

## Clarifications regarding the allegation of Villa Europa

In the following, I present evidence that

- (i) 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

**AB Axel Brandenburg**  
To: Matt Ferensby >  
2020-04-08

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

Dear Matt,  
I may indeed be interested in participating and presenting.  
Can you tell me more about the audience and the participants?  
Cheers, Axel

On Wed, Apr 08, 2020 at 01:38:10AM -0700, Matt Ferensby wrote:  
> Circular No 2  
>  
> COVID-19 by the Numbers, Modes, Big Data, and Reality  
>  
> On-line Symposium April 15 through 16, 2020  
>  
> "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  
> proper organization of on-line symposium concerning COVID-19.  
>  
> I look forward to your kind response and for presentation of your research  
> of COVID-19.

On Behalf of Scientific Committee

**Dr. Matteo (Matt) Ferensby**  
Organizer and Moderator  
**3.8th Global Symposium Quantification of Urban Growth and Its Patterns**  
The University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, European Union  
May 1st through 5th, 2020  
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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.

From: [theoretical-geography-debates <theoretical-geography-debates@vvoip-theoretical-geography-debates.org>](mailto:theoretical-geography-debates@vvoip-theoretical-geography-debates.org)  
Date: Fri, May 8, 2020 at 11:35 AM  
Subject: Re: COVID-19  
To: Axel Brandenburg <[brandenb@nordita.org](mailto:brandenb@nordita.org)>  
Cc: Anne Adamchewsky <[anne.adamczewsky@gmail.com](mailto:anne.adamczewsky@gmail.com)>

Dear Axel, thank you. I was just a scientific chair of debate and the organizational task was done by some other people. Kind regards, Matt

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 9:40 PM Axel Brandenburg <[brandenb@nordita.org](mailto:brandenb@nordita.org)> wrote:  
Thanks, Matt, I'm happy to approve the recording.  
Show Quoted Content  
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**AA Anne Adamchewsky**  
To: Axel Brandenburg >  
2020-05-13

**Fwd: COVID-19**

Dear Professor Brandenburg, I'm a secretary/office person to COVID-19 colloquium. After the event, I forwarded to you via traditional postal service some paperwork to be signed before (copyright, etc. issues). My letter was forwarded to your postal address. I would appreciate if you could follow my simple instructions as return these papers. Thank you. Kind regards, Anne.

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

**AB Axel Brandenburg**  
To: Anne Adamchewsky >  
2020-05-24

Hi Anne,  
I submitted the paper work on May 13.  
Did you not receive it?  
Axel

On Sun, May 24, 2020 at 05:18:36PM +0200, Anne Adamchewsky wrote:  
> Dear Dr. Branderburg, how are you? Here below is a link to your lecture during the last COVID-19 colloquium. The [youtube.com](http://youtube.com/) service requires us to clear the copyrights and publication issues, therefore please return our paperwork as soon as possible. Kind regards, Anne.  
> [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL\\_2\\_Wdyw43YN7MjG33OIWgsLGV1LxhvcF](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_2_Wdyw43YN7MjG33OIWgsLGV1LxhvcF)  
>

**AA From: Anne Adamchewsky >**  
To: Axel Brandenburg >  
29 May 2020 at 04:18

Dear Dr. Branderburg, how are you? It is to inform you that this morning (26-05-2020) we received your documents related to your kind participation in COVID-19 colloquium on April 24th, 2020, and your lecture titled "**Piecewise quadratic growth during the 2019 novel coronavirus epidemic.**" I recall your previous confirmation (e-mail on May 7th, 2020) of our editorial work on your lecture, just to make sure, manually edited (only technical recording issues) by us lecture is published on our website and at [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) service:  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL\\_2\\_Wdyw43YN7MjG33OIWgsLGV1LxhvcF](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_2_Wdyw43YN7MjG33OIWgsLGV1LxhvcF)  
Thank you very much. Kind regards, Anne.

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."



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

**Dear Colleagues**, how are you? We are organizing [online via Skype connection](#) 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 ([http://www.vvoip-theoretical-geography-debates.org/index.php?title=COVID-19 by the Numbers, Modes, Big Data, and Reality#Cancellation policy of registration](http://www.vvoip-theoretical-geography-debates.org/index.php?title=COVID-19%20by%20the%20Numbers,%20Modes,%20Big%20Data,%20and%20Reality#Cancellation%20policy%20of%20registration)).

1. The debate will concern multidisciplinary scientific analysis, descriptions, and outlook on COVID-19,
2. 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 start at about 5 pm of Central European Time Zone.
4. The participants are welcome from every country, and various related scientific disciplines,
5. Your lecture (presentation) can be supported by PowerPoint slide presentation which will be viewed by the participants,
6. 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. Do not worry 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,
6. 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.
8. In order to get insight into the nature of the proposed debate (colloquium) please visit our past online debates concerning physics and geography. ([http://www.vvoip-theoretical-geography-debates.org/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.vvoip-theoretical-geography-debates.org/index.php?title=Main_Page))
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.



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

Number	Name	Lecture Title
✓ 1	Victoria Lopez	A COVID-19 mathematical model based on Flow Networks and SIR
? 2	Marco Picariello	Covid-19 in italy: Lombardy vs Veneto containment strategy.
3	Axel Brandenburg	Piecewise quadratic growth during the 2019 novel coronavirus epidemic
✓ 4	Alessio Muscillo	Disease spreading in social networks and unintended consequences ...
• 5	Marco Paggi	Simulation of Covid-19 epidemic evolution: are compartmental models really predictive?
✓ 6	Venkatesha Prasad	A simple Stochastic SIR model for COVID-19
✓ 7	Ali Nasser	Planning as Inference in Epidemiological Models
✓ 8	Sahasranaman	Data and models of COVID-19 in India
✓ 9	Jindal	COVID-19 – a realistic model for saturation, growth and decay of the India specific disease
✓ 10	Sebastian Gonçalves	Trends and Urban scaling in the COVID-19 pandemic
✓ 11	Josimar Saire	Social Sensors to Monitor covid19 South American Countries
? 12	Ashutosh Simha	A simple Stochastic SIR model for COVID-19
13	Tommaso Alberti	?

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



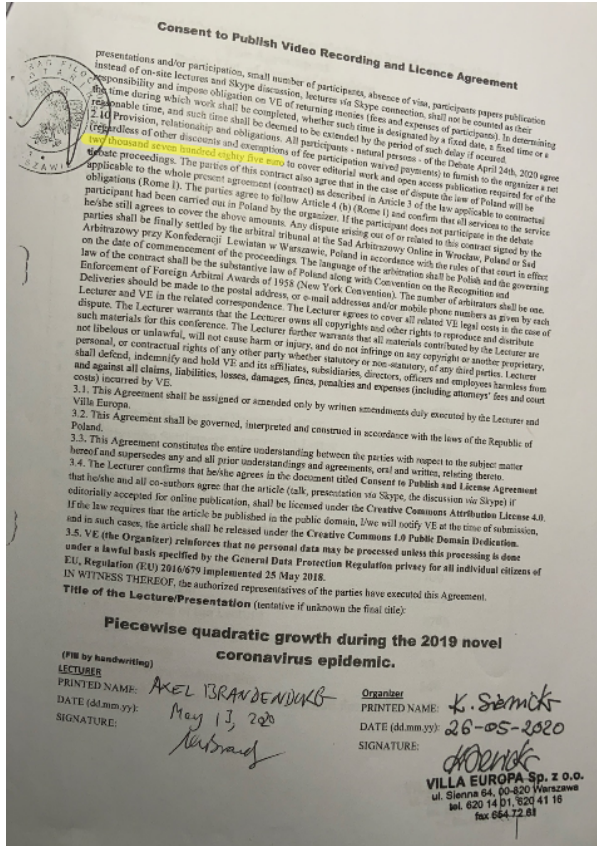
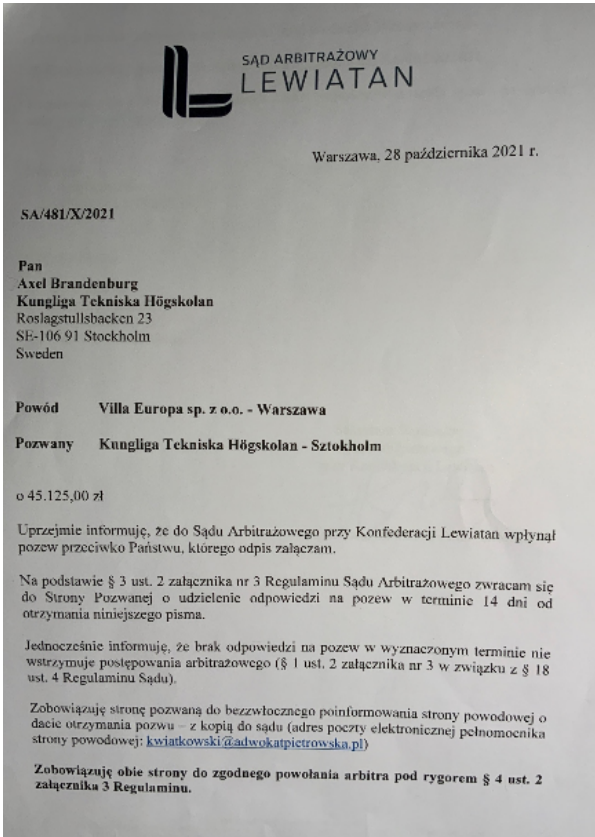


Figure 7: Evidence of fraud: Excerpt of documents received in November 2021. Villa Europa is mentioned for the first time. agreement with a claim that I agreed to a payment of 2785 euro The authenticity of these documents remains unclear.

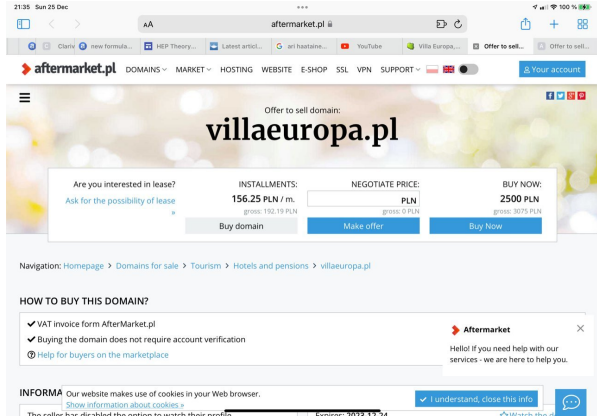
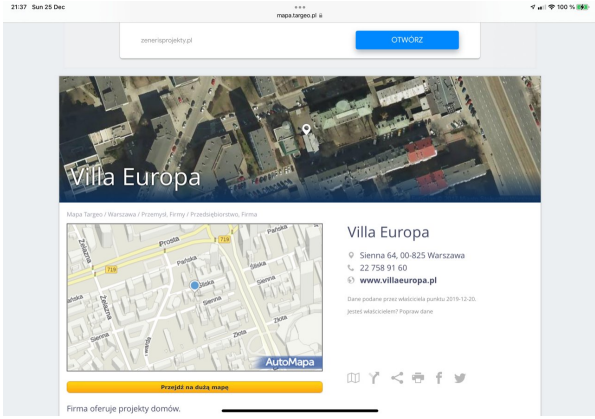


Figure 8: Evidence of fraud: location within University premises, mentioning website that is not available.

was to request payment, this should have been mentioned.

- The document with my signature, which only mentions in words “two thousand seven hundred

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Szanowny Panie Niels Obers,  
w związku z niewywiązaniem się Państwa z Umowy z dnia 24-04-2020r. podpisanej w dniach 30-09-2020r. oraz 10-10-2020r. oraz w związku ze stosownym zapisem (punkt 2.3) tejże Umowy na rozstrzygnięcie sprawy (jeżeli taka powstanie) przez Sąd Arbitrażowy Konfederacji Lewiatan w Warszawie (ul. Zbyszka Cybulskiego 3, 00-727 Warszawa) wnoszę tytułem art. 1171 §2 punkt 2 KPC o wspólne powołanie jednego arbitra. Z naszej strony wnoszę o powołanie Pana adwokata *Jędrzeja Kwiczora, ul. Roosevelta 49b/7, 62-200 Gniezno, tel. +48-606-576-472, e-mail: kroczor@gmail.com.*

Adokat *Jędrzej Kwiczor* posiada wymagane prawem jak i doświadczeniem plenipotencje (art. 1170 §1 KPC) do podjęcia zadania jednego arbitra w przypadku wniesienia naszego pozwu do Sądu Arbitrażowego Konfederacji Lewiatan w Warszawie. Zwracając uwagę, na zapis art. 1171 §2 punkt 2 KPC

*2) jeżeli sprawa ma być rozpoznawana przez jednego arbitra, a w terminie miesiąca od dnia, w którym jedna ze stron zwróciła się o wspólne powołanie arbitra, strony tego nie uczyniły, arbitra powołuje sąd na wniosek którejkolwiek ze stron.*

informuję, że w terminie określonym powyżej (art. 1171 §2 punkt 2 KPC) (w przypadku kontropropozycji lub akceptacji) wystąpimy do Sądu Arbitrażowego Konfederacji Lewiatan w Warszawie z wnioskiem o powołanie jednego arbitra w osobie Pana adwokata *Jędrzeja Kwiczora*.

... Z poważaniem,

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+ Pismo nakazujące arbitra. / 18-03-202

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](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 <[vllopezlo@ucm.es](mailto:vllopezlo@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](mailto: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.VenkateshaPrasad@tudelft.nl>, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.11920>.
  4. Ali Nasserri <ali.nasserri@gmail.com>, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.13221>. Has \*not\* been approached.
  5. 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" <vkjindal06@gmail.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@cnsr-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 Hooegeven (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.