

# Alberto Santini

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## Past Positions

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JAN-AUG 2017    [RWTH Aachen, Germany](#)  
Postdoctoral Researcher, under Prof. Michael Schneider  
Deutsche Post Chair for the Optimisation of Distribution Networks

## Education

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2014-16        [University of Bologna, Italy](#)  
PhD in Automatic Control and Operational Research  
Supervisors: Silvano Martello, Daniele Vigo

2011-13        [University of Copenhagen, Denmark](#)  
MSc in Mathematics, part of the Master of Excellence programme  
Grade: 12/12

2008-10        [University of Catania, Italy](#)  
BSc in Mathematics  
Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

## Publications Journal Papers (published or submitted)

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- 2018
1. Enrico Malaguti, Silvano Martello, and Alberto Santini. “The Traveling Salesman Problem with Pickups, Deliveries, and Draft Limits”. In: *Omega* 74 (2018), pp. 50–58. doi: 10.1016/j.omega.2017.01.005
  2. Fabio Furini, Enrico Malaguti, and Alberto Santini. “An Exact Algorithm for the Partition Coloring Problem”. In: *Computers & Operations Research* 92 (2018), pp. 170–181. doi: 10.1016/j.cor.2017.12.019
  3. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Lars Magnus Hvattum. “Measuring the impact of acceptance criteria on the Adaptive Large Neighbourhood Search metaheuristic”. In: *Journal of Heuristics (in press)* (2018), pp. 1–25
- 2017
4. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Christian E.M. Plum. “A branch-and-price approach to the Feeder Network Design Problem”. In: *European Journal of Operational Research* 264 (2 2017), pp. 607–622. doi: 10.1016/j.ejor.2017.06.063
  5. Andrea Bettinelli, Alberto Santini, and Daniele Vigo. “A real-time conflict solution algorithm for the Train Rescheduling Problem”. In: *Transportation Research Part B* 106 (2017), pp. 237–265. doi: 10.1016/j.trb.2017.10.005
- 2015
6. Alberto Santini, Henrik Alsing Friberg, and Stefan Ropke. “A note on a model for quay crane scheduling with non-crossing constraints”. In: *Engineering Optimization* 47.6 (2015), pp. 860–865. doi: 10.1080/0305215X.2014.958731

## Publications Journal Papers (in preparation)

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- 2018
7. Alberto Santini. “An ALNS heuristic for the Orienteering Problem”. In: *In preparation* (2018)
  8. Christian Blum and Alberto Santini. “An exact algorithm for a large class of longest arc-preserving common subsequence problems”. In: *In preparation* (2018)
  9. Eduardo Álvarez-Miranda, Elena Fernández, and Alberto Santini. “Algorithms for the postal zoning problem for packet delivery”. In: *In preparation* (2018)
  10. Alberto Santini, Michael Schneider, et al. “On the impact of decomposition strategies for solving large-scale Capacitated Vehicle Routing Problems”. In: *In preparation* (2018)

## Technical Reports

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- 2015
11. Valentina Cacchiani, Alberto Santini, and Daniele Vigo. *A study on metaheuristic approaches to the energy-efficient Train Timetabling Problem*. Tech. rep. OR-15-6. DEI, University of Bologna, 2015
- 2014
12. Valentina Cacchiani, Alberto Santini, and Daniele Vigo. *A novel modelling approach to the Train Timetabling Problem*. Tech. rep. OR-14-27. DEI, University of Bologna, 2014

## Conference Talks

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- 2018
13. Alberto Santini. “A hybrid Machine Learning and ALNS approach to the Orienteering Problem”. In: *EURO/ALIO Conference*. 2018
  14. Alberto Santini. “An ALNS heuristic for the Orienteering Problem”. In: *EURO Conference*. 2018
  15. Alberto Santini and Christian Blum. “Solving a class of longest subsequence problems via maximum cliques”. In: *ODS Conference*. 2018
- 2017
16. Fabio Furini, Enrico Malaguti, and Alberto Santini. “Exact and heuristic algorithms for the partition colouring problem”. In: *ODS Conference*. 2017
- 2016
17. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Lars Magnus Hvattum. “Poster: A comparison of acceptance criteria for the ALNS metaheuristic”. In: *AIRO Conference*. 2016
  18. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Lars Magnus Hvattum. “A comparison of acceptance criteria for the Adaptive Large Neighbourhood Search metaheuristic”. In: *EURO Conference*. 2016
- 2015
19. Enrico Malaguti, Silvano Martello, and Alberto Santini. “A maritime version of the Travelling Salesman Problem”. In: *Odysseus Conference*. 2015
  20. Alberto Santini, Stefan Ropke, and Christian E.M. Plum. “A rich maritime extension of the Vehicle Routing Problem”. In: *AIRO Conference*. 2015
- 2014
21. Enrico Malaguti, Silvano Martello, and Alberto Santini. “The Travelling Salesman Problem with pickup, delivery and draught limits”. In: *AIRO Conference*. 2014

## Academic experience Organisation

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- JAN 2019 [Member of the Programme Committee](#)  
“HM 2019”, the 11<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Hybrid Metaheuristics. Concepción, Chile.
- SEP 2018 [Member of the Organising Committee](#) and [Session Chair](#)  
“ODS 2018” Conference. Chair of the “AIRO Young” session. Taormina, Italy.

- JUN 2018      [Session Chair](#)  
 “EURO Young” session at the EURO 2018 Conference. Valencia, Spain.
- JUN 2018      [Session Chair](#)  
 “AIRO Young” session at the EURO/ALIO 2018 Conference. Bologna, Italy.
- MAR 2018      [Member of the Organising Committee](#)  
 The 2<sup>nd</sup> AIRO Young Workshop, on the theme “Logistics optimisation and applied operational research”.  
 Invited speakers: Geir Hasle and Roberto Roberti. Cosenza, Italy, 03-05 MAR 2018.
- SEP 2017      [Session Chair](#)  
 “AIRO Young” session at the ODS 2017 Conference. Sorrento, Italy.
- FEB 2017      [Workshop Organiser](#)  
 Organised, together with Lavinia Amorosi, the 1<sup>st</sup> AIRO Young Workshop, on the theme “Emerging Optimization Problems on Complex Networks”. Invited speakers: Justo Puerto and Maria Grazia Scutellà. Rome, Italy, 16-17 FEB 2017.
- 2016-PRESENT      [Founder and Coordinator](#)  
 Founder and coordinator of AIRO Young, the youth chapter of the Italian Operational Research Association.
- SEP 2016      [Poster Session Chair](#)  
 “Young OR Researchers Poster Session” at the AIRO 2016 Conference. Trieste, Italy.
- JUL 2016      [Session Chair](#)  
 “Methodological advancements in metaheuristics” at the EURO 2016 Conference. Poznan, Poland.
- 2016      [EURO Young Researchers OR Webinars Organiser](#)  
 Organised a series of OR webinars by and for young researchers from all over the world, sponsored by EURO.
- SEP 2015      [Session Chair](#)  
 “Exact Methods for Routing Problems” at the AIRO 2015 Conference. Pisa, Italy.
- 2015      [Seminars Organiser](#)  
 Organised of a series of doctoral seminars within the Operational Research group at DEI, University of Bologna, involving local and visiting researchers.

## Academic experience Teaching

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- 2018      [Operations Management](#)  
 Pompeu Fabra University, Bachelor in Business Management Administration. Theory and Seminars.
- 2018      [Operations Management](#)  
 Pompeu Fabra University, Bachelor in International Business Economics. Theory and Seminars.
- 2017      [Optimisation methods for Big Data Analytics](#)  
 RWTH Aachen, Master in Management, Business, and Economics.  
 Student evaluation: 1.5 (on a scale where 1.0 is the best evaluation, and 5.0 is the worst).
- 2016-17      [Foundations of OR \(teaching assistant\)](#)  
 A-K cohort taught by Enrico Malaguti, L-Z cohort taught by Michele Monaci.  
 M. Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna.
- 2014 TO 2018      [Optimisation Algorithms \(teaching assistant\)](#)  
 Course taught by Paolo Toth.  
 M.Eng. in Computer Engineering, University of Bologna.

## Academic experience Evaluation Committees

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- 2018      [Member of the MSc Thesis Defence Committee](#)

For the master in Statistics and Operational Research, at the Polytechnic University of Catalunya.

## Academic experience Visiting Positions

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- Nov 2017 [INSEC-TEC, Portugal](#) Visiting Ana Viana, as part of a Short-Term Scientific Mission for COST Action “European Network for Collaboration on Kidney Exchange Programmes”.
- JUL-OCT 2016 [Amazon Inc.](#)  
Visiting Research Scientist in Seattle, USA. Working with Mauricio Resende and Andrew Goldberg.
- FEB 2016 [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#)  
Visiting PhD Student at the Department of Information, Logistics and Innovation. Working with Wout Dul-laert.
- Nov 2015 [University of Calabria](#)  
Visiting PhD Student at the Department of Mechanical, Energy and Management Engineering. Working with Demetrio Laganà.
- MAR-MAY 2015 [Danish Technical University \(DTU\)](#)  
Visiting PhD Student at the Department of Management Engineering. Working with Stefan Røpke.

## Grants

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- 2017 [COST STSM Grant](#)  
Short-Term Scientific Mission grant to conduct research at INESC-TEC under COST Action “European Network for Collaboration on Kidney Exchange Programmes”. Funded: 1 500 Eur.
- 2016 [PRIN \(Research Projects of Relevant National Interest\) 2016](#)  
Part of the group awarded for the project “Transportation and Logistics Optimization in the Era of Big and Open Data”. Total funded: 840 638 Eur.
- 2016 [Association of European Operational Research Societies \(EURO\)](#)  
Grant to organise the “EURO Young Researchers OR Webinars”. Funded: 1 000 Eur.
- 2015 [Marco Polo scholarship](#)  
Grant to conduct research abroad. Funded: 1 878 Eur (three months).
- 2014-16 [PhD grant by the University of Bologna](#)  
Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> out of 9 qualified participants (grade: 92/100). Funded: 40 915 Eur (three years).

## Invited talks

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- 2016 [“A real-time conflict resolution algorithm for the train rescheduling problem.”](#)  
Invited to present at: Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (Feb 2016); Danish Technical University, Copenhagen (Oct 2016); DSB Training Centre, Nyborg (Oct 2016).
- 2015 [“TSP with pickups, deliveries, and draught limits.”](#)  
University of Bologna. Part of a series of seminars held by PhD students and young researchers.
- 2014 [“Recent trends in Operational Research and practical business applications.”](#)  
American University of Armenia; series of two seminars at the College of Science and Engineering.
- 2014 [“Data Enevelopment Analysis and OR applications in measuring efficiency.”](#)  
University of Bologna; part of the course in Resource Optimization, M.Eng. in Management Engineering.

## Supervised projects and theses

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- APR-SEP 2017 [Project, M.Sc. in Business Administration and Computer Science, RWTH Aachen](#)  
Supervisor, “Improving document-level machine translation with word2vec”, Sean Eulenberg.
- APR-SEP 2017 [Master Thesis, M.Sc. in Business Administration and Computer Science, RWTH Aachen](#)  
Co-supervisor, “A heuristic algorithm for the electric pickup and delivery problem”, Lutz Venhofen.
- SEP-DEC 2016 [Master Thesis, M.Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna](#)  
Co-supervisor, “Embedding robustness in train rescheduling algorithms”, Alessandro Morandi.
- FEB-APR 2016 [Project, M.Eng. in Computer Engineering, University of Bologna](#)  
Co-supervisor, “A genetic algorithm for real-time energy optimisation of train timetables”, Francesco Di Lella.
- SEP-DEC 2015 [Master Thesis, M. Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna](#)  
Co-supervisor, “Metaheuristic algorithms for energy optimisation in train timetabling and rescheduling”, Hang Xu.
- MAR-JUN 2015 [Project, M.Eng. in Computer Engineering, University of Bologna](#)  
Co-supervisor, “A constructive heuristic for the dispatching problem on multi-track territories”, Giacomo Dall’Olio and Simone Laierno.
- AUG-NOV 2014 [Master Thesis, M.Eng. in Management Engineering, University of Bologna](#)  
Co-supervisor, “Valutazione della Performance di un caso di Customer Contact Desk attraverso l’applicazione della metodologia Data Envelopment Analysis”, Martina Carli.

## Work experience

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- 2016 [Amazon](#)  
Research Scientist Intern. Seattle, USA.
- 2012-13 [Procter & Gamble](#)  
Strategic Sourcing Intern. Bruxelles, Belgium.
- 2012 [WISON Offshore & Marine](#)  
Procurement Trainee. Shanghai, China.
- 2011-12 [Amiiko](#)  
Web Developer. Copenhagen, Denmark.

## Other

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- LANGUAGES Italian: mothertongue  
English: fluent  
French: very good  
Spanish: very good
- VOLUNTEERING Italian Red Cross  
Danish Red Cross  
Big Brother / Big Sister Project Kongelunden, Copenhagen, Denmark