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Education

I have developed an interest in mathematical logic during the final year of my Bachelor in Bari. During my stay in Turin, I have attended courses in set theory, model theory and philosophy of mathematics.

- 2013 2018 **B. Sc. in Mathematics,** Università degli studi di Bari Aldo Moro, Italy. Final grade: 110/110
- 2018 2021 M. Sc. in Mathematics, University of Turin, Italy. Final grade: 110/110 cum laude.
- PhD candidate in Mathematics, Technische Universität Darmstadt (until March 2023), Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (since April 2023), Germany Dissertation submitted in February 2025.

 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Anton Freund.

I moved from Darmstadt to Würzburg as prof. Freund obtained a permanent position there.

Employment

2022 – 2025 Researcher (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), at Technische Universität Darmstadt (until March 2023), Universität Würzburg (since April 2023), Germany.

Research interests and publications

I have worked in the field of proof theory. In particular, my research work dealt with the reverse mathematics of well orders and similar structures, such as better quasi-orders and their variants.

- A. Freund and D. Manca, "Normal functions and maximal order types," *Journal of Logic and Computation*, vol. 34, no. 6, pp. 1064–1081, 2024, ISSN: 0955-792X,1465-363X.
- D. Manca, "Some results on the reverse mathematics of finite better quasi-orders," *Submitted*, 2024, currently under revision.
- A. Freund and D. Manca, "Weak well orders and Fraïssé's conjecture," *The Journal of Symbolic Logic*, pp. 1–16, 2023. ODI: 10.1017/jsl.2023.70.

Conferences:

I have given the following talks:

March 2025 (*Invited*) Better quasi-orders on labeled trees, Weihrauch Complexity: Structuring the Realm of Non-Computability, Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz Center for Informatics, Germany.

June 2024 Δ_2^0 -better quasi orders in reverse mathematics, Logic Colloquium 2024, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Conferences: (continued)

February 2024 Untitled talk on the reverse mathematics of Δ_2^0 -bqo's, Trends in proof Theory 2024, University of Wien, Austria.

June 2023 On a weak notion of well order, Logic Colloquium 2023, University of Milan, Italy.

January 2023 Hereditarily countable sets with urelements in a quasi order, Trends in Proof Theory 2023, University of Ghent, Belgium.

Upcoming conferences:

August 2025 (*Invited*) Infinitary Proof Theory: Techniques and Applications, Casa Matemática Oaxaca, Mexico.

Teaching

I have given some of the exercise classes in Prof. Freund's logic courses:

- Winter semester 2024-2025, teaching duty shared with K. Kowalik.
- Summer semester 2022, teaching duty shared with P. Uftring

Languages

Italian (Native), English (Advanced), German (Basic).