

# Peter Martey Addo, PhD

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## General Information

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## Core Competencies

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I can help generate new ideas, innovation and improve growth.

- Foresight & Strategy: Provide understanding of the potential of unleashing data & emerging technologies to improve growth.
- Lead Interdisciplinary Teams: Experimentations, Research & Innovation.
- Partnerships: Establishing the right partners to address key challenges.

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## Research Interest

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Machine & Deep Learning (Data Science & Knowledge discovery), Econometrics, Applied Statistics & Computational finance, Macro-financial linkages, Financial Networks & Systemic Risk Analysis, Nonlinear Time Series Analysis, Interdisciplinary Research (Statistical Physics & Econometrics)

Programming Language & Applications : R, H2O, Python, Spark, SPSS, Stata, Matlab, Tableau, Talend, Gretl, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (Kile on Linux)

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## Current Position

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### Senior Data Scientist, Head of DataLab

**French Development Agency (AFD), Headquarters, Paris, France** April 2018 - Present

- Providing understanding of the potential of unleashing data & emerging technologies to achieve sustainable development objectives and improve peoples lives. Achieved through experimentations, and dialogues with top management & key stakeholders.
- Lead on Strategic Investments in Frontier Tech for Social Impact.
- Global Partnerships on data innovation.

### Researcher

**LabEx ReFi - European Laboratory on Financial Regulation, France** Jan 2015 - Present

- Research Department: Systemic Risk, Resolution and Growth
- Research Group: "Fintech and Financial Regulation" (BigData, Bitcoin & Blockchain, High Frequency Trading).

### Research Assistant

**Systemic Risk Hub global team**

Sept 2014 - Present

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## Education

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**Diplôme de Docteur en Mathématiques** (Ph.D in Mathematics)

Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France

Sept 2011 - May 2014

**Dottore di Ricerca in Economia** (Ph.D in Economics)

University Cá Foscari of Venice, Italy (Joint PhD degree (Erasmus Mundus) with Univ. of Paris 1)

**Master Mathematiques Appliquees a l'Economie et a la Finance**

*spécialité* Modelisation et Methodes Mathmatiques en Economie et Finance, **mention:** *Trés Bien.*

Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France

Sept 2009 - July 2011

**Laurea Magistrale in Economia** (Master in Economics), **mention:** *110/110 Cum Laude*

University Cá Foscari of Venice, Italy

Sept 2009 - June 2011

**Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Class of Degree:** *First Class Honors*

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana.

Aug 2004 - June 2008.

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## Publications

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1. “*Credit Risk Analysis Using Machine and Deep Learning Models*”, *Risks*, 6(2), 38, April **2018**.  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/risks6020038>. (joint with Hassani, B., Guégan, D.)
2. “*Nonlinear Dynamics and Recurrence Plots for Detecting Financial Crisis*”, *The North-American Journal of Economics and Finance*, Volume 26, December **2013**, Pages 416–435.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.najef.2013.02.014>. (joint with Billio, M., Guégan, D.)
3. “*The Univariate MT-STAR Model and a new linearity and unit root test procedure*”. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis (CSDA)*, Volume 76, August **2014**, Pages 4–19.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.csda.2013.12.009>. (joint with Billio, M., Guégan, D.)
4. “*Turning point chronology for the Euro-Zone: A Distance Plot Approach*”. *Journal of Business Cycle Measurement & Analysis*, Vol. **2014**/1, No. 8, pages 1–14.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/jbcma-2014-5jxwz80d73q8>. (joint with Billio, M., Guégan, D.)
5. “*Nonlinear Dynamics and Wavelets for Business Cycle Analysis*”. In Marco Gallegati and Willi Semmler (Eds.), “*Wavelets Applications in Economics and Finance*”, *Dynamic Modeling and Econometrics in Economics and Finance* Volume 20, **2014**, pages 73–100. Springer Series.  
[http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-07061-2\\_4](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-07061-2_4). (joint with Billio, M., Guégan, D.)
6. “*Understanding exchange rate dynamics*”, In A. Colubi, K. Fokianos, & E. J. Kontoghiorghes (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Computational Statistics*, pp. 1–14, **2012**. Curran Associates, Inc. ISBN: 978-1-62748-321-6. (joint with Billio, M., Guégan, D.)

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## Selected Working Papers

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1. “Coupling direction of the European Banking and Insurance sectors using inter-system recurrence networks”, CES Working paper, **2015**. (submitted)

2. “Insights to the European debt crisis using recurrence quantification and network analysis”, CES Working paper 2015.35, **2015**. (submitted)
3. “The kiss of information theory that captures systemic risk”, CES Working paper no. 14069R, **2015**. (joint with de Peretti P., Runge J., Gatfaoui H.) (submitted)
4. “*Multivariate Self-Exciting Threshold Autoregressive Models with eXogenous Input*”. Papers 1407.7738, arXiv.org (**2014**)
5. “Change-Point Detection and Bayesian Graphical Models for Vector Signals”. (joint with Ahelegbey, D. F.).

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## Previous Position

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### Data Scientist (Lead)

**SNCF Mobilité - Département Performance Maintenance, Direction du Matériel, France**  
Jan 2016 - Mar 2018

- Innovation, Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (AI) Projects (USE CASES)
- Lead at Data Science Lab, Division Innovation & Data
- Selected UseCases (done):
  - \* Quick-Win Security: An ELK-based solution to boost performance of Security department in terms of searching for the right information and analysis. “*Projet QW Sécurité*”
  - \* Real-time Monitoring and Anomalie detection on train mileage. “*Projet KM Tracker*”
  - \* Graph-based Recommendation Search Engine. “*Projet La Bonne Pièce - Eureka*”
  - \* Visual Recognition Search Engine & Image data management: help maintenance agents find information on train parts.
  - \* Handwritten OCR detection & Search Engine on the mechanical drawings of trains

### Postdoctoral Research Fellow (CNRS-UMR8174)

**Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)** Sept 2014 - Dec 2015

- Part of a research team tasked on some working packages of the European Union Systemic risk project: “SYstemic Risk TOMography: Signals, Measurements, Transmission Channels, and Policy Interventions” (SYRTO) Project.
- Understanding the risks of Sovereigns, banks and other financial intermediaries and corporate
- Exploring the bi-variate risk connections among the system Sovereigns-Banks and other Intermediaries-Corporates.
- Proposing new measurement approaches and indicators for systemic risks.
- Exploring the multidimensional risk connections among Sovereigns, Banks and other Intermediaries and Corporates.
- Preparing research manuscripts for journal submission.
- Representing the team in international conferences, and invited seminar presentations

### Research Fellow

**Erasmus Mundus - EACEA** Sept 2011 - Aug 2014

- Worked on a project aimed at the analysis of nonlinearity in business cycles. Special attention was centred on the introduction of modern nonlinear approaches for the analysis of economic & financial time series.
- I was affiliated with the Centre d'Économie de la Sorbonne (CES) – Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, and the Dipartimento di Economia, Università Cà Foscari di Venezia, Italy.

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### Visits

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1. The *Center for Operations Research and Econometrics* (CORE), Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium.
  - Research Group: Econometrics Team. Short visit: 29 May, 2012 - 2 June, **2012**.
  - Purpose: Seminar and discussion with Econometrics Team. Pr. Sébastien Van Bellegem
2. Visiting Scholar, *International Doctorate in Economic Analysis* (IDEA), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, August–December, **2009**.

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### Teaching

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1. **Instructor, Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, France**  
R for Statistical Modelling in Finance, *Summer School on Statistical and Numerical Finance*, June–July, **2012 & 2013**.
2. **Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, KNUST, Ghana**  
Probability and Statistics II, Design of Experiments, Statistics for Computer Science I, Biological Sciences, Spring **2009**. Regression Analysis, Probability and Statistics I, Fall **2008**.

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### Selected Conference and Seminar Presentations

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1. Plenary Session: 'Beyond Slogans - Building inclusive AI Solutions' at Next Einstein Forum (NEF) Global Gathering, Nairobi, Kenya, 11 March **2020** (\*\*Postponed\*\*). Short interview with NEF: "L'intelligence artificielle (IA) en Afrique", March 20, 2020.
2. Big Data & Artificial Intelligence : Risks, Challenges and Applications, Suptech workshop, ACPR, Paris, France, 21 March **2019**.
3. Systemic Risk Group, Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies (FIAS) , June 12th **2015**, Frankfurt, Germany,.
4. Meeting of the Consortium for Systemic Risk Analytics (CSRA), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Massachusetts on May 27 th **2015**, USA.
5. 2015 Annual Doctoral Conference of the Association for the Development of Research in Economics and Statistics (ADRES 2015), Centre d'Économie de la Sorbonne, Paris, February 27–28, **2015**. (French Job Market)
6. Meeting of the Consortium for Systemic Risk Analytics (CSRA), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Massachusetts on December 15 th **2014**, USA.
7. 34th International Symposium on Forecasting (ISF 2014), Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 29 – July 2, **2014**.
8. 7th CSDA International Conference on Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE 2013), Senate House, University of London, UK, 14–16 December **2013**.

9. EBIM-EDEEM-Paris1 Doctoral School Jamboree at the Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (CORE), Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium, 8–10 July **2013**.
10. 6th CSDA International Conference on Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE 2012), Conference Centre Oviedo, Spain, 1–3 December **2012**.
11. 20th International Conference on Computational Statistics (COMPSTAT 2012), Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus, 27–31 August **2012**.
12. EBIM-EDEEM-Paris1 Doctoral School Jamboree, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 11–12 July, **2012**.
13. Econometrics Internal Seminar at the *Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (CORE)*, Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium, 30 May, **2012**.
14. Fifth International MAF 2012 Conference – Mathematical and Statistical Methods for Actuarial Sciences and Finance, Venice, Italy, 10–12 April, **2012**.
15. Second International Symposium in Computational Economics and Finance (ISCEF 2012), El Mouradi Gammarrh, Tunis, Tunisia, March 15–17, **2012**.
16. 5th CSDA International Conference on Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE 2011), Senate House, University of London, UK, 17–19 December **2011**.
17. Université Paris 1, Panthéon Sorbonne, Maison des Sciences Economiques (MSE), MMEF-QEM-EDEEM Graduation Ceremony (2011), Chaired by Edward C. Prescott, July 8, **2011**.

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### Selected Conferences and Workshops Attended

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1. AI for Good Global Summit, Geneva, Switzerland, Organized by ITU and XPrize, **2018, 2019**.
2. UN World Data Forum, 22–24 October, Dubai **2018**.
3. OECD Blockchain Policy Forum, September, OECD, Paris **2018, 2019**.
4. 8th Financial Risks International Forum: Scenarios, Stress, and Forecasts in Finance, Paris, March 30–31, **2015**, France
5. Syrto Project Research team meeting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Boston, December 15-16, **2014**, USA
6. 6th International Conference of the ERCIM (European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics) Working Group on Computing & Statistics (ERCIM 2013), Senate House, University of London, UK, 14–16 December **2013**.
7. 12th International Conference on Credit Risk Evaluation Designed for Institutional Targeting in finance, Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista, Venice, Italy, 26–27 September, **2013**.
8. Workshop on “Statistical modeling, financial data analysis and applications”, Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti, Palazzo Franchetti, Venice, Italy, 11–14 September **2013**.
9. 5th International Conference of the ERCIM Working Group on Computing & Statistics (ERCIM 2012), Conference Centre Oviedo, Spain, 1–3 December **2012**.
10. Summer Workshop in Economic Theory (SWET 2012), Paris School of Economics (PSE) – Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France, 9–10 July, **2012**.

11. The *Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (CORE)*, Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium.
  - Research Group: Econometrics Team. Short visit: 29 May, 2012 - 2 June, **2012**.
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12. 4th International Conference of the ERCIM (European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics) Working Group on Computing & Statistics (ERCIM 2011), Senate House, University of London, UK, 17–19 December **2011**.
13. Visiting Scholar, International Doctorate in Economic Analysis (IDEA), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, August–December, **2009**.
14. International Conference on Mathematics and Its Applications (NIMS-Ghana), University of Ghana, Department of Mathematics, Legon, Accra, Ghana, June 16–20, **2009**.

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### Professional Activities & Networks

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- **Reviewer** for *Economic Modelling, Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics, Journal of Business Cycle Measurement & Analysis, Computational Economics. South African Journal of Economics*.
- **Professional Networks:** Member, *SNCF SYNAPSES: SNCF Network of Scientific & Technical Experts*, July 2017–Present. Member, *Systemic Risk Hub global team*, April 2015–Present. Member, *ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics)*, 2013–Present. Member, *Computational and Financial Econometrics Network (CFEnetwork)*, 2013–Present. Member, *International Institute of Forecasters (IIF)*, April 2014–Present. Member, *Euro Area Business Cycle Network (EABCN)*, 2013–Present. Member, *The Statistics and Probability African Society (SPAS)*, 2012–Present. Member, *Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA)*, 2009–Present.
- **Co-organiser of PhD student lunch seminars**, Axe Finance at CES, Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, 2015.
- **EMA Course Representative:** European Doctorate in Economics–Erasmus Mundus (EDEEM), 2012–2013, 2014–2015.
- **Co-Initiator** and Management team member of the EMA PhD Network, 2012–Present.
- **Vice-President**, QEM Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association, 2012–2013.
- **President**, QEM Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association, 2013–2014, 2015–2016.

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### Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

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- Member of "*Synapses: SNCF Network of Experts*" 2017
- Prix de Sécurité "*Projet QW Sécurité*", SNCF IT4Change Awards 2016
- "Qualifiés 2015 aux fonctions de maître de conférences":  
Section 05 (Economics) and Section 26 (Applied Mathematics), CNU, France 2015
- CNRS, SYRTO Postdoctoral Fellowship 2014 - 2015

- Erasmus Mundus Doctoral Fellowship 2011 - 2014
- Erasmus Mundus Scholarship for QEM Master 2009 - 2011
- First Class Honors, BSc. Mathematics KNUST June, 2008
- Best Students Award, College of Science KNUST June, 2007
- Leadership Awards, Church of Christ KNUST 2006, 2007, and 2008

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### Miscellaneous

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- Languages : English (Native), French (Intermediate), Italian (Intermediate), Spanish (basic).
- Skills :
  - Ability to analyse and synthesize large amounts of information and data
  - Ability to solve complex problems and find creative solutions
  - Strong sense of urgency and ability to work under pressure
  - Ability to cope with unexpected results and to bring new perspectives to move ahead
  - Communicate complex information to a range of audiences
  - Outstanding work ethics and team work skills
  - Curious, innovative and open-minded
  - Work independently with minimal supervision and ability to make decisions

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