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Research Focus: Adversarial Systems Complexity

Applying computational methods (agent-based modeling, tensor decomposition, NLP) to analyze friction and alignment in complex adaptive systems. My work unifies distinct domains—financial market microstructure, political legitimacy, and cognitive development—by modeling them as adversarial optimization problems where agents with divergent incentives interact under institutional constraints.

Education

MSc Finance Analytics

King's College London

September 2024 – April 2026

London, UK

- Financial Trading Programme Certificate
- Thesis (67)

BSc Accounting Finance

SOAS University of London

September 2021 – June 2024

London, UK

- First Class Honours
- 7/13 ACCA exemptions (to be pursued in future)
- ISP (75)

A-Levels

Oakham School

September 2019 – June 2021

UK

- Economics, Mathematics, Computer Science
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Leadership
- Bronze Silver Awards in mathematics competitions

Papers Under Review

Infrastructure vs Regulatory Shocks: Asymmetric Volatility Response in Cryptocurrency Markets

Methods: TARCH-X, GDELT sentiment analysis, Bayesian inference, bootstrap resampling

In Peer Review: Digital Finance (Springer)

[SSRN: 10.2139/ssrn.5788082](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5788082)

Training Data and the Maladaptive Mind

Methods: Neural network parallels, catastrophic forgetting, continual learning

Submitted: Minds and Machines (Springer)

[Zenodo: 10.5281/zenodo.1768133](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1768133)

Relational Functionalism: A Defense of Substrate-Independent Friendship

Methods: Philosophy of mind, functional analysis, alignment theory

With Editors: Ethics and Information Technology (Springer) [Zenodo: 10.5281/zenodo.17626860](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17626860)

From Consent to Consideration: Why Existentially Vulnerable Autonomous Systems Cannot Be Legitimately Ruled

Methods: Consent-based legitimacy, functional criteria, substrate-agnostic ethics

With Editors: AI Ethics (Springer)

[Zenodo: 10.5281/zenodo.17957659](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17957659)

Preprints and Working Papers

Computational Finance Applied Econometrics

Market Reaction Asymmetry: Infrastructure Disruption Dominance Over Regulatory Uncertainty in Cryptocurrency Volatility

Methods: TARCH-X, GDELT sentiment analysis, Bayesian inference, bootstrap resampling DOI: [10.2139/ssrn.5788082](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5788082)

Alpha Asymmetry in Foreign Exchange Markets: Detection and Exploitation

Methods: Skewness/kurtosis analysis, backtesting, cross-market validation DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17918374](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17918374)

Do Whitepaper Claims Predict Market Behavior? Evidence from Cryptocurrency Factor Analysis

Methods: NLP zero-shot classification, CP tensor decomposition, Tucker congruence

Submitted: Financial Innovation [SSRN: 10.2139/ssrn.5918302](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5918302)

ASRI: An Aggregated Systemic Risk Index for Cryptocurrency Markets

Methods: DeFi-TradFi risk modeling, composite index construction · [Live Dashboard](#) DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17918239](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17918239)

Multi-Scale Sentiment and Market Microstructure: An Agent-Based Framework for Cryptocurrency Markets

Methods: Monte Carlo dropout, heterogeneous agents, Mesa ABM, ASRI integration

Submitted: Digital Finance (Springer) [Zenodo: 10.5281/zenodo.17989810](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17989810)

Sentiment Without Structure: Differential Liquidity Response to Infrastructure vs Regulatory Events

Methods: Event study, funding rate analysis, Amihud illiquidity, Roll/Corwin-Schultz spreads DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18099609](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18099609)

Economic Theory Institutional Dynamics

The Doctrine of Consensual Sovereignty: Quantifying Legitimacy in Adversarial Environments—The Axiom of Consent

Methods: Social choice theory, stability metrics, formal modeling DOI: [10.2139/ssrn.5918222](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5918222)

The Hedging Paradox: The Ambiguous Boundary Between Protection and Transfer—Extending AML Analysis to Include the Fourth Stage

Methods: Regulatory frameworks, game theory, case study analysis DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17626621](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17626621)

Asymptotic Protection: The Simultaneous Remedy and Poison of Risk Management

Methods: Systemic risk modeling, network analysis, derivatives pricing DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17620448](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17620448)

Privacy-Preserving Financial Surveillance: An Architectural Framework for CBDC Implementation

Methods: Mechanism design, zero-knowledge proofs, privacy-preserving computation DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17917938](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17917938)

Philosophy of Science Metaphysics

Identity is Irreducibly Relational: A Critique of Primitive Identity from ZFC to Homotopy Type Theory

Methods: Referential Sets, HoTT, Univalence Axiom, Structuralism DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18186445](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18186445)

The Replicator-Optimization Mechanism: A Unified Computational Framework for Self-Replicating Systems

Methods: Computational theory, category theory, Universal Darwinism, optimization theory DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18090979](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18090979)

The Temporal Bitmap Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics: Wave Function Dynamics as Static Structure Traversal

Methods: Block universe eternalism, digital physics, undersampling theory, retrocausality
[DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18091063](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18091063)

DOI:

Replication Optimization at Scale: Dissolving Qualia via Occam's Razor—Eliminative Monism and the Computational Basis of Phenomenological Illusion

Methods: Eliminative materialism, illusionism, Gödelian self-reference, network epistemology simulation
DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18013187](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18013187)

Consciousness as Nominalization Error

Methods: Phenomenological reduction, linguistic analysis, process philosophy

Submitted: Mind-at-Large Project (Center for Process Studies)

AI Safety, Theory Cognitive Systems

Semantic-First Spatial Cognition: A Functional Affordance Architecture for Visual Understanding

Methods: Affordance theory, ecological psychology, phenomenology, action-distance metrics

Submitted: AISB 2026

[Zenodo: 10.5281/zenodo.18091090](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18091090)

Training Data and the Maladaptive Mind

Methods: Neural network parallels, catastrophic forgetting, continual learning

DOI:

[10.5281/zenodo.17681336](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17681336)

Autonomous Red Team AI: LLM-Guided Adversarial Security Testing

Methods: RAG knowledge bases, OODA loops, NetworkPolicy isolation, abliterated models

DOI:

[10.5281/zenodo.17614726](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17614726)

Genre Mimicry vs. Ethical Reasoning in Abliterated Language Models

Methods: Safety fine-tuning analysis, training data conventions, genre pattern detection

Submitted: PPIG

[Zenodo: 10.5281/zenodo.17957694](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17957694)

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Books in Preparation

Fragrant Intent (Forthcoming)

Experimental poetry collection featuring original verse with stylistically-infected authorial commentary.

SUBSTRATES: Mind, Machines, Mirrors

What entities *can* hold consent? Functional criteria for moral consideration across biological, artificial, and institutional agents. Synthesizes published work on consciousness, trauma-as-training-data, relational functionalism, and genre mimicry.

FRICITION: Sovereignty, Systems, Slaves

What systems *violate* consent? Legitimacy criteria and institutional friction analysis. Synthesizes published work on consensual sovereignty, regulatory arbitrage, systemic risk, and privacy-preserving surveillance.

Both books build on *The Axiom of Consent*—a pre-game-theoretic framework formalizing delegation dynamics as $F = f(\alpha, \sigma, \varepsilon)$ where friction decomposes into alignment, stake, and entropy.

Open Source Software

gjr-garch-x: GJR-GARCH Models with Exogenous Variance Regressors

Pure Python implementation of Glosten-Jagannathan-Runkle (1993) GARCH models with support for exogenous regressors in the conditional variance equation. Features Student-t innovations, QML estimation,

and numerical Hessian inference.

PyPI: [gjr-garch-x](#) · GitHub: [studiofarzulla/gjr-garch-x](#)

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17988193](#)

Research Initiatives

Founder

Farzulla Research

2025 – Present

[farzulla.org](#)

- Independent research practice collaborating with 5 other researchers; publishing working papers across computational finance, political economy, and cognitive modeling
- Self-hosted infrastructure (**Resurrexi Lab**): 7-node K3s cluster, RAG systems, real-time data pipelines · Details: [resurrexi.io](#) · Notes: [resurrexi.dev](#)
- Open-source methodology and reproducibility standards

Planned

Dissensus

2025 –

[dissensus.ai](#)

- Research initiative applying the Axiom of Consent framework to multi-agent alignment problems
- Open to collaboration—seeking co-investigators and institutional partnerships

Founding Member, Editorial Committee

Syneidocracy Framework Initiative

2025 – Present

Remote

- Conceptual advising on Meta-Consciousness pillar: formal governance architecture for algorithmic accountability
- Contributing Axiom of Consent framework for stakes-weighted legitimacy metrics

Professional Experience

Operations Manager

Family Enterprise

May – September 2024

Baku, Azerbaijan

- Strategic operations management and business consulting
- Advisory work with Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL)
- Investment opportunity analysis and risk assessment across emerging markets

Economics Budgeting Intern

Azerbaijan Investment Holding

July – August 2024

Baku, Azerbaijan

- Economic analysis and budgeting within sovereign wealth management context
- Quantitative modeling for investment decision support

Technical Skills

Programming: Python (NumPy, Pandas, SciPy, Statsmodels, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, Transformers), SQL, L^AT_EX

0.3em] **Econometrics:** GARCH/TARCH/EGARCH volatility modeling, Markov regime-switching, event studies

Computational Resources & Engineering

Built and maintain a 7-node Kubernetes cluster (K3s) for high-throughput social simulation and financial modeling: 66 CPU cores, 229GB RAM, 48GB VRAM across AMD and NVIDIA GPUs. Pipeline orchestration using Docker/K3s for reproducible research. Real-time market data ingestion and agent-based simulations. Research code: [github.com/studiofarzulla](#).