# Mohanna Hoveyda

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I am a second-year PhD candidate at Radboud University, specializing in *Knowledge-Enriched Conversational AI*, co-advised by Professors *Arjen P. de Vries*, *Maarten de Rijke*, and *Faegheh Hasibi*. My research interests encompass 1) Employing neuro-symbolic solutions for reasoning with language models, and 2) Developing adaptive systems that dynamically choose the best answering strategy—providing a direct response, retrieving information, or engaging in reasoning—based on user input characteristics.

## **EDUCATION**

PhD, Radboud University, iCIS

Knowledge-Enriched Conversational AI

Nijmegen, Netherlands February 2023

MSc, University of Tehran, FNST

Computational Linguistics

Tehran, Iran September 2020–January 2023

Bachelor, University of Tehran, ECE & FFLL

Computer Engineering (Minor)

French Language and Literature (Major)

Tehran, Iran 2018–2020

Highschool, National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents (NODET) Karaj, Iran Mathematics and Physics 2012–2016

### RESEARCH

Adaptive Question Answering in a Society of LLMs

arXiv Preprint

2016-2020

Co-Authors: Arjen P. de Vries, Harrie Oosterhuis, Maarten de Rijke, Faegheh Hasibi

Real-World Conversational Entity Linking Requires More Than Zero-Shots

ACL 2024 Findings

Co-Authors: Arjen P. de Vries, Faegheh Hasibi, Maarten de Rijke

Network Science-Based Structural Analysis of Semantic Representations

Master's Thesis

Supervisors: Mostafa Salehi, Paulino Villas-Boas, Mahmood Bijankhan

#### EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Information Retrieval

Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands

2022

2023

Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning for Natural Language Processing

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

## Workshops and Schools

#### The European Summer School on Information Retrieval (ESSIR)

Amsterdam, Netherlands, University of Amsterdam

July 2024

Vienna, Austria, Technische Universität Wien

August 2023 August 2022

High-Performance Computing (HPC) and Deep Learning Workshop
Tehran, Iran, HPC Laboratory, Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences (IPM)

Summer School of Intelligent Learning

July 2019-August 2019

Tehran, Iran, Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences (IPM) and Sharif University of Technology

Autumn School of Mind and Brain

November 2018

Tehran, Iran, Cognitive Sciences and Technologies Council and The University of Tehran

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Ranked 6th in Computational Linguistics National Master's Entrance Exam

August 2020

Iran National Organization for Educational Testing

Scholarship for Computational Linguistics Master's Program

August 2020

Tehran, Iran, University of Tehran

2nd Prize for The Best Actress in The 4th Student Festival of Francophone Theater

Tehran, Iran, Iranian Association of French Literature and Language (AILLF)

Scholarship for Bachelor of French Literature

August 2016

May 2019

Tehran, Iran, University of Tehran

Languages: Persian (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate), Dutch (Basic)

Programming: Python (Advanced), C (Intermediate), C++ (Intermediate), HTML (Basic), CSS (Basic) Frameworks & Other Computing Skills: Natural Language Processing (NLTK, SPACY, Gensim, Huggingface), Deep Learning (Tensorflow, Cuda, Scikit-learn), Others (Networkx, Numpy, Pandas, Seaborn), Praat

#### References

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