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 led 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

Emergent Linguistic Structures in Neural Networks are Fragile

Under submission (long paper)

Emanuele La Malfa*, Matthew Wicker, Marta Kwiatkowska

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

Teaching Experience

Probabilistic Model Checking 2022 (MT) **Practicals** University of Oxford, UK **Machine Learning** 2021 (MT) Classes University of Oxford, UK **Probabilistic Model Checking** 2021 (MT) **Practicals** University of Oxford, UK **Fundamentals of Computer Science** 2016 (Oct.-Dec.) **Practicals** Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy

Invited Lectures, Talks and Presentations

On the Notion of Robustness for Natural Language Processing

Talk – Department of Informatics

Robustness for Natural Language Processing

Lecture - Deep Fridays

Explainable AI Lecture - Advanced Artificial Intelligence Course

17/01/2023 King's College University of London, UK

22/04/2022 University of Bologna, Italy

04/03/2022

Royal Holloway University of London, UK

Tutoring and Mentoring

University of Oxford 2022

Tutoring of a student who I followed with his master's thesis.

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.

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)

Volunteering

The Kharkiv and Przemyśl Project

August 2022

I spent a week in Przemyśl (Poland) as a volunteer to help refugees who arrived (returned) from (to) Ukraine.

Ukrainian Global University - Interviewer

June-May 2022

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

Eutanasia Legale - Volunteer

July 2021

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

Trinity College, University of Oxford, UK