# Emanuele La Malfa

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#### **Education**

**University of Oxford** Oct. 2019 - Present PhD/DPhil Student in Computer Science, advised by prof. Marta Z. Kwiatkowska Oxford, UK **Polytechnic University of Milan** Feb. 2015 - Sept. 2017

Master's Degree in Computer Science and Engineering

Milan, Italy **Polytechnic University of Milan** Sept. 2011 - Sept. 2014

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering Milan, Italy

Work Experience

**Research Assistant** Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2021

Enabling rapid adoption of artificial intelligence through an anonymized data protocol and explainable models.

University of Oxford, UK

· Collaboration with GenieAI.

Funded through the InnovateUK scheme.

• The collaboration leaded to a paper published at EMNLP'20.

Consultant Mar. 2018 - Aug. 2019 IBM, Milan, Italy

Consultant - IBM architect path -

• Design, development and deploy of a search engine for a public financial institution.

• Design, development and deploy of a cloud document management system for a public financial institution.

#### **Publications**

#### **Deep Neural Networks as Complex Networks**

Under review (long paper)

Emanuele La Malfa\*, Gabriele La Malfa\*, Claudio Caprioli, Giuseppe Nicosia, Vito Latora

### The King is Naked: on the Notion of Robustness for Natural Language Processing

AAAI'22 (long paper, main track) (oral presentation)

Emanuele La Malfa\*, Marta Kwiatkowska

## Characterizing Learning Dynamics of Deep Neural Networks via Complex Networks

IEEE-ICTAI'21 (long paper, main track)

Emanuele La Malfa\*, Gabriele La Malfa\*, Giuseppe Nicosia, Vito Latora

# On Guaranteed Optimal Robust Explanations for NLP Models

IJCAI'21 (long paper, main track)

Emanuele La Malfa\*, Rhiannon Michelmore, Agnieszka Zbrzeny, Nicola Paoletti, Marta Kwiatkowska

#### Assessing Robustness of Text Classification through Maximal Safe Radius Computation

EMNLP'20 (long paper)

Emanuele La Malfa\*, Min Wu, Luca Laurenti, Benjie Wang, Anthony Hartshorn, Marta Kwiatkowska

## **Working Papers**

## The Sense of BERT for Paraphrases: Meaning as a Function of Distributions in Large Language Models

(long paper)

Emanuele La Malfa\*, Marta Kwiatkowska

## **Emergent Linguistic Representations are Fragile**

(long paper)

Emanuele La Malfa\*, Matthew Wicker, Marta Kwiatkowska

#### **Invited Lectures**

## **Robustness for Natural Language Processing**

Lecture - Deep Fridays

**Explainable AI** 

Lecture - Advanced Artificial Intelligence Course

22/04/2022 University of Bologna, Italy

04/03/2022

Royal Holloway University of London, UK

# **Teaching Experience**

**Probabilistic Model Checking** 

Practicals

**Machine Learning** 

Classes

**Probabilistic Model Checking** 

**Practicals** 

**Fundamentals of Computer Science** 

**Practicals** 

2022 (MT) University of Oxford, UK 2021 (MT)

2021 (MT)

University of Oxford, UK 2021 (MT)

University of Oxford, UK

2016 (Oct.-Dec.)
Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy

Miscellaneous

Programming Languages: Python (fluent), worked with many languages/tools as part of my profession (C, js, ...)

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

Conference Chair: LOD2020, LOD2021, LOD2022

**Interests:** Books (any kind, any topic)

Activities

Lead the Future - Mentor 2022

Lead the Future is a no-profit organization that helps Italian talents in STEM disciplines to find their path to brilliant careers.

Ukrainian Global University - Interviewer

I interviewed a dozen of perspective undergraduate Ukrainian students who want to study in a partner university abroad.

Eutanasia Legale - Volunteer

I have collected signatures for a referendum to decriminalize euthanasia. The overall campaign gathered 1.2 million valid signatures.

Awards and Scolarships

**Trinity College Graduate Scholarship** 

2020-21, 2021-2022

June-May 2022

July 2021

Trinity College, University of Oxford, UK