

# Paul Friedrich

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## Employment history

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- 2020 – now      **Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science**, University of Zurich  
Associated Researcher with the ETH AI Center  
Planned graduation date: mid-2025. Available for internships year-round.  
Research Areas: Machine Learning, Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning,  
Mechanism Design, Game Theory, Planning  
Co-advisors: Sven Seuken (Computation and Economics Research Group),  
Giorgia Ramponi (Autonomous Sequential Learning & Predictive Intelligence Lab)
- 2021 & 2022      **Head Teaching Assistant**, University of Zurich  
Course: *Algorithmic Game Theory and Mechanism Design (CompSci MSc)*
- 2020 & 2023      **Teaching Assistant**, University of Zurich  
Course: *Algorithmic Game Theory and Mechanism Design (CompSci MSc)*
- 2020              **Quant & Analytics Consultant**, Ernst & Young  
Financial Services Risk Management (Zurich, Switzerland)  
*Worked on regulatory & financial audits of, and advisory projects for globally active Swiss financial institutions. Audited statistical and scenario-based risk models, critically verified documentation, designed and implemented independent challenger models in Python and R.*
- 2018 – 2019      **Quant & Analytics Intern**, Ernst & Young  
Financial Services Risk Management (Zurich, Switzerland)
- 2016 – 2018      **Teaching Assistant**, ETH Zurich  
Courses: *Topology, Complex Analysis, Real Analysis I (Math BSc&MSc)*

## Education

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- 2017 – 2020      **M.Sc. in Mathematics**, ETH Zurich  
Focus: Machine Learning, Computational Statistics, Mathematical Finance  
Thesis: *A Machine Learning Perspective on the Kyle Model (graded 6.0/6.0)*  
Supervisor: Josef Teichmann (ETH Zurich)
- 2017              **Exchange semester**, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 2014 – 2018      **B.Sc. in Mathematics**, ETH Zurich  
Focus: Optimization, Probability Theory, Quantitative Risk Management  
Thesis: *Risk Measures and their Applications: an Exposition (graded 6.0/6.0)*  
Supervisor: Mete Soner (Princeton University)

## Research Papers

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**Paul Friedrich**, Yulun Zhang, Michael J. Curry, Ludwig Dierks, Stephen McAleer, Jiaoyang Li, Tuomas Sandholm, and Sven Seuken, “Scalable mechanism design for multi-agent path finding,” *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, preprint at arXiv:2401.17044*, 2024.

**Paul Friedrich**, Ludwig Dierks, and Sven Seuken, “Machine learning-enhanced market design for drone traffic management,” *working paper*, 2024.

Sven Seuken, **Paul Friedrich**, and Ludwig Dierks, “Market design for drone traffic management,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, won Blue Sky Best Paper Award (third place)*, 2022.

**Paul Friedrich** and Josef Teichmann, “Deep investing in kyle’s single period model,” *preprint at arXiv:2006.13889*, 2020.

## Professional Experience

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### Supervision

2021 – 2022     **Master's project**, University of Zurich  
*Supervised a team of three Computer Science MSc students who developed a simulator for auction-based drone traffic management as part of my line of research.*

### Volunteering

2017 – 2018     **Organising committee**, MindPhair at ETH Zurich  
*Yearly job fair for mathematicians, physicists and computational scientists.*

2015 – 2016     **Board member for university's policy**, The Association of Mathematics, Physics and Computational Science & Engineering Students at ETH Zurich  
*Handled all communication between the association and the Department of Mathematics at ETH, represented student interests in all department committees, incl. hiring committees. Organised events, coordinated with other student associations.*

### Competitions

2023     **2nd place**, Computational Social Choice Competition at IJCAI 2023

### Summer Schools

2021     **Summer School: Data Science, Optimization and Operations Research**  
*Organised by Prof. Michel Bierlaire, EPFL Lausanne. Zinal, Switzerland*

## Skills

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Coding	<b>Python</b> , R, MATLAB, C++
Tools & Frameworks	<b>Numpy/Scipy, JAX</b> , Keras, Gurobi, CPLEX, SQL, Eikon
Languages	<b>German (mothertongue), English (proficient)</b> , French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate). Basic Ukrainian, Russian, Mandarin Chinese
Interests	Sports (triathlon, sailing, surfing), volunteering, cooking, traveling & cultural exchange, violin, languages

## References

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Available on request.