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About me

I am a PhD student at the University of Amsterdam, within the Psychological Methods research group. My research is funded by an NWO Talent Grant and it is concerned with the application of network analysis to psychiatric disorders. My work so far has been concerned with the integration of (environmental and genetic) risk factors into symptom networks of psychosis.

Sex: Female

Date of birth: 14.08.1992

Nationality: Romanian

Skills

Computer:

- Psychology software: R, Mplus, SPSS, E-Prime
- ECDL Core Certificate
- Microsoft Office tools

Languages:

Romanian (native)
English (fluent)
Dutch (beginner)

Education

Sep 2014 - Aug 2016 **Master of Science**, University of Amsterdam, Research Master Psychology, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- Graduated: August 2016 (cum merit)
- Specialization: Psychological Methods
- Minor: Clinical Psychology

Sep 2011 - Jul 2014 **Bachelor of Science**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- Specialization: Neuroscience
- Dissertation: The Effects of Cognitive Distraction on Motor Performance in Laparoscopic Surgery

Sep 2007 - Jul 2011 **Romanian Baccalaureate Diploma**, Colegiul National Sfântul Sava, Bucharest, Romania

Experience

Sep 2016 - Present **PhD Candidate**, University of Amsterdam, Department of Psychological Methods, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Project:** Psychosis - Towards a Dynamical Systems Approach
- **Supervisors:** Prof Denny Borsboom & Prof Jim van Os
- **Funded by:** NWO Research Talent Grant

In 2016 I was awarded the prestigious research talent grant by NWO to continue my work on the application of network analysis to psychiatric disorders.

Mar 2017 - Present **Organizer & Lecturer Psychological Networks Amsterdam Summer / Winter School**, University of Amsterdam, Department of Psychological Methods, Amsterdam, Netherlands

January 2018 **Co-organizer & Lecturer Workshop Network Modeling for Psychological (and Attitudinal) Data**, University of Oldenburg, Oldenburg, Germany

Mar 2016 - Apr 2016 **Teaching Assistant Structural Equation Modeling**, Research Master Psychology, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- Tasks: Answering student questions, handling and grading the homework and student presentations

Sep 2014 - Mar 2015 **Member Student Faction (Academic Team)**, University of Amsterdam, Research Master Psychology, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Tasks:** organizing conferences and academic events, keeping contact with the Psychology Department and the PhD Faction.



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Sep 2013 - Jun 2014 **Writer and Researcher: “Psynapse” Magazine**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- **Tasks:** keeping up-to-date with the research undertaken in the Institute of Psychological Sciences and regularly writing a column in “Psynapse”, the Institute’s magazine.

Oct 2013 - Mar 2014 **Organizer: “Alumni Psychology Conference - Life After Graduation**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- **Funded by:** Leeds for Life Foundation Grant, awarded to organizing the first student-led psychology conference within the Psychology Department
- **Core themes:** employability, skills development, life and career choices after graduation

Feb 2013 - Jul 2013 **Research Assistant - Research Experience Scheme for Undergraduate Students (RESUS)**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- **Tasks:** Participant recruitment, testing and data collection, retrieval and assessment of relevant journal articles
- Worked under the supervision of a PhD student, for a study investigating the development of children’s temporal memory using a kinematic assessment tool

Jul 2010 - Aug 2011 **Board Member**, Young Initiative non-Governmental Organization (NGO), Bucharest, Romania

- **Tasks:** Decision making in terms of internal affairs of the NGO, as well as recruitment and training of new volunteers
- Non-profit organization promoting projects in the field of youth education

Publications

Full text pdf files of these publications can be found on my website at <http://www.adelaisvoranu.com/publications>

Main Author Publications:

- **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Boyette, L.L., Guloksuz, S., Borsboom, D. (2019). Network Models of Psychosis. Submitted in *Psychotic Disorders: Comprehensive Conceptualization and Treatments*. Oxford, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press.
- **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Guloksuz, S., Epskamp, S., van Os, J., Borsboom, D., GROUP (2019). Towards Incorporating Genetic Risk Scores into Symptom Networks of Psychosis. *Psychological Medicine*.



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• **Isvoranu, A. M.**, van Borkulo, C. D., Boyette, L., Wigman, J. T. W., Vinkers, C. H., Borsboom, D. (2016). A Network Approach to Psychosis: Pathways Between Childhood Trauma and Psychotic Symptoms. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 43(1), 187-196.

• **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Borsboom, D., van Os, J. & Guloksuz, S. (2016). A Network Approach to Environmental Impact in Psychotic Disorder: Brief Theoretical Framework. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 42(4), 870-873.

Collaborations:

• Abacioglu, C. S., **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Epskamp, S., Verkuyten, M., & Thijs, J. (2019). The Influence of Teacher Factors on Pupil Motivation: A Comparative Network Analysis. *Journal of School Psychology*.

• Epskamp, S., van Borkulo, C. D., van der Veen, D. C., Servaas, M. N., **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Riese, H., Cramer, A. O. J. (2018). Personalized Network Modeling in Psychopathology: The Importance of Contemporaneous and Temporal Connections. *Clinical Psychological Science*, 6(3), 416-427.

• Fonseca-Pedrero, E., Ortuño, J., Debbané, M., Chan, R. C., Cicero, D., Zhang, L. C., ... **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Epskamp, S., Fried, E.I. (2018). The Network Structure of Schizotypal Personality Traits. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 44(suppl_2), S468-S479.

• van Rooijen, G., **Isvoranu, A. M.**, van Borkulo, C. D., Meijer, C. J., Wigman, J. T. W., Ruhé H. G., de Haan, L., GROUP (2017). Distinguishing depressive and negative symptoms during the course of schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*, 193, 232-239.

• van Rooijen, **Isvoranu, A. M.**, G., Meijer, C. J., van Borkulo, Ruhé H. G., de Haan, L., GROUP (2017). A Symptom Network Structure of the Psychosis Spectrum. *Schizophrenia Research*, 189, 75-83.

Teaching

• Lecturer Psychology Research Master Network Analysis Course
October 2018 - December 2018

• Supervisor Psychology Research Master Internship - Jamie Breukel
February 2019 - July 2019

• Lecturer Psychological Networks Amsterdam Winter School
January 2019

• Supervisor Behavioural Data Science Master Thesis - Veronika Kovacs
January 2019 - July 2019

• Lecturer Psychological Networks Amsterdam Summer School
August 2018

• Lecturer Network Modeling for Psychological (and Attitudinal) Data Workshop
January 2018, Oldenburg, Germany

• Supervisor Psychology Research Master Internship - Hui Lin Ong
February 2018 - July 2018

• Supervisor Miniscriptie (Bachelor course) – Floor van Duren, Anne-Linde van Zuuk, Marene Hardonk
February 2017 - April 2017



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- Teaching Assistant Psychology Research Master Structural Equation Modeling
March 2016 - April 2016
- Research Assistant, Research Experience Scheme for Undergraduate Students
February 2013 - July 2013

Conference Attendance

All presentations can be found at <http://www.adelaisvoranu.com/presentations>

- International Convention of Psychological Science – **State of the Art and Clinical Applications of Network Psychometrics**
March 2019, Paris, France
- Conference on Complex Systems – **Towards a Dynamical Systems Approach to Mental Disorders**
September 2018, Thessaloniki, Greece
- International Meeting of the Psychometric Society – **Network Analysis in JASP**
July 2018, New York, USA
- Association for Psychological Science – **Big5 in Schizophrenia: Personality through Exploratory Structural Equation Modeling and Network Analysis**
May 2018, San Francisco, USA
- Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference – **Poster Presentation**
April 2018, Florence, Italy
March 2018, Singapore
- Institute of Mental Health – **Network Models of Psychosis**
March 2018, Singapore
- Conference on Complex Systems – **A Network Approach to Schizophrenia**
March 2018, Singapore
- Clinical Psychology Department – **Network Models of Psychosis**
February 2018, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Conference on Complex Systems – **Poster Presentation**
September 2017, Cancun, Mexico
- International Meeting of the Psychometric Society
July 2017, Zurich, Switzerland
- Behaviour Genetics Association Annual Meeting – **Invited Speaker in Symposium**
June 2017, Oslo, Norway
- Conference on Complex Systems
September 2016, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- International Convention of Psychological Sciences
March 2015, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- European Congress of Psychology
July 2013, Stockholm, Sweden
- International Congress of Psychology
July 2012, Cape Town, South Africa



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Awards & Achievements

- Unilever Research Prize: awarded for first year research master thesis
December 2017, Vlaardigen, The Netherlands
- NWO Talent Grant: *four-year PhD grant*
September 2016, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 3rd Place Poster Award: presentation Research Master Graduate Conference
October 2016, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2nd Place Poster Award: presentation Research Master Graduate Conference
October 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- IPS Civic Award: awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Careers Initiatives
May 2014, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom
- Leeds for Life Foundation Grant: for organizing Alumni Psychology Conference
October 2014, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

Online References

- <http://www.adelaisvoranu.com>
– My personal website
- http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Adela_Isvoranu/info
– My Research Gate profile
- <http://www.psychosystems.org>
– Website of the Psychosystems research group where I conduct my PhD research
- <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Adelaisvoranu>
– My Google Scholar Profile
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/adela-isvoranu>
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