

Christian Léonard

Short vitae

- 81-84 PhD thesis. Advisor: [Michel Métivier](#) ([Ecole Polytechnique](#)). [Université Paris-Sud Orsay](#), (1984).
- 84-85 Postdoc position: [Université de Montréal](#), Canada (December 83 - June 84); [Carleton University](#), Ottawa, Canada (July 84 - April 85).
- 85-92 Assistant professor (maître de conférences) of mathematics at [Université Paris-Sud Orsay](#).
- 91 Thèse de doctorat d'état. [Université Paris-Sud Orsay](#), (1991).
- 92-now Professor (professeur) of mathematics at [Université Paris Nanterre](#).

Research teams:

- 84 [Département de mathématiques et de statistique](#), Université de Montréal, Canada
- 84-85 [School of Mathematics and Statistics](#), Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
- 85-95 [Equipe de probabilités et statistique du département de mathématiques d'Orsay](#) (Paris-Sud).
- 96-08 [CMAP](#) (Ecole Polytechnique), associate member.
- 11 [Ceremade](#) (Université Dauphine), CNRS temporary position.
- 95-now [Modal'X](#) (Paris Nanterre).

Talks and invitations (recent)

German Probability and Statistic Days, Dresden, 2020
Stochastic differential geometry and mathematical physics, Rennes, 2020
Oberwolfach Workshop ``Variational Methods for Evolution". Oberwolfach, 2020
Workshop ``Optimal Transportation and Applications", Pisa, 2020
"Variational Analysis and Optimization", Erice, July 2021
Institut für Mathematik der Universität Potsdam, 2019
Casa, Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e), Eindhoven, 2019
Grupo de Fisica Matematica, University of Lisbon, 2019
Ecole Polytechnique, CMAP. 2019

PhD students

- 98-01 Jamal Najim, "Grandes déviations pour des mesures empiriques" (Large deviations for empirical measures).
- 08-12 Rüdiger Murr, "Processus réciproques avec des sauts" (Reciprocal processes with jumps). Co-supervision with Sylvie Roelly (Potsdam Universität).

14-17 Luigia Ripani, "Inégalités fonctionnelles et interpolations entropiques" (Functional inequalities and entropic interpolations). Co-supervision with Ivan Gentil (U. Lyon2).

14-17 Luca Tamanini, "Dynamique du transport optimal dans un cadre non-lisse" (Dynamics of the optimal transport in a non-smooth setting). Co-supervision with Nicola Gigli (Sissa, Trieste).

Publications

P. Cattiaux, G. Conforti, I. Gentil and C. Léonard. *Time reversal of diffusion processes under a finite entropy condition*. [Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincaré](#) Probab. Statist.59(4), 1844-1881, (2023)

C. Léonard. *Feynman-Kac formula under a finite entropy condition*. [Probability Theory and Related Fields](#) 184, 1029-1091, (2022)

G. Conforti and C. Léonard. *Time reversal of Markov processes with jumps under a finite entropy condition*. [Stochastic Processes and their Applications](#) 144, 85-124, (2022)

J. Backhoff, G. Conforti, I. Gentil, C. Léonard. *The mean field Schrödinger problem: ergodic behavior, entropy estimates and functional inequalities*. [Probability Theory and Related Fields](#). 178, 475–530 (2020)

M. Arnaudon, A.B. Cruzeiro, C. Léonard, J.-C. Zambrini. *An entropic interpolation problem for incompressible viscid fluids*. [Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincaré](#) Probab. Statist. 56(3), 2211-2235, (2020)

I. Gentil, C. Léonard, L. Ripani and L. Tamanini. *An entropic interpolation proof of the HWI inequality*. [Stochastic Processes and their Applications](#). 130(2), 907-923 (2020)  

I. Gentil, C. Léonard and L. Ripani. *Dynamical aspects of generalized Schrödinger problem via Otto calculus - A heuristic point of view*. [Revista Matemática Iberoamericana](#) , [online version](#), 36(4), 1071–1112 (2020)

C. Léonard. *On the convexity of the entropy along entropic interpolations*. In: Measure Theory in Non-Smooth Spaces, (ed. N. Gigli), Partial Differential Equations and Measure Theory. De Gruyter Open, June 2017, 195-242.

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C. Léonard. *Lazy random walks and optimal transport on graphs*, Ann. Probab., 44(3), (2016), 1864-1915.

C. Léonard. *Some geometric consequences of the Schrödinger problem*. Geometric Science of Information. Proceedings of the Second International Conference, GSI 2015. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Vol. 9389 (2015), pp. 60-68.

G. Conforti, C. Léonard, R. Murr and S. Roelly. *Bridges of Markov counting processes. Reciprocal classes and duality formulas*. Electr. Comm. Probab., Vol. 20, [Article 18](#), (2015), 12 pp.

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- M. Beiglböck, C. Léonard and W. Schachermayer. *On the duality for the Monge-Kantorovich transport problem*, London Mathematical Society Lecture Notes Series, 413, (2014).
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