

10 Years in the Making: A Retrospective on a Research Career

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ABSTRACT

Pursuing a PhD degree is probably one of the biggest challenges one undertakes in their entire life. A challenge that has its ups and downs but that truly develops one to formulate a question, explore it from different points of view, and finally obtain a clearly articulated position. The path afterwards can vary from one individual to the next. In this talk I will discuss the path that I took, sometimes even without realizing it. I will talk about the lessons learnt and try to share one particular perspective, my own, that hopefully will be useful to the workshop attendees.

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