

## REPORT FOR SICSA DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW

Visitor: Prof. Antti Oulasvirta / Aalto University

After multiple postponements due to the covid-19 pandemic. Prof Oulasvirta visited Scotland from the 13th February until the 6th March, with some preparatory activity online before and after the physical visit. He spent most of the time at the University of Glasgow, but also visited the University of Strathclyde and had a virtual visit and talk at the University of Edinburgh (due to covid restrictions there).

In Glasgow he had extensive meetings with staff (Dalton, Grizou, Deliginani, Brewster, Hirskyj-Douglas, Faccio, Gollee, Higham, Kaul, Nioche, Stein) and Ph.D. students. He gave a talk

*SICSA DVF Talk: Prof Antti Oulasvirta, Towards Machines that Understand People* on Thursday 24 February 2022. The video is available: <https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/rec/share/2XzWQ-7RPb7mPzT8vGI5TJ-DsMp2kPKIRsif0IIWMXz8VVjyK1wpqfzPKKIRuw.sPQNoDgaJ8rEQN5w>

The talk was advertised externally and was followed by a reception which gave academics from multiple local universities the chance to meet Prof Oulasvirta for informal discussion. About 40 staff, students and external industrial participants attended.

At the University of Strathclyde, Prof Oulasvirta met Prof Azzopardi for an overview of the University and they discussed research plans. Due to the pandemic and USS strike they agreed that the presentation would be better presented later online. The talk was held on Tuesday 29 March.

In Edinburgh, Prof Oulasvirta met Prof. Stefano Albrecht and gave a talk entitled: "Towards Machines that Understand People".

Immediate outcomes of the visit included two new papers submitted to a journal and a conference, together with host Prof Murray-Smith, and the final wrap of a collaboration on a book with Dr John Williamson of the University of Glasgow. Medium term collaborations included the development of the Computational Rationality research activities and community.

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