

## Research summary

**Aims**—to develop and evaluate design patterns that help people self-regulate their use of smartphones and laptops.

**Methods**—controlled studies, user surveys, interviews, co-design workshops, web scraping, behaviour logging.

**I am passionate about** open and transparent research. Since 2018, I have shared materials, analysis scripts, and data for all my first-authored work, and written my papers as reproducible documents in R Markdown/Quarto<sup>1</sup>.

## Research positions

- 2021 — present **External postdoc**, University of Copenhagen  
Human Centred Computing<sup>2</sup>, Department of Computer Science
- 2023 — 2024 **Research Associate**, University of Oxford  
Human Centred Computing<sup>3</sup>, Department of Computer Science
- 2021 — 2023 **Carlsberg Foundation Visiting Fellow**, University of Oxford  
Department of Computer Science

## Education

- 2016 — 2021 **DPhil in Computer Science**, University of Oxford  
Supervisor: Sir Nigel Shadbolt<sup>4</sup>  
Thesis: Examining the effectiveness of design patterns for digital self-control
- 2012 — 2013 **MSc in Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology**, University of Oxford  
Supervisor: Oliver Curry<sup>5</sup>  
Thesis: Fundamental motivations and risk-taking
- 2011 — 2016 **MA in the Study of Religion & Psychology**, Aarhus University  
Supervisor: Uffe Schjødt<sup>6</sup>  
Thesis: Religion as a cultural tool for cognitive control
- 2007 — 2011 **BA in the Study of Religion & Psychology**, Aarhus University  
Supervisors: Jesper Sørensen<sup>7</sup> and Kristoffer Laigaard Nielbo<sup>8</sup>  
Thesis: Priming effects of religious concepts on moral judgment

## Major grants and funding

- 2023 — 2024 **EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account<sup>9</sup>** (~£108k), Preparing the Reduce Digital Distraction (ReDD) Workshop for Impact across the UK higher education sector

- 2021 — 2023 **Carlsberg Foundation Visiting Fellowship at University of Oxford**<sup>10</sup> (DKK 700,000 (~£80k)), Understanding Personal Digital Self-Control Struggles and Appropriate Interventions
- 2020 **van Houten Fund**<sup>11</sup> (~£12k), The Reduce Digital Distraction (ReDD) Workshop for Oxford University students.  
Supervisor: Maureen Freed.
- 2019 — 2020 **EPSRC Doctoral Prize**<sup>12</sup> (~£28k), Supporting End-User Autonomy Over Digital Device Use.  
Supervisor: Nigel Shadbolt. Mentor: Max Van Kleek.

## Awards & honours

- 2024 **Early Career Researcher Social Impact Award**, 2024 Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Impact Awards<sup>13</sup>, University of Oxford
- Best Paper Honorable Mention Award for “Empowering Students to Achieve Their Device Use Goals...”**, CHI’24: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2023 **Reid Music Prize, for outstanding contributions to the local musical community**, Linacre College, University of Oxford
- Best Paper Honorable Mention Award for “SwitchTube: A Proof-of-Concept System...”**, CHI’23: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2020 **Winner of the 2020 Oxford Three Minute Thesis competition**<sup>14</sup>, Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division, University of Oxford
- Commendation Certificate for the Reduce Digital Distraction Workshop**, MPLS Impact Awards<sup>15</sup>, University of Oxford
- 2019 **Best Talk Award**, 2019 Oxford Computer Science Conference, University of Oxford
- Best Paper Honorable Mention Award for “Self-Control in Cyberspace...”**, CHI’19: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2018 **Best Paper Award for “Third party tracking...”**, WebSci’18: ACM Conference on Web Science, Amsterdam
- 2017 **DOMUS Prize for Outstanding Research Communication**, Linacre College, University of Oxford

## Publications

### Conference publications

(fully reviewed, archival)

In computer science, top-tier conferences (<30% acceptance rate) are as, or more impactful than journals, see [doi.org/fgjt2h](https://doi.org/fgjt2h)

- 2024 C10 **"I finally felt I had the tools to control these urges": Empowering Students to Achieve Their Device Use Goals With the Reduce Digital Distraction Workshop**  
*U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff, P. Slovak, M. Inzlicht, M. Freed, H. Andrews, C. Tinsman, L. Csuka, L. Alberts, V. Oldemburgo de Mello, G. Makransky, K. Hornbæk, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt*  
 CHI'24: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems  
 🏆 Best paper honourable mention (top 5%)
- C11 **"You Can Find a Part of my Life in Every Single App": An Interview Study of What Makes Smartphone Applications Special to Their Users**  
*K. Hornbæk, U. Lyngs, O. Iarygina, M. B. Skov*  
 CHI'24: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- C09 **Computers as Bad Social Actors: Dark Patterns and Anti-Patterns in Interfaces that Act Socially**  
*L. Alberts, U. Lyngs, M. Van Kleek*  
 CSCW'24: ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing
- 2023 C08 **'We are adults and deserve control of our phones': Examining the risks and opportunities of a right to repair for mobile apps**  
*K. Kollnig, S. Datta, T. Şerban von Davier, M. Van Kleek, R. Binns, U. Lyngs, N. Shadbolt*  
 FAccT '23: ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency
- C07 **SwitchTube: A Proof-of-Concept System Introducing "Adaptable Commitment Interfaces" as a Tool for Digital Wellbeing**  
*K. Lukoff, U. Lyngs, H. Zade, V. Liao, J. Choi, K. Fan, S. Munson, A. Hiniker*  
 CHI'23: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems  
 🏆 Best paper honourable mention (top 5%)
- 2021 C06 **How the Design of YouTube Influences User Sense of Agency**  
*K. Lukoff, U. Lyngs, H. Zade, V. Liao, J. Choi, K. Fan, S. Munson, A. Hiniker*  
 CHI'21: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2020 C05 **From Ancient Contemplative Practice to the App Store: Designing a Digital Container for Mindfulness**  
*K. Lukoff, U. Lyngs, S. Gueorguieva, E. S. Dillman, A. Hiniker, S. A. Munson*  
 DIS'20: ACM conference on Designing Interactive Systems
- C04 **"I Just Want to Hack Myself to Not Get Distracted": Evaluating Design Interventions for Self-Control on Facebook**  
*U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff, P. Slovak, W. Seymour, H. Webb, M. Jirotko, J. Zhao, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt*  
 CHI'20: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2019 C03 **Self-Control in Cyberspace: Applying Dual Systems Theory to a Review of Digital Self-Control Tools**  
*U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff, P. Slovak, R. Binns, A. Slack, M. Inzlicht, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt*  
 CHI'19: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems  
 🏆 Best paper honourable mention (top 5%)
- 2018 C02 **Third party tracking in the mobile ecosystem**  
*R. Binns, U. Lyngs, M. Van Kleek, J. Zhao, T. Libert, N. Shadbolt*  
 WebSci'18: ACM Web Science Conference  
 🏆 Best paper award (top 2 papers)

- C01      **“It’s Reducing a Human Being to a Percentage”: Perceptions of Justice in Algorithmic Decisions**  
R. Binns, M. Van Kleek, M. Veale, U. Lyngs, J. Zhao, N. Shadbolt  
CHI’18: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

### Journal articles (fully reviewed, archival)

- 2024      J5      **Designing for Sustained Motivation: A Review of Self-Determination Theory in Behaviour Change Technologies**  
L. Alberts, U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff  
IwC: Interacting with Computers
- 2022      J4      **The Goldilocks Level of Support: Using User Reviews, Ratings, and Installation Numbers to Investigate Digital Self-Control Tools**  
U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff, L. Csuka, P. Slovák, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt  
IJHCS: International Journal of Human-Computer Studies, 166
- 2021      J3      **Before and after GDPR: tracking in mobile apps**  
K. Kollnig, R. Binns, M. Van Kleek, J. Zhao, U. Lyngs, C. Tinsman, N. Shadbolt  
Internet Policy Review, 10(4)
- J2      **Designing for Youth-Centered Moderation and Community Governance in Minecraft**  
K. Salen Tekinbaş, K. Jagannath, U. Lyngs, P. Slovák  
TOCHI: ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction, 28(4)
- 2016      J1      **Hearing in Colour: How Expectations Distort Perception of Skin Tone**  
U. Lyngs, E. Cohen, W. Hattori, M. Newson, D. Levin  
JEP:HPP: Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance, 42(12), 2068-2076

### Book chapters

- 2021      B1      **Robot Accident Investigation: a case study in Responsible Robotics**  
A. F.T. Winfield, K. Winkle, H. Webb, U. Lyngs, M. Jirotko, C. Macrae  
Springer: Software Engineering for Robotics 16, Cavalcanti et al. (eds.), pp. 165-187

### Extended abstracts and workshop papers

(lightly reviewed)

- 2024      A12      **Digital Self-Control in Danish High Schools: A Pilot Intervention Study**  
U. Lyngs, M. Møller-Jensen, K. Lukorf, H. Willadsen  
NordiCHI’24: Nordic Conference on Human-Computer Interaction
- 2022      A11      **Leveraging Self-Regulation Research When Designing for Digital Wellbeing**  
U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff  
AVI’22 Workshop: *Designing for Meaningful Interactions and Digital Wellbeing*, International Conference on Advanced Visual Interfaces
- A10      **Designing to Support Autonomy and Reduce Psychological Reactance in Digital Self-Control Tools**  
K. Lukoff, U. Lyngs, L. Alberts  
CHI’22 Workshop: *Self-Determination Theory in HCI: Shaping a Research Agenda*, ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

- 2020 A09 **The ReDD Workshop: A Template for Supporting People in Regaining Control Over Digital Device Use**  
*U. Lyngs, M. Freed, K. Lukoff, P. Slovak, M. Van Kleek*  
 CHI'20 Workshop: *Rethinking Mental Health Resources*, ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- A08 **Further Exploring Communal Technology Use in Smart Homes: Social Expectations**  
*M. Kraemer, U. Lyngs, H. Webb, I. Flechais*  
 CHI'20 EA: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- A07 **"What Could Possibly Go Wrong?" Logging HRI Data for Robot Accident Investigations**  
*K. Winkle, M. Jirotko, U. Lyngs, C. Macrae, H. Webb, A. Winfield*  
 HRI'20 Companion: ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction
- 2019 A06 **Putting Self-Control at the Centre of Digital Wellbeing**  
*U. Lyngs*  
 CHI'19 Workshop: *Designing for Digital Wellbeing*, ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2018 A05 **So, Tell Me What Users Want, What They Really, Really Want!**  
*U. Lyngs, R. Binns, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt*  
 CHI'18 EA (alt.chi): ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- A04 **A Cognitive Design Space for Supporting Self-Regulation of ICT Use**  
*U. Lyngs*  
 CHI'18 EA: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2017 A03 **'It's More Fun With My Phone': A Replication Study of Cell Phone Presence and Task Performance**  
*U. Lyngs*  
 CHI'17 EA: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- A02 **'It's More Fun With My Phone': A Replication Study of Cell Phone Presence and Task Performance**  
*U. Lyngs, R. McKay*  
 CogSci'17: 39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society
- A01 **Curiosity, ICTs, and Attention Management**  
*U. Lyngs*  
 CHI'17 Workshop: *Designing for Curiosity: An Interdisciplinary Workshop*<sup>17</sup>, ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

## Publicly available research code & data

- 2022 **Data, materials, and analysis for "The Goldilocks Level of Support..." [J4]**  
 Ulrik Lyngs, Kai Lukoff, Laura Csuka, Petr Slovák, Max Van Kleek, Nigel Shadbolt  
<https://osf.io/cdqub/>
- 2021 **Data, materials, and analysis for "Before and after GDPR..." [J3]**  
 Konrad Kollnig, Reuben Binns, Max Van Kleek, Jun Zhao, Ulrik Lyngs, Claudine Tinsman, Nigel Shadbolt  
<https://osf.io/35xps/>

## Data, materials, and analyses for my DPhil thesis "Ulysses in Cyberspace..."

Ulrik Lyngs

<https://osf.io/ed3wh/>

2020

### Data, materials, and analysis for "I Just Want to Hack Myself..." [C4]

Ulrik Lyngs, Kai Lukoff, Petr Slovak, William Seymour, Helena Webb, Marina Jirotko, Jun Zhao, Max Van Kleek, Nigel Shadbolt

<https://osf.io/qtg7h/>

2019

### Data, materials, and analysis for "Self-Control in Cyberspace..." [C3]

Ulrik Lyngs, Kai Lukoff, Petr Slovak, Reuben Binns, Adam Slack, Michael Inzlicht, Max Van Kleek, Nigel Shadbolt

<https://osf.io/zvj4h/>

2018

### Data and analysis for "Third party tracking..." [C2]

Reuben Binns, Ulrik Lyngs, Max Van Kleek, Jun Zhao, Timothy Libert, Nigel Shadbolt

<https://osf.io/4nu9e/>

## Research dissemination

### Press

2023

**Canadian magazine *Healthy Debate***<sup>18</sup>, Interviewed for the article "Everything is at stake here': Startups aim to break addictions to social media"<sup>19</sup>

2023

**Danish newspaper *Jyllandsposten***<sup>20</sup>, Interviewed for the article 'Fem digitale tricks, der hjælper dig med at få styr på dit digitale liv'<sup>21</sup> (*Five digital tricks that help you get your digital life sorted*)

2023

**Danish newspaper *Jyllandsposten***<sup>22</sup>, Interviewed for the article 'Hvorfor kan vi bare ikke lade være med at scrolle på vores mobiltelefon?'<sup>23</sup> (*Why can't we just stop scrolling on our mobile phone?*)

2021

**Danish radio program 'Kortsluttet' (short-circuited) on P1**, Interviewed in the episode 'Død over digitale distraktioner'<sup>24</sup> (P1) (*Death to digital distractions*)

2018

**Financial Times**<sup>25</sup>, **BBC**<sup>26</sup>, **The Times**<sup>27</sup>, **Business Insider**<sup>28</sup>, and more, Our paper "Third Party Tracking in the Mobile Ecosystem" covered in international media

### Podcasts

2024

Pod4

**Brainstorm podcast (Danish)**, Hvorfor har jeg så svært ved at lægge min mobil væk?<sup>29</sup> (*Why is it so hard for me to put away my smartphone?*)

Pod3

**Danish Dialogues**, #8 - Ulrik Lyngs (Digital Self-Control Expert)<sup>30</sup>

2021

Pod2

**Brainstorm podcast (Danish)**<sup>31</sup>, Slip nu den telefon! Fire gode råd til at undgå tidsrøvende distraktioner på nettet (*Let go of that phone! Four pieces of good advice for avoiding time-wasting distractions on the web*)

2020

Pod1

**University of Oxford Podcasts**<sup>32</sup>, Your Digital Life During Lockdown

## Talks

All first-authored conference publications listed above were also presented as talks at their respective conferences and are not listed again in this section.

- 2024 T50 **University of Cambridge, Digital Mental Health Group<sup>33</sup>, MRC Cognition and Brain Science Unit**  
Self-Control in Cyberspace: Advancing Digital Wellbeing Research & Real-World Impact by Empowering People to Modify Their Digital Environments
- T48 **Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science<sup>34</sup>, Research retreat**, Rødvig Kro & Badehotel, Denmark  
Reduce Digital Distraction: Unlocking Impact at Scale
- T49 **SYNC Digital Wellbeing Summit<sup>35</sup>, Ithra, Global Digital Wellbeing Assembly**, Dharan, Saudi Arabia  
Empowering People to Achieve Digital Wellbeing With Digital Focus Tools
- T47 **University of Copenhagen, DIKU Bits<sup>36</sup>**, Dept. of Computer Science  
Empowering Students to Achieve Their Device Use Goals With the Reduce Digital Distraction Workshop
- T46 **University of Oxford, Linacre Seminar Series**, Linacre College  
Self-Control in Cyberspace: Empowering People to Achieve Their Device Use Goals
- 2023 T45 **Tjek på Tech ('Technology in Check'), networking conference organised by Danish NGO Børns Vilkår<sup>37</sup>**, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Selvkontrol i cyberspace: Hvordan giver vi børn og unge de praktiske værktøjer de har brug for?  
(*Self-control in cyberspace: How can we give children and youth the practical tools they need?*)
- T44 **Oxford Ideas Festival 2023, In conversation with Elaine Kasket<sup>38</sup>**, Somerville College chapel  
Reclaiming your life in a tech-obsessed world<sup>39</sup>
- T43 **Children and Screens: Institute of Digital Media and Child Development, Digital Media and Developing Minds<sup>40</sup>, 2023 International Congress**, Washington, DC  
Empowering Adolescents to Self-Regulate Their Use of Digital Devices: A Pilot Study in Danish High Schools
- T42 **Brave Software, Inc., Research team reading group**  
Self-Control in Cyberspace (and browsers as guardians of freedom)
- T41 **University of Oxford, Netra Tantra Seminar**, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies  
Digital Humanities and Hindu Studies: Building a Śākta Database
- T40 **University of Oxford, DPhil research workshop, Human Centred Computing<sup>41</sup>**, Dept. of Computer Science  
Open and Transparent Research: Why Bother and What To Do
- T39 **Barnes Philosophy Club<sup>42</sup>**, London  
Freedom in the Digital World: Tools of Resistance in the Battle for Online Attention

- T37 **AVI'22: International Conference on Advanced Visual Interfaces, Designing for Meaningful Interactions and Digital Wellbeing workshop**<sup>44</sup>, Rome, Italy  
Leveraging Self-Regulation Research When Designing for Digital Wellbeing
- T36 **Goodenough College & University of Oxford, Colloquium on AI and Regulation**, Venice, Italy  
Self-Control in Cyberspace: The Attentional Challenges of Computing Technology
- 2021 T35 **University of Oxford, Reproducible Research Oxford**<sup>45</sup>  
Reproducible academic papers with R Markdown, RStudio, Zotero, Google Docs, and LaTeX templates<sup>46</sup>
- T34 **University of Oxford, Human Centred Computing**<sup>47</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
"Where has my cognitive prime time gone?" Understanding digital self-control struggles and appropriate interventions
- T33 **University of Copenhagen, International Seminar organised by the DISTRACT**<sup>48</sup> project: *Studying the Digital Backlash*, Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science  
"Where has my cognitive prime time gone?" Understanding digital self-control struggles and appropriate interventions
- T32 **KulturRummet Thy, Thy 360**<sup>49</sup>, local event, Thisted Library, Denmark  
Selvkontrol i cyberspace (*Self-control in cyberspace*)
- T31 **University of Copenhagen, DISTRACT**<sup>50</sup> project, Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science  
The Reduce Digital Distraction workshop as research tool: methods and preliminary results
- T30 **University of Copenhagen, Human-Centred Computing Section**<sup>51</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
Reproducible and Replicable Research
- T29 **University of Oxford, Human Centred Computing**<sup>52</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
R Markdown in 7 Minutes
- T28 **University of Oxford, Human Centred Computing**<sup>53</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
Reproducible and Replicable Research
- 2020 T27 **University of Oxford, Guest lecture in Interaction Design (IDE)**<sup>54</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
Ulysses in Cyberspace: The Theory and Practice of Digital Self-Control
- T26 **University of Copenhagen, DISTRACT**<sup>55</sup>, Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science  
Self-Control in Cyberspace: Examining Tools of Resistance in the Battle for Online Attention
- T25 **University of Copenhagen, COINACT**<sup>56</sup>, Institute of Psychology  
Cognitive Control in Cyberspace
- T24 **University of Oxford, Seminars at Linacre College**<sup>57</sup>  
'I Just Want to Hack Myself to Not Get Distracted': Do Design Interventions for Self-Control on Facebook Work?

- T23 **University of Oxford**, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, online lecture series (6 videos)<sup>58</sup> for a general audience  
What Can Digital Humanities Offer Hindu Studies?
- T22 **University of Oxford, Śākta traditions project**<sup>59</sup>, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies  
Deus ex Machina: What Can Digital Humanities Offer Hindu Studies?
- T21 **University of Washington, Design. Use. Build. (DUB) alliance**<sup>60</sup>  
'I Just Want to Hack Myself to Not Get Distracted': Evaluating Design Interventions for Self-Control on Facebook<sup>61</sup>
- T20 **Google, Digital Wellbeing**<sup>62</sup>  
Digital Wellbeing in Practice: Designing for Digital Self-Control
- T19 **University of Copenhagen, Human-Centred Computing Section**<sup>63</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
Digital Wellbeing in Practice: Examining the Effectiveness of Digital Self-Control Strategies
- T18 **University of Oxford, Digital Ethnography Group (OxDEG)**<sup>64</sup>, Oxford Internet Institute  
Digital Wellbeing in Practice: Examining the Effectiveness of Digital Self-Control Strategies
- 2019 T17 **University of Oxford, R user group Oxford**<sup>65</sup>, St. Peter's College  
Reproducible research with R Markdown, featuring article and PhD thesis writing
- T16 **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Best of CHI2019**, Mumbai (videolink)  
Q&A: Self-Control in Cyberspace
- T15 **University of Oxford, 2019 Oxford Computer Science Conference**<sup>66</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
Self-Control in Cyberspace: Applying Dual Systems Theory to a Review of Digital Self-Control Tools
- T14 **University of Oxford, Workshop for new DPhil (PhD) students**, Dept. of Computer Science  
"Owning" Your DPhil
- T13 **2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, Designing for Digital Wellbeing Workshop**<sup>67</sup>, Glasgow, UK  
Putting Self-Control at the Centre of Digital Wellbeing
- 2018 T12 **BBC, Conference on AI, Society & the Media**, BBC Radio Theatre, New Broadcasting House, London  
So, Tell Me What Users Want, What They Really, Really Want!
- T11 **UnBias**<sup>68</sup> Hackathon, CodeBase, Edinburgh  
Hacking the Attention Economy
- T10 **University of Oxford, Human Centred Computing**<sup>69</sup>, Dept. of Computer Science  
Evaluating Anti-Distraction Browser Extensions for Facebook
- 2017 T09 **PubhD**<sup>70</sup>, science communication and pints, St Aldate's Tavern, Oxford  
How to Build Minimally-Distracting Technology

- T08 **University of Oxford, SOCIAM: The Theory and Practice of Social Machines<sup>71</sup> project meeting**, Jesus College  
Distraction and Self-Regulation in Social Machines
- T07 **University of Oxford, DOMUS Research Communication Competition**, Linacre College  
Ulysses in Cyberspace: How Anti-Distracted Apps Can Guide Digital Design
- T06 **University of Oxford, 2017 Oxford Computer Science Conference<sup>72</sup>**, Dept. of Computer Science  
ICTs and Attention Management: Evaluating the Emerging Anti-Distracted Market
- T05 **University of Oxford, Human Centred Computing<sup>73</sup> workshop: *Being Responsible in Research: Opportunities and Challenges* workshop**, Dept. of Computer Science  
Battle of the Social Machines: Attention Management in the Information Age
- T04 **SOCIAM: The Theory and Practice of Social Machines<sup>74</sup>**, project meeting at Brockenhurst, UK  
Attention Management in the Information Age
- 2015 T03 **Aarhus University, Religion, Cognition and Culture<sup>75</sup> research unit**, Institute of Culture and Society  
Religion: A Culturally Evolved Tool for Self-Control
- 2014 T02 **26th Annual Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference<sup>76</sup>**, Natal, Brazil  
Fundamental Motivations and Risk-Taking: Loss Aversion in Context
- 2012 T01 **Homo Experimentalis: Experimental Approaches in The Study of Religion<sup>77</sup>**, Brno, Czech Republic  
Effort, Loss Aversion and Religion

## Discussion panels

- 2021 D3 **Roundtable discussion on mental health during the COVID pandemic**, Coping with Isolation and Loneliness - a Conversation,
- 2019 D2 **Futures Thinking Conference<sup>78</sup>**, Psychology and Futurity, roundtable discussion on mental health
- D1 **2019 Oxford Computer Science Conference<sup>79</sup>**, Computing Everything? The Limits of Algorithmic Learning, moderated panel discussion with Richard Evans (Deepmind), Peter Millican, Hao Ni, and Luba Elliott

## Poster presentations

- 2024 P8 **2024 Nordic Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, NordiCHI'24**, Uppsala, Sweden  
Digital Self-Control in Danish High Schools: A Pilot Intervention Study
- 2018 P7 **University of Oxford, Connected Life Conference 2018<sup>80</sup>**, Oxford Internet Institute  
What the Anti-Distracted Market Tells Us About Digital Technology and Self-Regulation

- P6 **2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, 3rd Symposium on Computing and Mental Health**<sup>81</sup>, Montreal, Canada  
A Cognitive Design Space for Supporting Self-Regulation of ICT Use
- 2017 P5 **39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society**<sup>82</sup>, London  
"It's More Fun With My Phone": A Replication Study of Cell Phone Presence and Task Performance
- P4 **University of Oxford, Connected Life Conference 2017**<sup>83</sup>, Oxford Internet Institute  
Ulysses in Cyberspace: Evaluating the Anti-Distraction Market
- P3 **2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, Designing for Curiosity Workshop**<sup>84</sup>, Denver, Colorado  
Curiosity, ICTs and Attention Management: Evaluating the Emerging Anti-Distraction Market
- 2014 P2 **Central European University, Morality: Evolutionary Origins and Cognitive Mechanisms**<sup>85</sup>, Budapest  
Wild Cooperation: Studying Real-World Reciprocity Using Couchsurfing.org
- 2011 P1 **33rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society**<sup>86</sup>, Boston, MA  
Priming Effects of Religious Concepts on Moral Judgment – Between Mean Values and Variation

## Blog posts

- 2021 B10 **ulriklyngs.com**, How to Adapt Any LaTeX Template for Use With R Markdown in Four Steps<sup>87</sup>
- 2019 B09 **UX Collective (Medium)**, 367 Tools of Resistance in the Battle for Online Attention<sup>88</sup>
- B08 **ulriklyngs.com**, How to Use Pandoc Filters for Advanced Customisation of Your R Markdown Documents<sup>89</sup>
- B07 **ulriklyngs.com**, How to Create New Chunk Options in R Markdown<sup>90</sup>
- 2018 B06 **ulriklyngs.com**, How to Build Safari App Extensions<sup>91</sup>
- B05 **ulriklyngs.com**, R packages for CHI papers with R Markdown<sup>92</sup>
- B04 **ulriklyngs.com**, How to Write ACM Articles with R Markdown<sup>93</sup>
- 2017 B03 **Connected Life Conference 2017**, Ulysses in Cyberspace<sup>94</sup>
- B02 **ulriklyngs.com**, Making Statistics Make Sense<sup>95</sup>
- 2016 B01 **ulriklyngs.com**, Digging Science Out of a Hole: The Reproducibility Index<sup>96</sup>

## Teaching experience

- 2023 **Instructor, Digital Humanities**, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies' Summer University in Kathmandu<sup>97</sup>  
Gave lecture and hands-on workshop on use of computational methods in hindu studies, to 24 international students.

- 2021 **Instructor, Reproducible research with R Markdown**<sup>98</sup>, Oxford/Berlin Summer School on Open Research<sup>99</sup>  
25 early career researchers (MSc, PhD, and postdocs). Taught a 2-hour workshop on workflows for reproducible data analysis and paper writing
- 2020 **Teaching assistant, Big Data Analytics**<sup>100</sup>, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford  
20 master's students. Taught the practical part of the class on analysing and visualising non-normally distributed data in R and RStudio
- 2019 **Instructor, Reproducible research with R Markdown**<sup>101</sup>, TIER Faculty Development Workshop<sup>102</sup>, St. Anne's College, University of Oxford  
20 staff and faculty from research institutions across Europe. Developed and taught a 2-day master class in reproducible research
- 2013 **Teacher, Introduction to Evolutionary Psychology**, Oxbridge International Summer School<sup>103</sup>  
10 high school students. Organised and taught a 2-week course with group and individual tutorials
- 2010 — 2011 **Teaching assistant, Philosophy, theory of science, and university history**, Dept. for the Study of Religion, Aarhus University  
20 undergraduate students. Taught a weekly supplementary seminar to the main lecture series

## Software

### R packages

- 2019 — present **oxforddown**<sup>104</sup>, for reproducible thesis writing in R Markdown, formatted with a traditional University of Oxford LaTeX template
- 2019 — present **pagedown-cv**<sup>105</sup>, for dynamically generating a curriculum vitae from data held in a spreadsheet into a variety of output formats, using R Markdown and the pagedown R package
- 2018 — 2020 **chi-2021-rmd-template**<sup>106</sup>, **chi20-papers-rmarkdown**<sup>107</sup>, **chi-proc-rmd-template**<sup>108</sup> & **chi-ea-template**<sup>109</sup>, for writing reproducible submissions in R Markdown to the ACM CHI conference

### Apps

- 2022 — present **MindShield**<sup>110</sup>, browser extension hiding distracting UI elements on a range of websites, including YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Google Search in the Safari browser on Mac and iOS
- 2019 — present **HighlightAds for Google Search**<sup>111</sup>, browser extension that adds a background color to search results on Google that are ads in the Safari browser on Mac
- 2019 — present **"No Distractions" for YouTube**<sup>112</sup>, browser extension that hides distracting UI elements on YouTube in the Safari browser on Mac and iOS
- 2019 — 2023 **"No Distractions" for Twitter**<sup>113</sup>, browser extension that hides distracting UI elements on Twitter in the Safari browser on Mac
- 2021 — 2023 **Newsfeed toggle for Facebook**<sup>114</sup>, browser extension that hides distracting UI elements on Facebook in the Safari browser on Mac and iOS

## Service

- 2016 — present **Reviewer** ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI)[115](#), ACM CHI Conference[116](#), Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing[117](#), International Journal of Human-Computer Studies[118](#)
- 2018 — 2020 **Steering group member** Transparent Statistics in Human-Computer Interaction[119](#)
- 2017 — 2018 **President of the Computer Science Graduate Society (CoGS)** Dept. of Computer Science, University of Oxford
- 2018 **Main conference organiser and General Chair** Oxford Computer Science Conference 2018, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Oxford
- 2016 — 2017 **DPhil representative in the Computer Science Graduate Society (CoGS)** Dept. of Computer Science, University of Oxford
- 2012 — 2016 **Executive committee member in the London Evolutionary Research Network**[120](#) (LERN) London, UK
- 2008 — 2012 **Chairman of the Society for the Study of Religion (RvF)**[121](#) Dept. for the Study of Religion, Aarhus University

## Selected work experience

- 2020 — present **Data Scientist and Digital Humanities Consultant**, Śākta Traditions[122](#), Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford  
I provide practical support and consultancy on natural language processing methods for analysis and visualisation of large text corpora, using reproducible workflows in R Markdown.
- 2019 — 2020 **Research Assistant**, RoboTIPS: Developing Responsible Robots for the Digital Economy[123](#)  
Developed accident scenarios and investigation processes to inform responsible innovation in social robotics, with researchers at the Dept. of Computer Science in Oxford (lead: Prof. Marina Jirotko), and the Bristol Robotics Facility (lead: Prof. Alan Winfield).
- 2017 — 2019 **Web developer**, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Oxford: SOCIAM: The Theory and Practice of Social Machines[124](#)  
Built [sociam.org](#)[125](#), which archives outputs of a 5.5 year EPSCR research project involving 55+ researchers, 40+ projects, and 400+ publications. Developed from scratch in Drupal 7, assisted by two summer interns. Ongoing maintenance, feature development, and content curation.
- 2017 — 2019 **Bartender**, Linacre College, University of Oxford
- 2013 — 2016 **Festival Producer and Manager**, Institute of Art and Ideas[126](#), London  
Generated ideas and wrote programme copy for 250+ panel debates for the internationally renowned philosophy and music festival HowTheLightGetsIn[127](#); interviewed (600+) and booked (150+) speakers, including Cory Doctorow, Aubrey de Grey, and Simon Baron-Cohen; led and managed a research team division of two full-time staff plus a music team of three full-time staff.

## Professional development

- 2022 **Invited participant to Dagstuhl Seminar on *Transparent Quantitative Research as a User Interface Problem***, Schloss Dagstuhl<sup>128</sup>, Germany
- 2018 **Invited participant to the Global Dialogue for Happiness**, World Government Summit<sup>129</sup>, Dubai
- 2017 **Leading for Impact<sup>130</sup> fellow**, 4-month leadership training programme at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

## Minor grants and funding

- 2023 **Junior Research Fellow Grant, Lucy Halsall Fund<sup>131</sup>** (£384), Support towards routine research expenses (software, subscriptions, and professional memberships)
- 2022 **Junior Research Fellow Grant, Lucy Halsall Fund<sup>132</sup>** (£500), US research travel: visit to Human Centered Design & Engineering<sup>133</sup>, UW, Seattle; participation in CHI'22<sup>134</sup>, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2021 **Junior Research Fellow Grant, Lucy Halsall Fund<sup>135</sup>** (£292), Initial validation of measures for digital self-control
- 2018 **Student Research Competition Grant** (\$500), CHI'18: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2017 **Workshop Travel Grant** (€400), Designing for Curiosity, CHI'17: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- Student Research Competition Grant** (\$500), CHI'17: ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2013 **Lienhard & Bagby Research Grant** (£1,000), Institute of Social & Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford
- 2008 **Summer School Scholarship** (~€1000), University of Helsinki
- Undergraduate Travel Grant** (DKK 1200), Aarhus University

## Personal skills & volunteering

- 2017 — present **Founding Band Member**, The Karaoke Collective<sup>136</sup>  
Inventor, MC, keyboard player, and drummer; the KC blends the fun of karaoke with the magic of a live band.
- 2017 — 2019 **Computer Science Ambassador**, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Oxford  
I gave regular talks about my group's and my personal research to 14-18 year old students from schools in the UK visiting the Dept. of Computer Science
- 2017 — 2019 **Steering committee member, Oxford Scandinavian Society**, Co-organiser of 'sittnings' (traditional Scandinavian dinner- and drinking parties), movie nights, summer BBQs and more. Webmaster at oxfordscandinavian.com
- 2017 **Head of Entertainment, Linacre College Ball**, Planned, contracted, and produced 15+ acts, including a 30-piece swing band, funk orchestra, live karaoke, glitter fairy, space hopper race, treasure hunt and drumming DJ

Provided interview training to 30+ teenagers from families not traditionally going to university wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge

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