# RICCARDO CADEI

#### **Machine Learning Researcher**

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## **Education**

#### **Harvard University**

#### **Visiting Graduate Student**

**Sep 2022 - Mar 2023** 

Cambridge (MA), United States

**Grade**: 6/6 **Grant**: Causal Inference for Machine Learning **Thesis**: Introducing a new algorithm for interpretable discovery and inference of Heterogeneous Treatment Effects [1, 2] with software package (R and Python).

EPFL M.Sc. Data Science

**Sep 2020 - Mar 2023** 

Lausanne, Switzerland

Grade: 5.53/6 Relevant courses: Machine Learning, Artificial Neural Networks, Deep Learning, Applied Data Analysis, Visual Intelligence.

Teaching Assistant: In Introduction to Machine Learning (BIO-322)

### Politecnico di Milano

**B.Sc. Mathematical Engineering** 

**Sep 2017 - Jul 2020** 

Milan, Italy

**Grade**: 110/110 **Associations**: PoliMi Data Scientists, Ass. Ing. Matematici **Thesis**: Mathematical Programming for activity planning in Oncology Day-Hospital

# **Research Experience**

### Institute of Science and Technology Austria + Google

From Jan 2024 on

Vienna, Austria

**Scientific Intern @CLAI**: Aiming to scale Causal Representation Learning to real-world applications, collaborating with **Google Research**.

#### **Harvard University**

**Sep 2022 - Sep 2023** 

Cambridge (MA), United States

Research Fellow @NSAPH: Conducting research in Causal Inference and Machine Learning in the context of climate change, environmental impacts on health outcomes, and regulatory policy [3] (still collaborating on 3 projects).

#### Schlumberger-Doll Research

Feb 2022 - Aug 2022

Cambridge (MA), United States

Machine Learning Researcher: Deep Learning for Causal Modeling and interpretation of acoustic subsurface data for anomaly detection and prevention.

### École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne

Nov 2020 - Feb 2022

Lausanne, Switzerland

Research Assistant (Summer Intern) @iGH: Developing a mobile app for (non-invasive) upper body posture detection using Deep Learning.

Semester Project @VITA: Introducing a Causal formalism and a Robust and Adaptive modular architecture for Motion Forecasting [4, 5].

Research Project @LESO-PB: Introducing a U-Net based model for detecting available rooftop areas to install photovoltaic panels from satellite images [6].

# Consulting and Entrepreneurship

#### **Entrepreneur First**

iii Oct 2023 - Dec 2023

Paris, France

**Founder in Residence:** Learning entrepreneurial skills while trying to launch a start-up in Responsible AI and Sustainability at StationF.

#### L.O.L. Consultants

Dec 2020 - Feb 2021

[remote] Melbourne, Australia

Machine Learning Engineer: Detection of available rooftop area to install photovoltaic panels from high-quality satellite images using Deep Learning.

## **Awards**

Career

#### Nova 111 Student List

2023

Selected among the 10 most promising Italian Computer Scientists Under25.

Machine Learning

### Jane Warren Award

2023

By Health Effects Institute for Causal Rule Ensemble algorithm [1].

#### Generali Data Challenge

2021

Best model and code in the Churn Classification Datahon at @Generali S.p.a out of 280+ participants.

#### Higgs Boson Challenge

2020

2nd place in the AlCrowd final challenge of Machine Learning course at @EPFL out of 290+ teams.

#### Oracle GraphML Contest

2019

1st place in the Kaggle final challenge of Graph Machine Learning course at @Politecnico di Milano in partnership with @Oracle Labs.

#### ML for Networking Contest

2019

1st place in the Kaggle final challenge of ML for Networking course at @Politecnico di Milano.

Mathematics

# International competition for mathematical and logical games 2018

5th national place (ITA), class L2 (Under21).

#### **Grand Prix of Applied Mathematics**

5th national place (ITA) out of 7500+ students. 2017 6th national place (ITA) out of 7500+ students. 2016

# Coding

Machine Learning: Python, R, Julia

Deep Learning: PyTorch , Tensorflow

Math: MATLAB , Python , R , AMPL

Big Data: Spark, Scala, SQL, HDFS, AWS

Robotics: RobotC , C , Python

App and Web: HTML, CSS, Android Studio

# Languages

Italian: C2, English: C1, French: A1

# Referees

Prof. Francesca Dominici

Harvard

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# Other Interests

**Sport**: Marathon Runner (2:50:38) @CRC, Long distance Hiker, Cycle Tourist, Skier and Skater. **Volunteer**: NIPS (logistic), LeadTheFuture (mentoring), BrixiAmaTe (teaching), AVIS, CARITAS.

### **Publications**

#### **Google Scholar statistics**

Total citations: 79

h-index: 3

#### Scientific Articles

- [1] Falco J Bargagli-Stoffi\*, Riccardo Cadei\*, Kwonsang Lee, and Francesca Dominici. "Causal rule ensemble: Interpretable Discovery and Inference of Heterogeneous Treatment Effects". In: arXiv preprint arXiv:2009.09036 (2023).
- [2] Riccardo Cadei\*, Naeem Khoshnevis\*, Kwonsang Lee, Daniela Maria Garcia, and Falco J. Bargagli-Stoffi. "CRE: an R package for interpretable discovery and estimation of Heterogeneous Treatment Effect". In: Journal of Open Source Software (2023).
- [3] Mauricio Tec, **Riccardo Cadei**, Francesca Dominici, and Corwin Zigler. "Projecting the climate penalty on PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution with spatial deep learning". In: *ICLR* Workshop in Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning. 2023.
- [4] Yuejiang Liu, Riccardo Cadei, Jonas Schweizer, Sherwin Bahmani, and Alexandre Alahi. "Towards Robust and Adaptive Motion Forecasting: A Causal Representation Perspective". In: Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR). 2022, pp. 17081–17092.
- [5] Yuejiang Liu, Riccardo Cadei, and Alexandre Alahi. "Towards Robust and Adaptive Motion Forecasting: A Causal Representation Perspective". In: NeurIPS Workshop on Distribution Shifts: Connecting Methods and Applications. 2021.
- [6] Roberto Castello, Alina Walch, Raphael Attias, **Riccardo Cadei**, Shasha Jiang, and Jean-Louis Scartezzini. "Quantification of the suitable rooftop area for solar panel installation from overhead imagery using Convolutional Neural Networks". In: **Journal of Physics**: Conference Series. Vol. 2042. 1. IOP Publishing. 2021, p. 012002.

#### **Software Packages**

- [a] Naeem Khoshnevis, Riccardo Cadei, Daniela Maria Garcia, Kwonsang Lee, Falco Joannes Bargagli Stoffi, "CRE: R Package Causal Rule Ensemble Algorithm", CRAN, 2023 (4000+ downloads, Website, Github).
- [a] Riccardo Cadei, Naeem Khoshnevis, Falco Joannes Bargagli Stoffi "pycre: Python Package Causal Rule Ensemble Algorithm", pypy, 2023 ( 🗘 Github).

## **Projects**

For a structured summary of my personal/academic projects and software releases publicly available (25+ repositories; >100  $\star$  on GitHub  $\bigcirc$ ), visit my Portfolio at https://www.riccardocadei.com/projects/ or scanning the QR Code on the top-right of the first page and clicking on 'Projects'.

### Conferences

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NeurIPS: 2021 (online), New Orleans 2022

ICLR: Rwanda 2023 (online) CVPR: New Orleans 2022 HDSI: Boston 2022

CISBAT: Lausanne 2021

#### Summer Schools

M2L Summer School: Milan 2020 (online), Milan 2022 (online)
Neurosymbolic Programming Summer School: Los Angeles 2022

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