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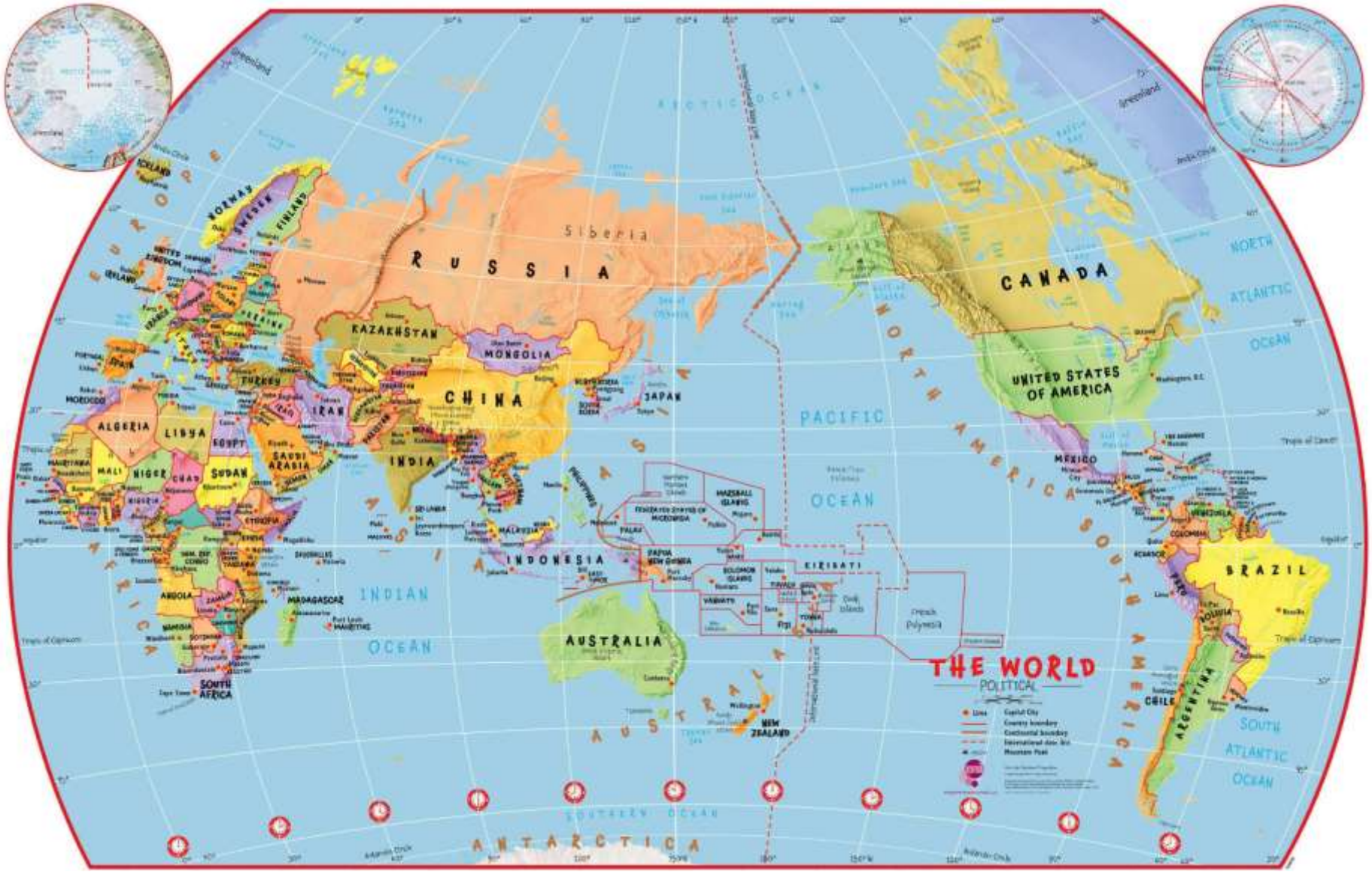
A short self-introduction



Born and studied in Rome, Italy

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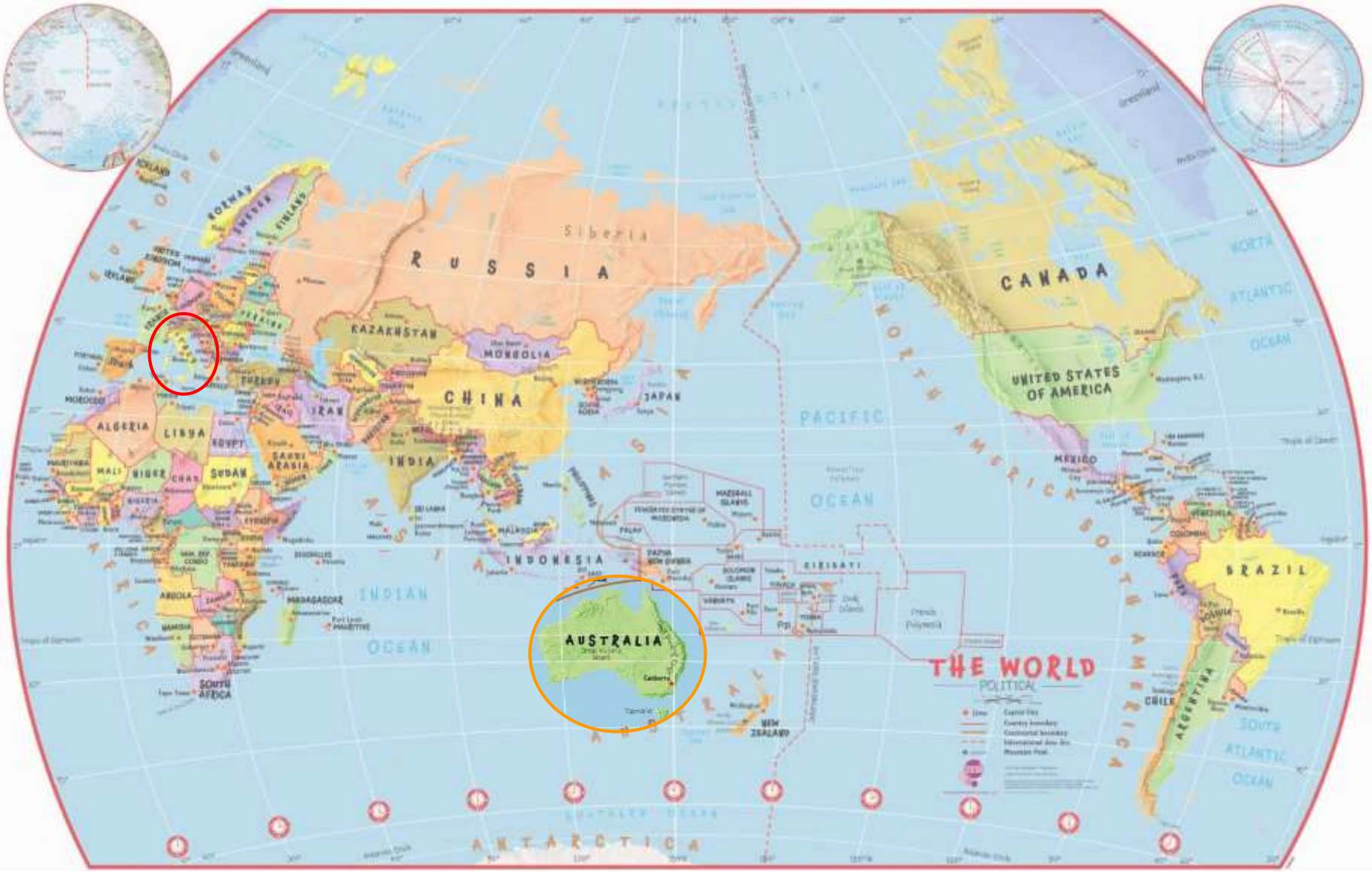
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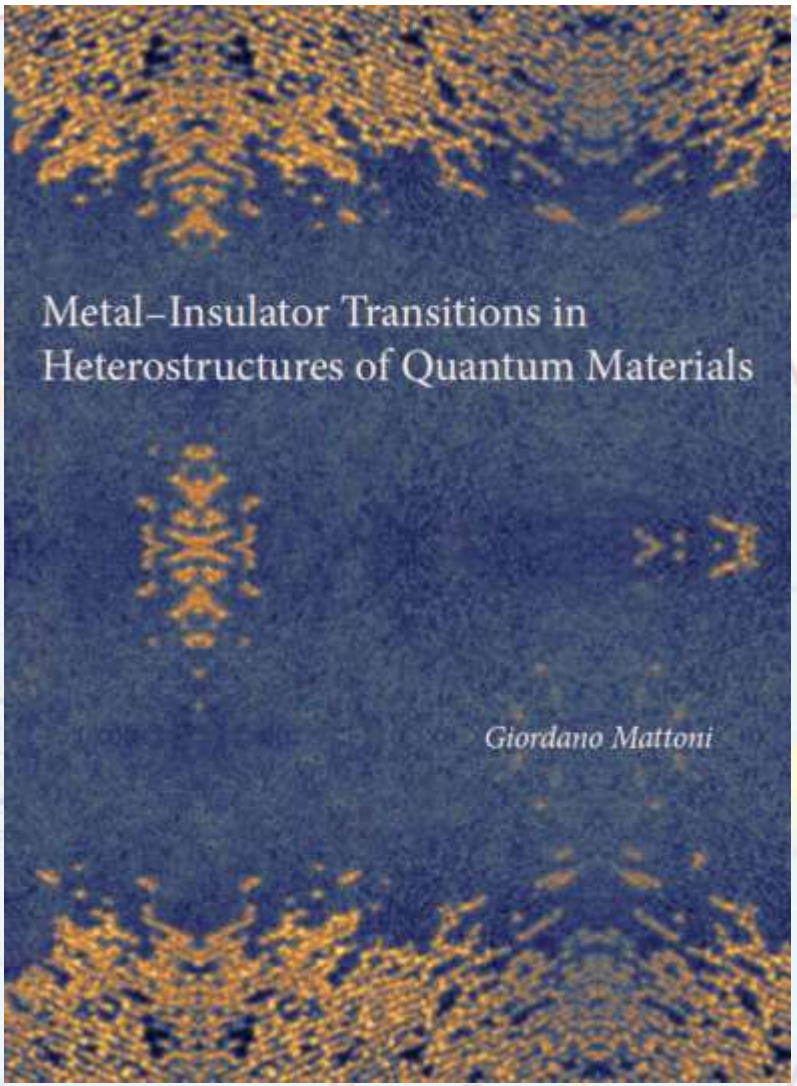

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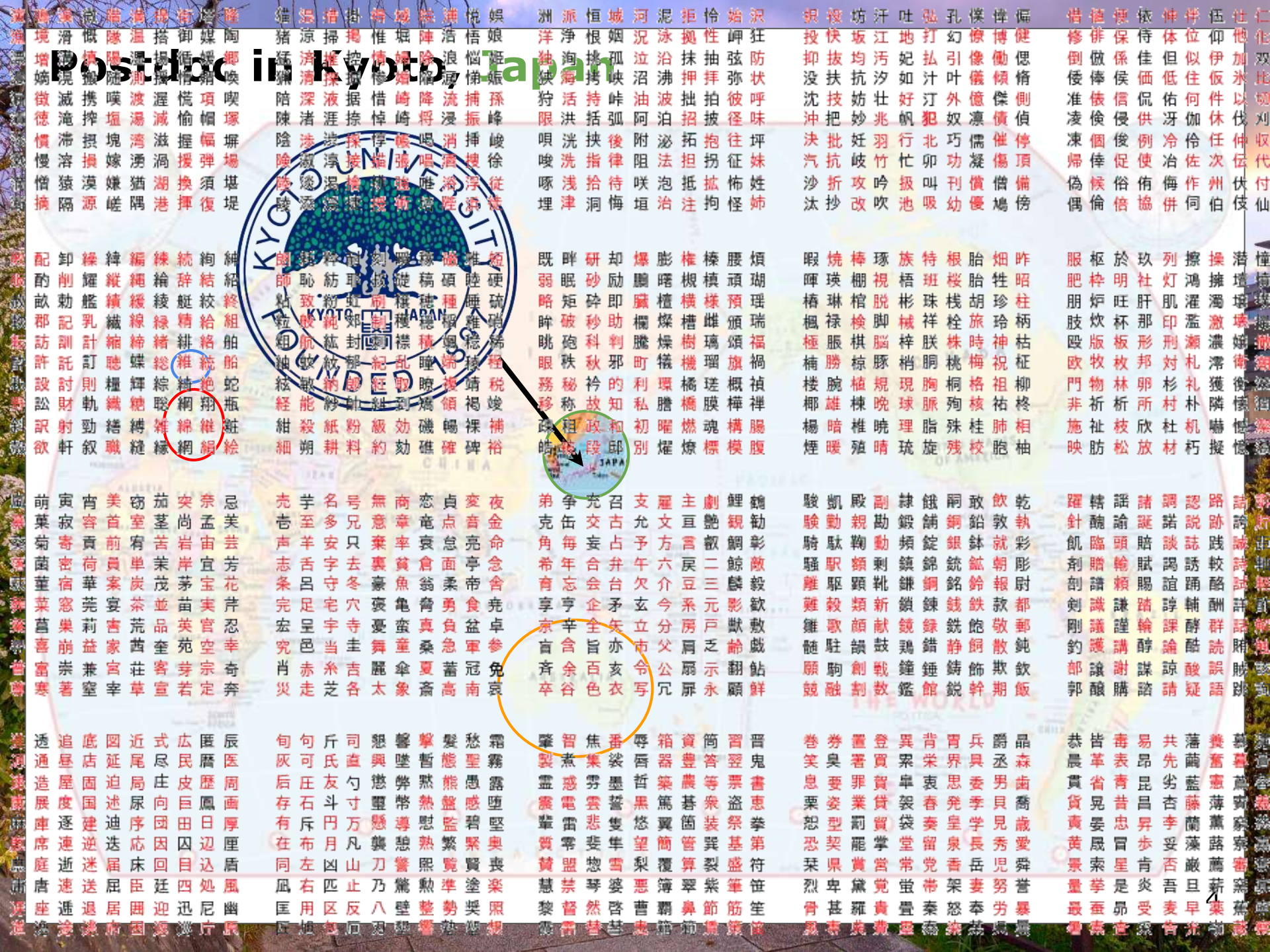

English is great for travelling

- Orient all over the world

- Learn about different cultures

It can be <u>very challenging</u>

at the beginning:

*When I arrived **in Australia**,*

*I could not understand any group conversation and I **felt stupid**.*

After <u>months of practice</u>,

***I enjoyed** talking to people!!*

My relationship with English

- *"We will get a PC at home only when Windows XP is out"*

English version

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Italian version came out several months later 😳

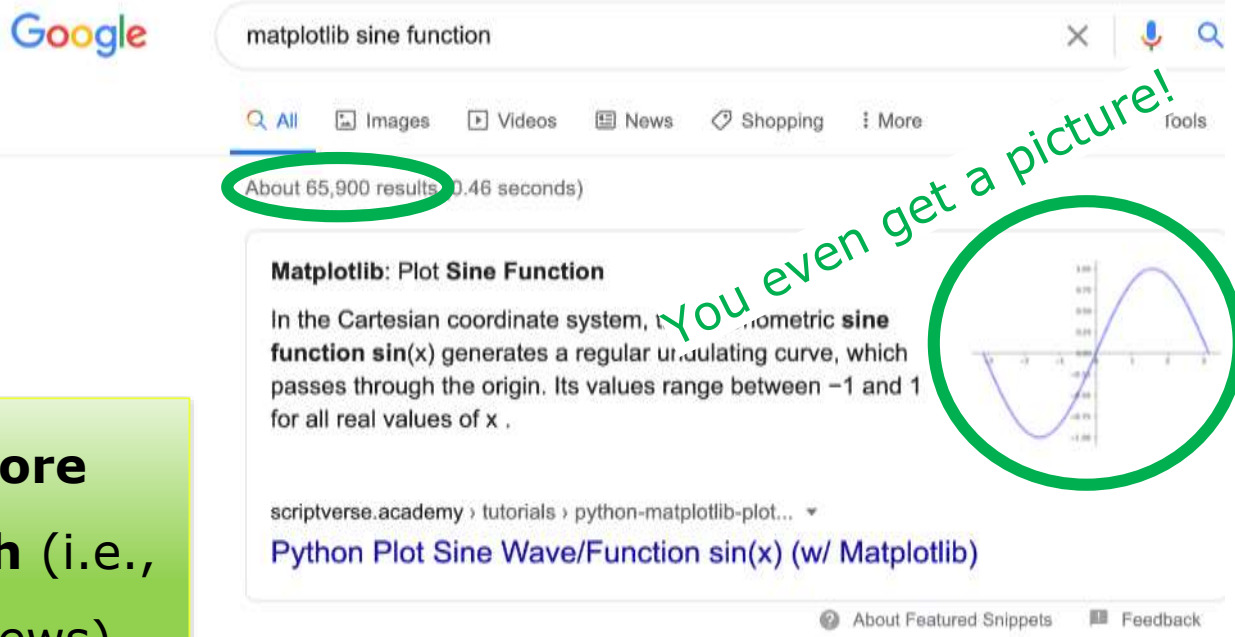
I got my first PC all in English…and that was **not so bad**

Often **English is released first** (i.e., software, videogames, movies, TV Series, books)

Resources available

Searching **in Italian** how to plot a function with python's matplotlib

Searching **in English**



There are much **more resources in English** (i.e., help for studying, news)

The biggest regret of my studies

A lot of notes and exercises about Physics!

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Why <u>in Italian</u>???

Now I cannot use them with my students 😂 😂 😂

Take-home message

1. It is useful:

- Travel/discover new cultures
- Often comes first
- Access to many more resources

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2. It is difficult:

- Yes, <u>for everyone</u>!
- The earlier you use it, the better
- **Do not be afraid**

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Questions?