networks of monetary flow at native resolution	<i>Preprint</i>
Carolina Mattsson	

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Network growth under opportunistic attachment	2025
Carolina Mattsson. <i>Applied Network Science</i> 10:21. DOI: 10.1007/s41109-025-00706-x	

Identifying successful teams in the European player transfer network	2024
Tristan J. Dieles, Carolina Mattsson, Frank Takes. <i>Applied Network Science</i> 9:65. DOI: 10.1007/s41109-024-00675-7	

Circulation of a digital community currency	2023
Carolina Mattsson, Teodoro Criscione, Frank Takes. <i>Scientific Reports</i> 13:5864. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-023-33184-1	

	Sarafu Community Inclusion Currency 2020-2021	2022
	Carolina Mattsson, Teodoro Criscione, William Ruddick. <i>Scientific Data</i> 9:426. DOI: 10.1038/s41597-022-01539-4	
	Functional structure in production networks	2021
	Carolina Mattsson, Frank Takes, Eelke Heemskerk, Cees Diks, Gert Buiten, Albert Faber, Peter Sloot. <i>Frontiers in Big Data</i> 4:666712. DOI: 10.3389/fdata.2021.666712	
	Trajectories through temporal networks	2021
	Carolina Mattsson & Frank Takes. <i>Applied Network Science</i> 6(1), 1-31. DOI: 10.1007/s41109-021-00374-7	
	Context-specific hybrid data collection for social ties in action	prep
	Carolina E.S. Mattsson, Drew Margolin, Stefan Wojcik, David Lazer	
CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS	Multi-Class and Multi-Task Strategies for Neural Directed Link Prediction	2025
	Claudio Moroni, Claudio Borile, Carolina Mattsson, Michele Starnini, Andre Panisson <i>Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases, European Conference.</i> DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2412.10895	
	CADENCE: Community-Aware Detection of Dynamic Network States	2023
	Maxwell McNeil, Carolina Mattsson, Frank Takes, Petko Bogdanov. In <i>Proceedings of the 2023 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)</i> 1-9. DOI: 10.1137/1.9781611977653.ch1	
POLICY ARTICLES	Network analysis insights for cluster-oriented energy policy	2022
	Gert Buiten, Cees Diks, Albert Faber, Eelke Heemskerk, Carolina Mattsson, Frank Takes, Peter Sloot. <i>Economisch Statistische Berichten</i> 106(4804).	
PUBLIC REPORTS	Understanding Key Mobile Money Users	2018
	Carolina Mattsson & Guy Stuart. <i>International Finance Corporation</i>	
	Combating fake news: An agenda for research and action	2017
	David Lazer, Matthew Baum, Nir Grinberg, Lisa Friedland, Kenneth Joseph, Will Hobbs, Carolina Mattsson. <i>Shorenstein Center, Harvard Kennedy School</i>	
COMMENTS	Computational social science with confidence	2024
	Carolina Mattsson. <i>EPJ Data Science</i> 13:3. DOI: 10.1140/epjds/s13688-023-00435-0	
	Why is inequality bad?	
	<i>Social Science Space Blog</i> . SAGE Publishing	2019
	Theory and tools in the age of big data	
	<i>SAGE Ocean Blog</i> . SAGE Publishing	2019
	Expert Commentary: The Digital Currency Problem	
	<i>Undergraduate Mathematics and Its Applications Vol 40.2-3</i> . COMAP	2019
POLICY & INDUSTRY	Central Bank of Brazil, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate, Statistics Netherlands, Grassroots Economics, ING Bank, International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group), Microfinance Opportunities, Cignifi Inc., Telenor Research.	

SEMINARS & INVITED TALKS

2025 Complexity in Economics & Finance, Conference on Complex Systems, Siena
 2025 Leiden Complex Networks Network Seminar, Leiden University
 2025 Complexity Economics Seminar, Torino, Italy
 2025 Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM
 2024 ComplexTime Satellite, Conference on Complex Systems, Exeter, UK
 2024 Bank Indonesia Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia
 2024 Hypergraphs: Theory and Applications, Isaac Newton Institute, London, UK
 2024 Complexity Economics Seminar, Torino, Italy
 2024 Network Science Institute, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
 2024 Center for Collective Learning, Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary
 2023 Computational Network Science Group, Leiden University, NL
 2023 Oxford Network Seminar, Oxford University, UK
 2023 Institute for Analytical Sociology Seminar, Linköping University, Sweden
 2022 1st Interdisciplinary Workshop on Firm-Level Supply Networks, Complexity Science Hub, Vienna, Austria
 2022 NETWORKS Unit, Scuola IMT Alti Studi Lucca, Italy
 2022 Socioeconomic Networks Workshop, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
 2022 Informatics Institute & ILLC, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL
 2022 Physics of Information and Quantum Technologies Group, Instituto de Telecomunicações, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
 2022 Networks Webinar Series, Janeway Institute Cambridge, UK
 2021 Network Science Institute, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
 2021 CID Growth Lab, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA
 2021 ANET Lab, ELKH Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary
 2021 Eurasian Summit for Models of Society, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
 2020 Leiden Complex Networks Network Seminar, Leiden University, NL
 2020 Dutch Network Economics Day, Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam, NL
 2020 Economics Department Seminar, St. Olaf College, St. Olaf, MN
 2020 The B.E.S.T. Workshop and Satellite of NetSci-X Tokyo on “Complex Systems in Finance and Economics”, Kyoto University, Japan
 2019 CID Growth Lab, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA
 2018 Telenor Research, Telenor

AWARDED GRANTS

\$46,000	National Science Foundation	2019
	<i>INTERN Supplemental Funding Opportunity</i>	
\$100,000	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	2016
	<i>with Guy Stuart, Executive Director, Microfinance Opportunities</i>	
\$138,000	National Science Foundation	2015
	<i>Graduate Research Fellowship Program</i>	

HONORS & AWARDS

• Networks 2021 Best Pitch Talk Award	2021
• NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2015
• NULab for Text, Maps, and Networks Fellowship	2014
• Oles M. Smolansky Award for Academic Excellence in IR	2014
• Donald T. Campbell Social Science Research Prize	2014
• Lemmon Prize	2014
• National Undergraduate Fellowship	2013
• Malcolm J. Gordon, Jr. Physics Prize	2011
• Lehigh University Academic Merit Award	2010
• National Merit Scholar	2009

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LEADERSHIP

Workshop on Economic and Financial Networks

Organizer, StatPhys Florence	2025
Lead organizer, NetSci Maastricht	2025
Lead organizer, NetSci Québec City	2024
Lead organizer, CCS Salvador da Bahia	2023
Organizer, NetSci Vienna	2023
Organizer, CCS Mallorca	2022
Lead organizer, NetSci-X Tokyo	2020
Organizer, NetSci Burlington	2019

Dutch Network Science Society Symposium

Lead organizer, Leiden University	2022
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REVIEWING

- Nature Communications
- EPJ Data Science
- Applied Network Science
- Japanese Economic Review
- Entropy
- Scientific Reports
- Royal Society Open Science
- Social Networks
- Frontiers in Big Data
- PLOS ONE

SERVICE

Conferences in Complex Systems

Program Committee Member, CCS Siena	2025
Program Committee Member, FRCCS Bordeaux	2025
Program Committee Member, CCS Exeter	2024

Conferences in Network Science

Program Committee Member, NetSci Maastricht	2025
Program Committee Member, ComplexNetworks Binghamton NY	2025
Program Committee Member & Session Chair, NetSci Québec City	2024
Program Committee Member, ComplexNetworks Istanbul	2024
Program Committee Member & Session Chair, NetSci-X Venice	2024
Program Committee Member, NetSci Vienna	2023
Program Committee Member, ComplexNetworks Menton	2023
Program Committee Member, NetSci Shanghai	2022
Program Committee Member, NetSci-X Porto	2022
Program Committee Member, Networks	2021
Program Committee Member, NetSci Rome	2020
Program Committee Member, NetSci-X Tokyo	2020
School, Satellite, and Poster Committee Member, NetSci Burlington	2019
Invited Speaker Liaison, CompleNet Boston	2018

Conference in Computational Social Science

Program Committee Member, IC2S2 Copenhagen	2023
Program Committee Member, IC2S2 Chicago	2022
Program Committee Member & Session Chair, IC2S2 Zurich	2021
Program Committee Member, IC2S2 Cambridge, MA	2020
Program Committee Member, IC2S2 Amsterdam	2019

Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting

Discussant, Houston, TX & New Orleans, LA	2020-21
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TEACHING	FIS0186: Complexity Economics	2025
	Guest lecturer for Lecture 7: Financial Networks	University of Torino
	LISS238: Social Network Analysis	2020-2026
	London Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership	King's College London
	DS2001: Programming with Data Social Science Practicum	2019
	Khoury College of Computer Sciences	Northeastern University
SUPERVISION	Luca Bonanno* M.Sc. Complex Systems, University of Torino	<i>ongoing</i>
	<i>Matching in credit markets for economic ABMs (with Bank of Brasil)</i>	
	Enrico Fracasso* M.Sc. Complex Systems, University of Torino	10-2025
	<i>Structural Stability in Soccer: A Dynamic Graph Approach with a Large Events Model</i>	
	Sadaf Ismaeli Rad B.Sc. Computer Science, Leiden University	08-2025
	<i>From Global Network Attributes to Temporal Motifs: Predicting User Retention in the Sarafu Network</i>	
	Claudio Cellerini* M.Sc. Complex Systems, University of Torino	04-2025
	<i>Activity-Driven Modeling of Financial Transactions Networks</i>	
	Alireza Samiei* M.Sc. Media Technology, Leiden University	04-2023
	<i>The Co-investment Network of the Dutch Entrepreneurial Ecosystem</i>	
	Tristan Dielles B.Sc. Computer Science, Leiden University	08-2022
	<i>Description of transfer networks in football</i>	
	Philippe Bors* M.Sc. Computer Science, Leiden University	08-2022
	<i>Local network connectivity structure and link prediction</i>	
	Jingsen Chen M.Sc. Computer Science, Leiden University	04-2021
	<i>Impact of Financial Activity On Trajectory Heuristics</i>	
	Martijn Vlak M.Sc. ICT in Business, Leiden University	03-2021
	<i>Impact of the intelligent lockdown on the Dutch inter-industry transaction network</i>	
	Niek Buwalda M.Sc. Computer Science, Leiden University	08-2020
	<i>Obtaining a network-driven understanding of the differences in user-level interaction within topical online communities</i>	
	Roshni Padhi* Research Science Institute Summer Program, MIT	07-2018
	<i>Following the Money: Analyzing Mobile Money Networks in Developing Countries</i>	

* served as primary thesis advisor