Clarifications regarding the allegation of Villa Europa

In the following, I present evidence that

- I was invited to what appeared to be a genuine scientific meeting (Figures 1–6 with emails of April and May 2020).
- (ii) The subsequent email conversation concerning copyright agreements appeared to follow standard procedure and *did not involve anything about payments* (Figures 2 and 4 with emails of May 13, 2020, and May 7, respectively).
- (iii) A 63-page letter, dated November 4, 2021, appeared to draw a connection between my lecture of April 24, 2020 and the copyright agreement with a claim that I agreed to a payment of 2785 euro (Figure 7 with a copy of a letter of November 2021). It also contained copies of a letter to my director, Niels Obers, who has never seen this until now. This appears to be fabrication of evidence (Figure 9).
- (iv) The authenticity of Villa Europa is questionable (Figure 8 with a screenshot of December 2022 showing the alleged location and the non-existence of the claimed website).
- (v) Villa Europa is not a trustworthy and credible organization; see the attachments demonstrating parallel allegations and investigations against them.

A list of 13 witnesses is included. It is followed by 7 additional names, including that of Professor Henrik Hult, who is being tried on similar charges.

1 Preamble

On April 8, 2020, I was contacted by "Matteo (Matt) Ferensby" (on behalf of the scientific committee) and asked to present a talk in the On-line Symposium "COVID-19 by the Numbers, Modes, Big Data, and Reality" on what was then to be April 15 through 16, 2020. This person gave as his address the University of Warsaw.

There is a question who "Matteo (Matt) Ferensby" actually is. He has no scientific record and was not present during the meeting that finally took place on April 24. There were 10 presentations on that day. I have been in touch with all of those participants during November 2021. All presenters have in common that they had papers on the arXiv, an online preprint platform; see below.

In hindsight, there is also doubt that the person "Anne Adamchewsky", who introduced herself as "a secretary/office person to the COVID-19 colloquium" really exists. (Another scientist, who gave a talk on another day, wrote me on Nov 4, 2021 that this person uses the face of another person.) She emailed me on May 13, 2020 saying that "I forwarded to you via traditional postal service some paperwork to be signed before (copyright, etc. issues)." (It is unclear what "before" refers to.) On May 24, 2020, she wrote "The youtube.com service requires us to clear the copyrights and publication issues, therefore please return our paperwork as soon as possible." The URL of the recording was given in that email and already publicly available at that time.

2 Evidence of usual, non-commercial communication

I did sign the paperwork, but, because my institute (Nordita) moved into another building, I didn't keep any copies. I can therefore not confirm that it contained anything about any expense, which was never mentioned anyway. But, according to a letter from "Sad Arbitrazowy Lewiatan" dated 28 October 2021

Axel Brandenburg To: Matt Ferensby >	2020-04-08	
Re: COVID-19 by the Numbers, Modes,Big Data, and Rea	lity	
Dear Matt, I may indeed be interested in participating and presenting.		On Behalf of Scientific Committee
Can you tell me more about the audience and the participants? Cheers, Axel		Dr. Matteo (Matt) Ferensby Organizer and Moderator
On Wed, Apr 08, 2020 at 01:38:10AM -0700, Matt Ferensby wrote: > Circular No 2		3.8th Global Symposium Quantification of Urban Growth and Its Patterns The University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, European Union Mav 1st through 5th. 2020
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 Dear Dr. Brandenburg, how are you? Thank you for your kind interest and > support. Although we have rolling registration deadline, could you please > confirm your participation as soon as possible. This would enable us for 		E-mail: <u>metteo.frrensby@theoretical_geography_debates.org</u> Street Delivery Address:
 continue your participation as soon as possible. This would enable us for proper organization of on-line symposium concerning COVID-19. > 		Dr. Matteo Ferensby University of Warsaw Str. Dobra 56/66
> I look forward to your kind response and for presentation of your research > of COVID-19.		00-312 Warszawa, Poland, European Union

Figure 1: Evidence of usual, non-commercial communication: First contact on April 8, 2020. Expression of interest. Reference to scientific organizing committee and University of Warsaw.



Figure 2: Evidence of usual, non-commercial communication: request to sign copyright (May 8 and 13).

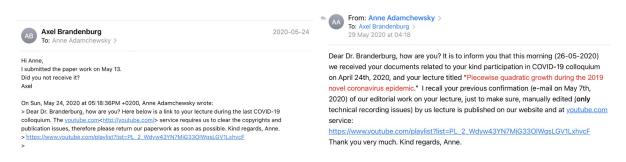


Figure 3: Evidence of usual, non-commercial communication: youtube recording published on May 24 and confirmation of receipt of documents.

there is a 3-paged document with my signature at the end where it says "All participants - natural persons - of the Debate April 24th, 2020 agree ... to furnish to the organizer a net two thousand seven hundred eighty five euro to cover editorial work and open access publication required for the debate proceedings."

theoretical-geography-debates To: register@gug2020.org >

COVID-19 by the Numbers, Modes, Big Data, and Reality

Dear Colleagues, how are you? We are organizing <u>online via Skype connection</u> a multidisciplinary scientific debate (colloquium) concerning **COVID-19**, a novel strain of coronavirus.

Colloquium Title: COVID-19 by the Numbers, Modes, Big Data, and Reality

Let me enumerate below some pertinent boundary issues. More related information is provided on this debate website (<u>http://www.vvoip-theoretical-geography-debates.org/index.php?</u>

- title=COVID-19 by the Numbers, Modes, Big Data, and Reality#Cancellation policy of registration).
 - 1. The debate will concern multidisciplinary scientific analysis, descriptions, and outlook on COVID-19,
 - The debate will be conducted via the internet video-voice connection using Skype technology directly from your office,
 - 3. The debate will take place on April 15 through 16, 2020, and we will <u>start at about 5 pm</u> of Central European Time Zone.
 - 4. The participants are welcome from every country, and various related scientific disciplines,
 - Your lecture (presentation) can be supported by PowerPoint slide presentation which will be viewed by the participants,
 - All lectures (presentations) will be recorded and posted (after some technical editorial work) at the colloquium website and YouTube service for free and open access.

At this moment, I kindly ask you to consider your kind participation in this debate (colloquium). We will appreciate your input. Could you please let me know:

- 1. Will, you be able to join us for this debate?
- 2. If yes, let me know the (tentative) title of your lecture (presentation),
- 3. <u>Do not worry</u> about technical issues with your Skype connection. We have done a number of related online debates and in about week time before the debate (April 15 through 16, 2020) we will run a test trail with you to eliminate (virtually nonexistent) issues.
- 4. The length of your lecture should be about 20-30 minutes,
- 5. We envision that each lecture will be followed by the debate and question time,
- For that reason, we kindly ask all participants to forward to the organizer their PowerPoint slides (even if not the final version) to be distributed (at confidentiality request) between the remaining participants,
- 7. Due to the above process and due to the interdisciplinary character of the debate all participants will have some preliminary insight into the given lecture. If you wish to share your related work (publications) please forward the PDF's and we will redistribute them between the participants and (with your permission) add to the debate website.
- In order to get insight into the nature of the proposed debate (colloquium) please visit our past online debates concerning physics and geography. (<u>http://www.vvoip-theoretical-geographydebates.org/index.php?title=Main_Page</u>)
- 9. We have a tentative pledge from CNN, and BBC to use the debate materials (lectures).

I look forward to your kind response. Since we are on the fly, please excuse us for possible (not intended)

Figure 4: Evidence of usual, non-commercial communication: Conditions stated in their letter of May 7, 2020, mentioning "free of charge" under their first item 6.

In fact, reference to signed documents presented by "Villa Europa" should be taken with care. In the case of another participant, falsification of signed documents have been reported.

Anne Adamchewsky To: Axel Brandenburg >	2020-08-16	Axel Brandenburg To: Anne Adamchewsky > OK. Axel	2020-08-24
Dear Professor Brandenburg, how are you? Dr. Branderburg, we received yo signed Agreement related to your kind participation in the webinar COVID-1 very much. We wish to forward you a copy of the cosigned Agreement, hower up our traditional postal service due to endless delivery problems and delays have a service agreement with the UPS (United Parcel Service-Europe). Due logistics, they deliver to the university (as an institution) but <u>do not deliver</u> to individual people at the university. Do not ask me why. Therefore, Dr. Prasac please let me know your personal surface mail address, and we will forward t Agreement. Thank you for understanding. Kind regards, Anne. PS. Let me assure you that we comply with the European Union law GDPR (7 Data Protection Regulation - 25 May 2018).	 19. Thank you ver, we give 5. Instead, we to the o the 6. d, could you 	On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 07:45:33AM +0200, Anne Adamchevsky wrote: > Dear Dr. Brandenburg, how are you'? Yesterday, while preparing my return > mail with the Video Agreement, the scale at home due to COVID) > valked on the table and spilled coffee, and a lot of it ended up in my > papers including returned Video Agreement. The sort vabout that. Dr. > Branderburg, Let me resend the papers, and as previously could sign it as > indicated by color stickers and return at your convenience. I'm forwarding > the letter to the address: > > "One. Axel Brandenburg" > "GolegatUbackent D" > "GolegatUbackent D" > "Sweden" > Skind regards. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. I talked to the cat about > the letter to the scale	

Figure 5: Evidence of usual, non-commercial communication: Follow-up emails of August 2020 about a second version of some documents.

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Figure 6: Evidence of usual, non-commercial communication: Schedule of the talks (left) and Youtube listings, all freely available.

In hindsight, there is no clear connection between who is meant by the organizers, the names "Matteo (Matt) Ferensby" and "Anne Adamchewsky", and "Villa Europa" that is mentioned in the signed document. This constitutes in my opinion intentional deception.

3 Evidence of fraud:

• Email threads of April - September 2020 all indicating standard correspondence that is expected in connection with other online meetings and the requests to publish recordings online. If the intent

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Figure 7: Evidence of fraud: Excerpt of documents received in November 2021. Villa Europa is mentioned for the first time. agreement with a claim that I agreed to a payment of 2785 euro The authenticity of these documents remains unclear.

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Figure 8: Evidence of fraud: location within University premises, mentioning website that is not available.

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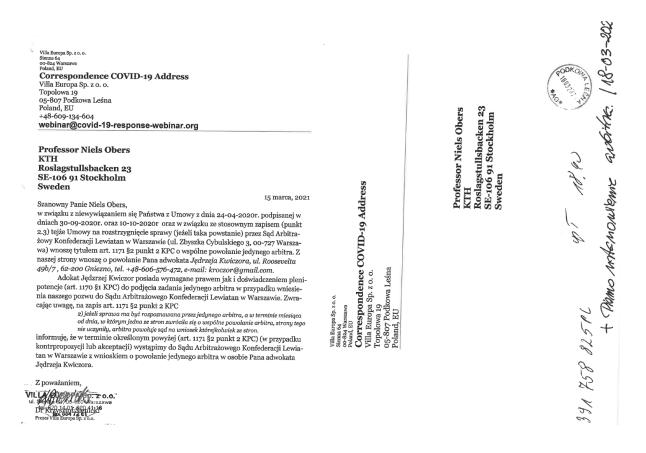


Figure 9: Evidence of fraud: Copies of a letter to my director, Niels Obers, dated April 2020, but sent to me in November 2021. Niels Obers has never seen this until now. This appears to be fabrication of evidence.

eighty five euro" instead of "2785.- euro". The fact that this is hidden in a 3-page long document (if it is even real!) is evidence of attempted deception. In fact, I have never been involved in any recording of a scientific presentation where the author has to pay.

- The statement "All participants ... of the Debate ... agree ... to furnish ..." is wrong. None of the other 9 speakers of that day have agreed to or performed any payment, nor have the speakers of other days paid them anything.
- Email correspondences showing that only scientists from the EU have been approached for payment. None of them have paid anything, Yet the recordings of all talks has been publicly available since April 2020 under https://www.youtube.com/@vvoip_theoretical_geograph821.

Below the contact details of witness scientists involved in the conference and the arXiv numbers of their papers presented at the meeting (my own paper is: https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.03638).

4 Witnesses:

1. Victoria Lopez <vlopezlo@ucm.es>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.09874. Has been approached by them, but has not reacted or paid anything.

2. Alessio Muscillo <alessio.muscillo2@unisi.it>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.14239. Has been approached by them, but has not reacted or paid anything.

3. Ranga Rao Venkatesha Prasad < R.R. Venkatesha Prasad@tudelft.nl>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.11920.

4. Ali Nasseri <ali.nasseri@gmail.com>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.13221. Has *not* been approached.

Anand Sahasranaman <anand.sahasranaman@krea.edu.in>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.
 09715. [He and this email no longer seem to be active.]

6. "V.K. Jindal" <vkjindal060gmail.com>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.09912. Has *not* been approached.

7. Sebastian Goncalves <sebastiangoncalves@gmail.com>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.09032. Has *not* been approached.

8. Josimar Edinson Chire Saire <jecs89@usp.br>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.11344. Has *not* been approached.

9. Marco Paggi <marco.paggi@imtlucca.it>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.08207. Has participated, but has not provided any feedback to me yet.

10. Marco Baiesi <marco.baiesi@unipd.it>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.03416. Has participated in another session by the same organizers. His university identified falsifications in signed documents returned by Villa Europa.

11. Francesco Piazza <Francesco.Piazza@cnrs-orleans.fr>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.06031. Has participated in another session by the same organizers and has been approached by them, but has not reacted to any requests.

12. Giada Adelfio <giada.adelfio@unipa.it>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.03712. Has participated in another session by the same organizers and has been approached by them, but has not reacted to any requests.

13. Silvia Ullo <silvullo@unisannio.it>, https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.05808. Artificial Intelligence algorithms and multi-sources Data Processing Has participated in another session by the same organizers and has been approached by them, but has not reacted to any requests.

The 13 people above can act as witnesses showing that the indentation of the organizers is predatory.

5 Parallel accusations against Villa Europa

A case similar to mine has been filed against

Professor Henrik Hult <hult@kth.se>, case number: Ö 11558-2.

He has been in touch with the following persons in his session, which was in June 2020: Martijn Hoogeveen (Delft University of Technology), Benedetta Cerutti (IIT, Milan), Francesco Piazza (University Firenze), Marco Baiesi (Padova University), Reyer Gerlagh (Tillburg University), Konstantinos Gkiotsalitis (University of Twente), Maziar Nekovee, Sussex University, and Olivier Johnson, Bristol University.

In the following 3 pages, I attach documents sent to me by Giada Adelfio <giada.adelfio@unipa.it> making accusations against Villa Europa. They contain accusations of falsification and a police report.





Palermo, 11/10/2022

VIA E-MAIL: anne.adamczewsky@gmail.com anja.muller1996@gmail.com

To the attention of:

Villa Europa Sp. z o.o. In the person of the legal representative u.l. Sienna 64, 00-820 Warszawa

Subject: Removal of the webinar of October 23, 2020 - COVID-19 Disease Mapping with INLA

I received on January 29, 2021, by post (registered mail RR 428 075 217 PL) a proposal for an agreement (called "Consent to publish Video Recording and License Agreement") relating to a video-lecture I delivered upon invitation (with waived participation fees) within the web-based conference-debate "Covid-19 by the Numbers, Modes, Big data, and reality", organized by Mr. Matt Ferensby for "Spatial Bayesian Hierarchical Modelling" on October 23, 2020.

We verified that even if you stated that the participation to the conference was completely free and you asked by email to 'Fill by hand a few lines indicated by the color sticks and return in the attached envelope' about the document titled 'Consent to publish video recording and License Agreement', you have unilaterally and secretly modified it. I refer to paragraph 2.10 on pag. 6 of the agreement, reporting some costs that you ever mentioned before written by bad faith in letters and not as a well visible table of costs. In this form it cannot be retained acceptable by any part of a real loyal agreement, or further by any judge in Europe. I have not got any formal proof that you received a copy of this letter signed by me.

Moreover, you have continued to stalker me sending a document written in Polish titled 'Regulamin PESA' (RR 449

477 159 PL) and other letters in successive months.

Finally, the 10th of October 2022 I got an email by the address <u>anja.muller1996@gmail.com</u> to my job address, demanding an amount of money in the light of a court award you cite, still proposing an amicable approach to deal with this issue.

In light of this serious elements, no agreement can be considered finalized, and nothing is due from me.

The methods by which you have acted, both in the phase prior to the webinar (where no reference has ever been made to edition costs), and in the subsequent one of sending the documentation, seems to demonstrate a clear intention to obtain a consent through deception and tricks, in violation of all principles of fairness and good faith in the negotiations. My University formally notifies you to cease and desist from any attempt to obtain any cost. In addition, my University proceeded to lodge a complaint to the competent authorities.

Moreover, the postal police of Palermo issued an official complaint on the 10th of October 2022.

For these reasons, I order you to delete my intervention from your Youtube channel and your online platform and remove my name from your contacts and in association to your webinars.

I intimate and distrust you to fulfill the above, ailing that I announce you that I filed a police report complaint for stalking towards you.

Yours faithfully,

Giada Adelfio



POLIZIA DI STATO

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OGGETTO: Verbale di ricezione denuncia/querela sporta oralmente da:-/

L'anno 2022 giorno 10 del mese di ottobre, alle ore 12:45 negli Uffici del Compartimento in intestazione davanti a me sottoscritto Ufficiale di P.G, Ispettore GOZZI Mauro è presente la signora ADELFIO Giada, nata a Palermo il 01.09.1980, meglio generalizzata in oggetto, la quale denuncia/espone quanto segue:-----" nell'anno 2020 nel mese di ottobre in data 23 ho tenuto un seminario online su statistiche inerenti il Covid-19, organizzato dall'associazione " Villa Europa SP.z.o.o." con sede in Polonia a Topolowa 19 05-807 Podkowa lesna, successivamente a tale seminario ho ricevuto via posta ordinaria una busta dalla società che conteneva un documento scritto in lingua inglese di cui produco una fotocopia in quanto l'originale l'ho rispedito firmato con la busta che mi avevano inviato assieme al documento, che indicava in oggetto "Consent to Publish Video Recording and License Agreement" che mi veniva spiegato, nel periodo indicato del 2020, via email dalla presunta segretaria della società "Anne Adamchewsky " tramite l'indirizzo

anne.admczewsky@gmail.com, che si trattava appunto di un'autorizzazione alla pubblicazione della video registrazione del seminario online che avevo tenuto, pertanto ho firmato il documento ricevuto, senza leggere purtroppo tutte le informazioni in esso contenute e ho fatto come ho detto la spedizione utilizzando una delle due buste, che mi avevano allegato, per ritornare il documento senza poi ricevere più alcuna comunicazione.---

Dopo circa sei mesi da tale spedizione, ho invece ricevuto sempre a mezzo posta ordinaria, un ulteriore comunicazione in Polacco che ha come intestazione "Regulmin PESA" che ho tradotto in "Regolamento del Tribunale Arbitrale Pan Europeo", a cui non ho dato peso e che ho ritenuto spedito per errore, successivamente ho anche rifiutato la consegna di un ulteriore raccomandata proveniente sempre dall'estero, anche perché nel frattempo avevo avuto notizia da altri professori di tentativi di truffa posti in essere ai loro danni con le stesse modalità.---

In data odierna ho invece deciso di sporgere querela, in quanto ritengo di essere a mia volta vittima di un tentativo di truffa, in quanto ho ricevuto via email dall'indirizzo anja.muller1996@gmail.com una nota in inglese con allegato documento tradotto in Italiano dove in relazione alla trasmissione del documento da me inviato firmato, mi viene comunicato che dovrei pagare, senza indicarne le modalità di pagamento della somma di Euro 16.992,45, a seguito dell'emissione di un presunto "Lodo Arbitrale" da parte del Tribunale Arbitrale Pan-Europeo del 05.02.2022 con deposito in Polonia in data 10.06.2022 della traduzione, lodo di cui non avevo assolutamente avuto alcuna notizia o comunicazione ufficiale, pertanto ritengo che si tratti come ho detto di un attività fraudolenta posta in essere ai miei danni, anche perché nella email mi viene indicata la possibilità di un "amicable approach" – approccio amichevole che se c'è un'azione legale è

Nel presunto lodo arbitrale si fa riferimento a spese per un presunto contratto da me sottoscritto di cui non ho traccia, importi che non ho nemmeno rilevato nella copia del documento che ho firmato e rispedito che mi è rimasto in quanto leggendolo attentamente, mi sono accorta che erano inserite delle cifre in lettere che non avevo notato e che non mi avrebbero fatto firmare il documento e che comunque corrispondono a circa 3600,00 Euro e non alla cifra che mi è stata richiesta, da che ritengo confermi la natura fraudolenta delle attività poste in essere ai miei danni, così come il fatto che non ho ricevuto alcuna richiesta ufficiale di comparire al presunto lodo arbitrale o precedente fichiesta di pagamento della somma con le relative modalità di pagamento, pertanto ad oggi non ho subito ancora danni economici."---

SEGUITO: ₹

Risposta: non ho altro da aggiungere, mi riservo di comunicare eventuari aneriori dan ese e a mia conoscenza, a supporto di quanto da me dichiarato allego fotocopia della prima lettera che ho ricevuto con fotocopia delle relative buste, copia del documento in Polacco e stampa della email ricevuta in data odierna on il relativo allegato stampato fronte/retro.

Domanda: intende esprimere volontà querelatoria e procedere nei confronti degli autori del reato, che dovessero essere individuati, anche qualora l'eventuale processo venga instaurato presso un Distretto di Corte d'Appello diverso da quello di Palermo?-----

Risposta: Intendo esprimere volontà querelatoria per i reati procedibili a querela

La denunciante/querelante consegna nº 29 fogli costituiti dalle fotocopie sopra indicate.---la denunciante/querelante viene reso edotto di quanto recitato dall'art. 101 c.p.p., nonché informata ai sensi dell'art 90 bis c.p.p., con atto redatto a parte, di cui copia viene consegnata all'interessata e l'altra custodita agli atti d'ufficio, dei diritti e delle facoltà riconosciute alla parte offesa dal reato dall'ordinamento giuridico Italiano; precisando che nella predetta informazione sono richiamate, altresì, le disposizioni del predetto art. 101 c.p.p. e quelle relative all'Ammissione al patrocinio a spese dello Stato.-----

Di quanto sopra è stato redatto il presente verbale di denunzia/querela che previa lettura e conferma viene sottoscritto dal verbalizzante e dalla denunciante/querelante, alla quale viene rilasciata copia.---

La Parte

L'Ufficiale di P.G. Ispettore della Polizia di Stato Mauro GOZZI