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Alessandro Mei ha conseguito la laurea in Scienze dell'informazione con lode all'Università di Pisa, 1994, e il dottorato di ricerca in Matematica all'Università di Trento, 1999. Ha lavorato come ricercatore al Department of EE-Systems della University of Southern California, 1998-1999, e all'Università di Trento, 2000-2001. Dal 2001 è docente di Informatica alla Sapienza e dal 2010 professore ordinario. Nel periodo 2012 al 2015 ha diretto il dottorato di ricerca in Informatica e dal 2013 al 2015 la scuola di dottorato in Scienza e tecnologia dell'informazione e delle comunicazioni. Dal 2015 è Direttore del Dipartimento di Informatica e dal 2018 Presidente del Collegio dei Direttori di Dipartimento. I suoi interessi di ricerca includono i sistemi distribuiti, la sicurezza informatica, l'Internet delle cose e le reti sociali. Ha ricevuto numerosi premi internazionali, è stato General Chair di IEEE IPDPS 2009, una delle principali conferenze internazionali del settore, ed è stato membro del comitato editoriale delle IEEE Transactions on Computers, rivista ammiraglia e storica della IEEE Computer Society. Alessandro Mei è stato un Marie Curie Visiting Professor alla University of California San Diego, 2010-2011, professore ospite al MIT, estate 2016, e ha ricevuto il Google Faculty Research Award 2013.

Titoli di studio

Dottorato di ricerca in Matematica, Università di Trento. Advisor: Prof. Alan A. Bertossi. Tesi: "Reconfigurable Networks: Models and Algorithms" — 29 November 1999.

Laurea in Scienze dell'informazione (*con lode*), Università di Pisa — 1994.

Posizioni accademiche

Professore ordinario di Informatica, Sapienza Università di Roma — dal 2010.

Visiting Professor, Senseable City Lab, MIT, Boston, MA, USA — Aug 2016.

Marie Curie Visiting Professor, CSE Department, University of California San Diego — 2010–2011.

Professore associato di Informatica, Sapienza Università di Roma — 2006–2010.

Ricercatore universitario di Informatica, Sapienza Università di Roma — 2001–2006.

Visiting Professor, Center for Secure Information Systems, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA — Aug 2001.

Assegnista di ricerca – Dipartimento di Matematica, Università di Trento — 2000–2001.

Visiting Scholar – Department of EE-Systems, Computer Division, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA — 1998–1999.

Awards

Google Faculty Research Award, 2013.

Best Demo Award di IEEE SECON 2013.

Best Demo Award di IEEE INFOCOM 2013.

Marie Curie Fellowship, 2010–2012.

Best Paper Award di IEEE IPDPS 2002.

EE-systems Outstanding Research Paper Award of the USC, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA, 2000.

Best Paper Award in the Algorithms and Applications Area della 5th IEEE/ACM International Conference on High Performance Computing (HIPC), Madras (India), December 1998.

Research Interest

Sistemi distribuiti; sicurezza informatica; Internet delle cose; e reti sociali.

Attività didattica recente (alla Sapienza)

a.a. 2017–2018: Architettura degli elaboratori.

a.a. 2016–2017: Sistemi distribuiti, Architettura degli elaboratori.

a.a. 2015–2016: Sistemi distribuiti, Architettura degli elaboratori.

a.a. 2014–2015: Sistemi distribuiti, Architettura degli elaboratori.

a.a. 2013–2014: Sistemi distribuiti, Architettura degli elaboratori.

Supervisione di studenti di dottorato

Adriano Di Luzio, 2016–2019; Massimo La Morgia, 2015–2018; Enis Ulqinaku, 2014–2017; Airton Pereira, 2015–2016, dottorando ospite dalla U Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil; Vasile C. Perta, 2011–2014, (Google Inc.); Antonio Davoli, 2010–2013, (Facebook Inc); Marco V. Barbera, 2009–2012, (Facebook Inc.); Sokol Kosta, 2009–2012 (Assistant Professor at Aalborg University, Denmark); Natascia Piroso, 2007–2011 (Amazon Inc); Harshit Shah, 2008, dottorando ospite dal TIFR, Mumbai; Julinda Stefa, 2006–2009 (RTDB alla Sapienza); Vishwas T. Patil, 2004–2007 (Ricercatore all'Institute for Infocomm Research, Singapore).

Attività scientifiche internazionali

Membro del comitato di programma di IEEE ICDCS 2019, IEEE INFOCOM 2018, IEEE ICC 2018, ACM CoNEXT 2017, ACM WiSec 2017, IEEE INFOCOM 2017, IEEE Mobile Cloud 2017, IEEE Mobile Cloud 2016, IEEE INFOCOM 2016, IEEE IPDPS 2016, IEEE INFOCOM 2015, IEEE IPDPS 2015, IEEE INFOCOM 2014, IEEE INFOCOM 2013, IEEE MASS 2012, IEEE INFOCOM 2012, IEEE SECON 2012, IEEE INFOCOM 2011, IEEE SECON 2011, IEEE MASS 2010, IEEE SECON 2010, insieme a numerosi workshop e conferenze internazionali minori.

Docente alla Lipari School on Computational Social Science, Jacob T. Schwartz International School for Scientific Research, Lipari, Italia, luglio 2015.

Associate Editor delle IEEE Transactions on Computers, 2005–2009.

General Chair di IEEE IPDPS 2009, Rome, Italy.

Progetti di ricerca recenti

PI del progetto EU H2020 RAPID IST-644312 STP, 2015–2018.

co-PI del progetto Inf@nzia Digi.Tales 3.2, PON Smart Cities and Communities, 2014–2016.

co-PI del progetto SPAI: Salvaguardia della Privacy nelle Applicazioni Internet, MISE, 2015.

Google Faculty Research Award, 2013.

co-PI e WP leader del progetto EU FP7 TROPIC IST-318784 STP, 2012–2015.

PI del progetto EU FP7 IOT-A IST-257521 IP, 2010–2013.

Marie Curie Outgoing International Fellowship, UCSD e Sapienza, 2010–2011.

Membro di numerosi progetti della EU.

Responsabile scientifico di numerosi progetti regionali della Regione Lazio.

Responsabile scientifico e membro di alcuni progetti di Ateneo.

Servizi accademici

Presidente del Collegio dei Direttori di Dipartimento, Sapienza Università di Roma, 2018–2021.

Coordinatore del dottorato di ricerca in Informatica, Sapienza Università di Roma, 2018–2018.

Direttore del Dipartimento di Informatica, Sapienza Università di Roma, 2015–2018.

Coordinatore del dottorato di ricerca in Informatica, Sapienza Università di Roma, 2012–2015.

Direttore della scuola di dottorato di ricerca in Scienza e tecnologia dell'informazione e delle comunicazioni, Sapienza Università di Roma, 2013–2016.

Membro della commissione ricerca scientifica della Sapienza, 2009–2010.

Pubblicazioni (selezionate)

[1] M. La Morgia, A. Mei, S. Raponi, and J. Stefa, "Time-Zone Geolocation of Crowds in the Dark Web", IEEE ICDCS 2018, Atlanta, GA, USA.

- [2] A. Di Luzio, A. Mei, and J. Stefa, "Uncovering Hidden Social Relationships Through Location-Based Services: The Happn Case Study", IEEE INFOCOM BigSecurity 2018, Honolulu, HI, USA.
- [3] F. A. Silva, S. Kosta, M. Rodrigues, B. Silva, D. Oliveira, G. Callau, T. Maciel, A. Mei, and P. Maciel, "Mobile Cloud Performance Evaluation Using Stochastic Models", IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, vol. 17(5), 2018.
- [4] E. Ulqinaku, L. Malisa, J. Stefa, A. Mei, and S. Capkun, "Using Hover to Compromise the Confidentiality of User Input on Android", ACM WiSec 2017, Boston, MA, USA.
- [5] A. Di Luzio, A. Mei, and J. Stefa, "Consensus Robustness and Transaction De-Anonymization in the Ripple Currency Exchange System", IEEE ICDCS 2017, Atlanta, GA, USA.
- [6] A. Mei, N. Piroso, and J. Stefa, "Count On Me: Reliable Broadcast and Efficient Routing in DTNs through Social Skeletons", Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, vol. 96, 2016.
- [7] A. Di Luzio, A. Mei, and J. Stefa, "Mind Your Probes: De-Anonymization of Large Crowds Through Smartphone WiFi Probe Requests", IEEE INFOCOM 2016, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- [8] E. Baccarelli, N. Cordeschi, A. Mei, M. Panella, M. Shojafar, and J. Stefa, "Energy-efficient dynamic traffic offloading and reconfiguration of networked datacenters for big data stream mobile computing: Review, challenges, and a case study," *IEEE Network Magazine*, 2016.
- [9] F. A. Silva, S. Kosta, M. Rodrigues, A. Mei, and P. Maciel, "Planning Mobile Cloud Infrastructures Using Stochastic Petri Nets and Graphic Processing Units", IEEE CloudCom 2015, poster session, Vancouver, Canada.
- [10] V. C. Perta, M. V. Barbera, G. Tyson, H. Haddadi, and A. Mei, "Exploiting delay patterns for user ips identification in cellular networks," in *PETS 2015*.
- [11] V. C. Perta, M. V. Barbera, and A. Mei, "Exploiting delay patterns for user ips identification in cellular networks," in *PETS 2014*.
- [12] M. V. Barbera, S. Kosta, A. Mei, V. C. Perta, and J. Stefa, "Mobile offloading in the wild: Findings and lessons learned through a real-life experiment with a new cloud-aware system," in *IEEE INFOCOM 2014*.
- [13] A. Davoli and A. Mei, "Triton: A peer-assisted cloud storage system," in *PAPEC 2014, workshop of EUROSYS*.
- [14] A. Mei, G. Morabito, P. Santi, and J. Stefa, "Social-aware stateless forwarding in pocket switched networks," *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Computing*, vol. 26(1), 2015.
- [15] A. Mei and J. Stefa, "Large-scale synthetic social mobile networks with swim," *IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing*, vol. 13(1), 2014.
- [16] M. V. Barbera, A. Mei, and V. C. Perta, "A needle in the haystack: Delay based user identification in cellular networks," in *PAM 2014*, poster session.
- [17] D. Mattiacci, S. Kosta, A. Mei, and J. Stefa, "Demo abstract: Supporting interoperability of things in IoT systems," in *ACM SENSYS 2013 demo*.
- [18] M. V. Barbera, A. Epasto, A. Mei, V. C. Perta, and J. Stefa, "Signals from the crowd: Uncovering social

relationships through smartphone probes,” in *ACM/USENIX IMC 2013*.

[19] A. Gaeta, S. Kosta, J. Stefa, and A. Mei, “Streamsmart: P2P video streaming for smartphones through the cloud,” in *IEEE SECON 2013 demo*, **Best Demo Award**.

[20] S. Kosta, V. C. Perta, J. Stefa, P. Hui, and A. Mei, “Clone2clone (c2c): Peer-to-peer networking of smartphones on the cloud,” in *USENIX HOTCLOUD 2013*.

[21] M. V. Barbera, S. Kosta, A. Mei, V. C. Perta, and J. Stefa, “To offload or not to offload? the bandwidth and energy costs of mobile cloud computing,” in *IEEE INFOCOM 2013*.

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[25] A. Di Mauro, A. Mei, and S. Jajodia, “Secure file allocation and caching in large scale distributed systems,” in *SECRYPT 2012*.

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rithms for (weakly) connected dominating sets and linear-size skeletons," in *ACM/SIAM SODA 2003*.

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