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# Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the 8th edition of the International Conference on NETworked sYStems (NETYS 2020). The conference was originally scheduled to be held in Marrakech, Morocco, between June 3 and 5, 2020. However, it moved to a fully virtual mode due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The aim of the NETYS series of conferences is to bring together researchers and engineers from both the theory and practice of distributed and networked systems. The scope of the conference covers all aspects related to the design and the development of these systems, including, but not restricted to, concurrent and distributed algorithms, parallel/concurrent/distributed programming, multi-core architectures, formal verification, distributed databases, cloud systems, networks, security, formal verification, etc.

The Program Committee of NETYS 2020 included 38 researchers working in 16 different countries. There were 46 papers submitted to the conference, 38 as full papers, and 8 as short papers. The Program Committee selected 18 contributions out of the 38 full paper submissions for regular presentations at the conference (which represents an acceptance rate of 47%) as well as 4 extended abstracts for short presentations. Every submitted paper was read and evaluated by at least three members of the Program Committee. The committee was assisted by 14 external reviewers.

The program also included invited lectures, again hosted virtually, by C. Aiswarya, Chennai Mathematical Institute (India), Antonio Fernández Anta, IMDEA Networks Institute (Spain), Constantin Enea, University of Paris (France), Maria Potop-Butucaru, Sorbonne University (France), and Nitin Vaidya, Georgetown University (USA). In addition, C. Aiswarya, Antonio Fernández Anta and Maria Potop-Butucaru contributed invited papers.

The videos of all invited and contributed presentations can be viewed at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Y0phGAVVV\\_MyFbntZa0Ug/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Y0phGAVVV_MyFbntZa0Ug/videos).

The program committee also selected a Best Paper and a Best Student Paper. The Best Paper was awarded to Quentin Bramas, Stéphane Devismes, and Pascal Lafourcade for their paper *Infinite Grid Exploration by Disoriented Robots*. The Best Student Paper was awarded to Carole Delporte-Gallet, Hugues Fauconnier, and Mouna Safir for their paper *Byzantine  $k$ -Set Agreement*. The author Mouna Safir was a full-time student at the time of the submission.

We are grateful to all members of the Program and Organizing Committees, to all referees for their cooperation, and to Springer for their professional support during the production phase of the proceedings. Finally, we would like to thank the sponsoring institutions without whom NETYS 2020 could not have been a reality. We are also thankful to all authors of submitted papers and to all participants of the conference.

Their interest in this conference and contributions to the discipline are greatly appreciated.

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# **Abstracts**

# Reasoning About Concurrent Data Types

Constantin Enea

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**Abstract.** Modern software is typically built with specialized concurrent objects, which encapsulate shared-memory accesses or message-passing protocols into higher-level abstract data types. These objects are designed to behave according to certain consistency criteria like linearizability, eventual or causal consistency. In this talk, I will give an overview of recent results concerning formal reasoning about concurrent objects, from efficient testing algorithms to algorithmic verification methods. These results give rise to alternative specification frameworks to characterize the intended behaviors of such objects, which complement the existing generic formalizations of linearizability and weak consistency.

# Security and Privacy for Distributed Optimization and Learning

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**Abstract.** Consider a network of agents wherein each agent has a private cost function. In the context of distributed machine learning, the private cost function of an agent may represent the “loss function” corresponding to the agent’s local data. The objective here is to identify parameters that minimize the total cost over all the agents. In machine learning for classification, the cost function is designed such that minimizing the cost function should result in model parameters that achieve higher accuracy of classification. Similar problems arise in the context of other applications as well, including swarm robotics.

Our work addresses privacy and security of distributed optimization with applications to machine learning. In privacy-preserving machine learning, the goal is to optimize the model parameters correctly while preserving the privacy of each agent’s local data. In security, the goal is to identify the model parameters correctly while tolerating adversarial agents that may be supplying incorrect information. When a large number of agents participate in distributed optimization, security compromise of some of the agents becomes increasingly likely. The talk will provide intuition behind the design and correctness of the algorithms.

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