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## EDUCATION

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- **PhD in Engineering and Industrial Management**  
*University of Porto, Portugal* *June 2020*
- **Master's in Business Administration**  
*Semnan University, Iran* *September 2011*
- **BSc in Electrical Engineering**  
*Urmia University, Iran* *February 2006*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL

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- **Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Cincinnati, USA** **July 2019 – July 2020**  
Department of Operations, Business Analytics, and Information Systems
- **Senior Operations Research and Data Scientist, USA** **January 2018 – November 2019**  
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- **Research Assistant, University of Leuven (KU Leuven), Belgium** **April 2015 – July 2017**  
Department of Computer Science
- **Research Assistant, University of Porto, Portugal** **March 2013 – April 2015**  
INESC TEC - Institute for Systems and Computer Engineering, Technology and Science

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. Hosseinzadeh M., Hudson N., **Heshmati, S.**, Khamfroush H. "Communication-Loss Trade-Off in Federated Learning: A Distributed Client Selection Algorithm", IEEE CCNC 2022.
2. **Heshmati, S.**, Toffolo T. A. M., Vancroonenburg W., Vanden Berghe G., "Crane-operated warehouses: Integrating location assignment and crane scheduling", *Computers & Industrial Engineering*, Volume 129, 2019, Pages 274-295, ISSN 0360-8352.  
Impact Factor: 3.518
3. **Heshmati, S.**, Verstichel J., Vanden Berghe G., "Alternative e-commerce delivery policies: A case study concerning the effects on carbon emissions", *EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics*, 2018, Pages 1-32, ISSN 2192-4384.
4. **Heshmati, S.**, Kokkinogenis, Z., Rossetti R., Carravilla M., Oliveira J., *Computational Management Science* Springer International Publishing, 2016, Ch. "An Agent-Based Approach to Schedule Crane Operations in Rail-Rail Transshipment Terminals", pp. 91-97.
5. Khamfroush, H., Saadat, R., **Heshmati, S.**, 2009. "A New Tree-Based Routing Algorithm for Energy Reduction in Wireless Sensor Networks", 2009 International Conference on Signal Processing Systems, pp.116-120.

## IN PROGRESS PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Heshmati, S.**, Carravilla M. A., Oliveira J. F., "Scheduling Crane Operations in Rail-Rail Transshipment Terminals", To be submitted to *Journal of Scheduling*.

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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1. Application Of Flexible Flow Shop Scheduling with Sequence Dependent Setup Times in Labeling Industry, 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Anaheim CA, October, 2021
2. Learning-Based Resource Management for Mobile Edge Computing System 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Anaheim CA, October, 2021
3. Scheduling Crane Operations in Rail-Rail Transshipment Terminals, The 28<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling, Delft, June, 2018

4. Heuristics for crane scheduling and location assignment problems in automated warehouses, 31<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Belgian Operational Research Society, Brussels, February, 2017
5. Mathematical formulation for scheduling rail-mounted gantry cranes in warehouses, Workshop on Applied Combinatorial Optimization Methods (WACOM), Ouro Preto, March, 2016
6. A continuous-time model for scheduling gantry cranes in storage yards, 30<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Belgian Operational Research Society UCL-CORE, Louvain-la-Neuve, January, 2016
7. Scheduling handling operations in an automated storage yard employing rail mounted gantry cranes, The OR Society YoungOR 19 Biennial Conference, Birmingham, September, 2015
8. An Agent-based Approach to Schedule Crane Operations in Rail-Rail Transshipment Terminals, 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS), Barcelona, July, 2014
9. Crane Operations in Rail-Rail Transshipment Terminals, 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT2014), Seville, July, 2014
10. Science and Technology Parks in Iran and Portugal: Does regional and national innovation systems matter? 7<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Regional Innovation Policies (RIP) Porto, October 2012

## GRANTS

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- Igniting Research Collaboration (IRC), University of Kentucky, Role: Co-PI, Amount: \$21,500. 7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022, *Informed choices and environmental impacts: An experiment to reduce emissions and packaging waste in the online food delivery sector*
- Faculty-Led Undergraduate Research, University of Kentucky, Role: PI, Amount: \$1,700. 3/15/2022 - 6/30/2022
- Sustainability Challenge Grants, University of Kentucky, Role: Co-PI, Amount: \$ 50,000. Under Review, *Reducing the environmental impact of online food delivery through behavioral and commercial innovation*
- Cisco Research Fund, Cisco, Role: Co-PI, Amount: \$120,000. Under Review, *Optimal QoS-Aware Radio-Access Technology Selection and Offloading Decision Making for Edge-Enabled Heterogeneous Wireless Network Systems*
- Travel grant to visit Carnegie Mellon University from University of Leuven €2000, July - 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **Industry Project - MKT740** **Summer 2021 & 2022**  
University of Kentucky, Graduate Level Course
- **Business Analytics Strategy and Applications - AN450G** **Since Spring 2021**  
University of Kentucky, Undergraduate Level Course
- **Business Data Management - AN324** **Since Spring 2021**  
University of Kentucky, Undergraduate Level Course
- **Productions and Operations Management - MKT/SCE631** **Fall 2020, Spring 2022**  
University of Kentucky, Graduate Level Course
- **Operations Planning and Scheduling - OM4076** **Summer 2019 & 2020**  
University of Cincinnati, Undergraduate Level Course
- **Decision Models - BANA4095** **Spring 2020**  
University of Cincinnati, Undergraduate Level Course
- **Data Analysis - BANA7011** **Spring 2020**  
University of Cincinnati, Graduate Level Course

## MENTORSHIP

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- **Alltech - Freight Management Case Study**, *Final Project of Masters in Supply Chain Management* Summer 2021
- **Toyota - Feasibility of Sequencing Headliners Delivery from Supplier**, *Final Project of Masters in Supply Chain Management* Summer 2021

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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• **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

- International Journal of Applied Artificial Intelligence
- IEEE WCNC 2021
- IEEE Globecom 2020 CQRM
- Journal of Public Library of Science PLOS ONE

• **Analytics Club Advisor** (University of Kentucky)

Since January 2021

• **Judge, Econ Games 2021** (University of Kentucky)

March 2021

• **Judge, OSWALD Research & Creativity Competition** (University of Kentucky)

November 2020