

On the forest fires that Bálint ignited

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Figure: Piero di Cosimo: The forest fire (c. 1505)



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- ▶ The functions $v_k(\cdot)$ do not depend on the exact decay rate of $\lambda(n)$, i.e., we do not have to fine-tune the model to see permanent criticality in the limit: **S.O.C.**

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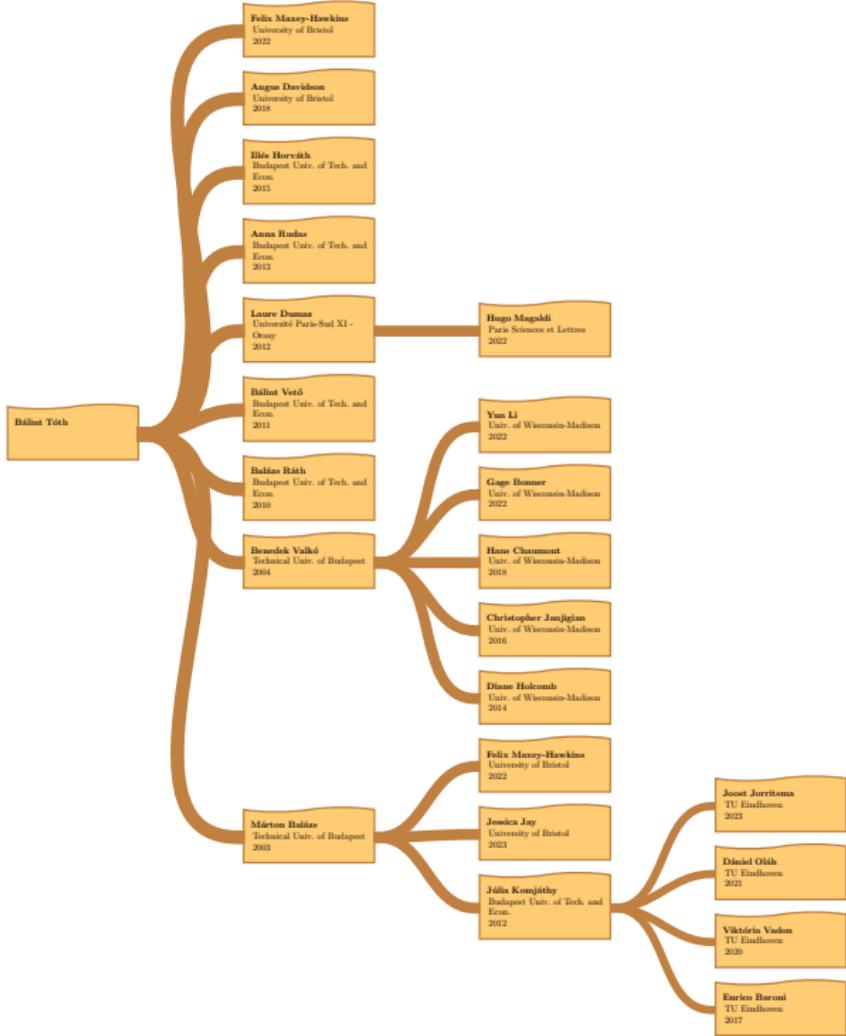
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