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RESEARCH GROUP GITHUB: https://github.com/lt-nlp-lab-unibo

SHORT BIO

My main research area is integrating unstructured knowledge into deep learning models. I'm currently focusing on Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Argument Mining, a branch of NLP that aims at extracting arguments from unstructured texts.

I obtained my PhD from the University of Bologna in 2022 with the thesis "Towards Integrating Unstructured Knowledge in Natural Language Processing". During my PhD I've defined the notion of Unstructured Knowledge Integration (UKI) and investigated its applications in the fields of Legal Analytics and Argument Mining.

I hold the position of Post-doc Research Fellow at the Computer Science and Engineering Department (DISI) of the University of Bologna and I'm mainly researching knowledge extraction and Neuro-symbolic solutions for UKI. I'm currently supervising two BI-REX national projects concerning the integration of LLMs in industrial use cases. I have participated in several national and international projects focusing on the definition of interpretable and efficient NLP systems.

HIGHLIGHTS

Education | PhD in Computer Science & Engineering

3-year Post-doc Research fellow

Reference | Section Academic Experience

Section(s) Education

Teaching | 292 cumulative hours as TA in two master degree courses

Lecturer for PhD program (10 hours).

Reference(s) | Section Teaching

Projects Involved in **four international** projects and **five** national projects.

Reference(s) | Section International Projects

Section National Projects

Visiting | Open University (England)

UKP Lab (Germany)

Reference(s) | Alan Turing Institute (England) | Section International Experience

Publications Author or co-author of 33 publications

Scopus 201 citations; h-index 8 Google Scholar 414 citations; h-index 12

Journals | 4 Scimago Q1 International Journals

Conferences 2 GGS A++; 3 GGS A+; 4 GGS A; 1 GGS A-; 2 GGS B-; 2 GGS C

Workshops | 9 publications

Reference(s) | Section Bibliometric Indexes

Section Selected Publications for Analytical Research Evaluation

Section Other Publications

Software Products | cinnamon Python library

Reference(s) | Section Software Products

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2024 - Current | Post-doc Research Fellow at University of Bologna

Project BI-REX GeMEB Project
Supervisor(s) Prof. Paolo Torroni

Description Developing LLM-based solutions for industrial use cases that speed up existing user as-

sistance systems while guaranteeing privacy.

2022-2024 | Post-doc Research Fellow at University of Bologna

Project | AI4EU Project

Supervisor(s) | Prof. Paolo Torroni, Prof. Michela Milano

Description Developed horizontal matchmaking solutions for ranking textual sources. These solu-

tions should be compliant with Al-on-demand online services. Critical requirements

concern textual sources maintenance.

2021-2022 | Post-doc Research Fellow at University of Bologna

Project | StairwAl ICT-49 Project

Supervisor(s) | Prof. Paolo Torroni, Prof. Michela Milano

Description | My research fellowship is centered on developing NLP solutions for large-scale hetero-

geneous document matching. In particular, I've researched strategies for combining unstructured knowledge (e.g., textual documents, researcher profiles, user requests) and

ontology knowledge graphs.

2021 External Research Collaborator with University of Modena and Reggio

Emilia

Project | FISR-COVID 2020 AMICA Project

Supervisor(s) | *Prof. Marco Lippi*

Description | I've developed a ranking system for scientific literature based on Argument Mining fea-

tures.

2018-2021 | PhD student at University of Bologna

Curriculum | Computer science and Engineering | Supervisor(s) | Prof. Paolo Torroni, Prof. Marco Lippi

Description

I've defined the concept of unstructured Knowledge Integration (UKI) in NLP: the task of integrating textual knowledge into deep learning models. I developed solutions for application fields like Legal Analytics and Argument Mining. UKI requires advanced language understanding techniques and is subject to tight requirements like model transparency and interpretability. To address these issues, I've researched scalable and efficient data-driven neuro-symbolic solutions. I took inspiration from several research fields, including Reinforcement Learning, Active Learning, and Informed Machine Learning.

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Apr-Oct 2018

Research Scholarship in collaboration with Magneti Marelli

Project

Anomaly detection in the automotive research field

Supervisor(s) Description Prof. Paolo Torroni, Prof. Marco Lippi

I developed anomaly detection solutions based on forecasting neural networks and encoder-decoder architectures.

TEACHING

2024-2025	
Role	Teaching Assistant
Course	91258 - Natural Language Processing
Supervisor	Prof. Paolo Torroni
Info	6 CFUs, 48 hours
Curriculum	Master degree in Artificial Intelligence, University of Bologna, Italy
Curriculum	waster degree in Artificial Intelligence, offiversity of bologila, italy
Role	Teaching Assistant
Course	91251 - Introduction to Languages for Artificial Intelligence Module 1
Supervisor	Prof. Michael Lodi
Info	6 CFUs, 24 hours
Curriculum	Master degree in Artificial Intelligence, University of Bologna, Italy
Role	PhD Course Lecturer
Course	Robust and Reproducible Experimental Deep Learning Setting
Info	3 CFUs, 16 hours (frontal teaching)
Note	Course confirmed, to be held.
2023-2024	
Role	Teaching Assistant
Course	91258 - Natural Language Processing
Supervisor	Prof. Paolo Torroni
Info	6 CFUs, 40 hours
Curriculum	Master degree in Artificial Intelligence, University of Bologna, Italy
Curriculum	waster degree in Artificial Intelligence, offiversity of bologila, italy
Role	Teaching Assistant
Course	91251 - Languages and Algorithms for Artificial Intelligence Module 1
Supervisor	Prof. Simone Martini
Info	12 CFUs, 20 hours
Curriculum	Master degree in Artificial Intelligence, University of Bologna, Italy
Role	PhD Course Lecturer
Course	Robust and Reproducible Experimental Deep Learning Setting
Info	2 CFUs, 10 hours (frontal teaching)
Student Rating	87.60%
2022-2023	
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Role	Teaching Assistant
Course	91258 - Natural Language Processing
Supervisor	Prof. Paolo Torroni
Info	6 CFUs, 40 hours
Curriculum	Master degree in Artificial Intelligence, University of Bologna, Italy

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ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

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2024 Master Student(s) E. Muneer	An Artificial Intelligence System for the Autonomous Pagination of
G. Tanzi	Newspapers [LM-DM270] Automating Test Case Generation for Automotive Industry using Large Language Models [LM-DM270]
Y. Noviello	Enhancing Chatbot Efficacy in Italian Language through Retrieval Augmented Generation and LoRA Fine-Tuning [LM-DM270]
S. Fantazzini	Efficient Knowledge Distillation for Green NLP Models: Bridging the Gap with Large Language Models [LM-DM270]
S. Di Giacomo	Generazione e valutazione di test automatici tramite modelli di NLP avanzati [LM-DM270]
2023 Master Student(s)	
G. Pappacoda	From text to knowledge: Large Language Models-based methods for knowledge extraction [LM-DM270]
R. Saleem Butt	Design and Implementation of a Neural Machine Translation Engine for Computer-Assisted Translations [LM-DM270]
A. Proia	

F. Pieroni | Developing an Automated ESG Data Extraction and Analysis Tool with

NLP Techniques and Large Language Models [LM-DM270]

D. Koluh | Graph-Based Keyword Extraction from Scientific Paper Abstracts using

Word Embeddings [LM-DM270]

J. M. Hartsuiker | Finetuning commercial Large Language Models with LoRA for enhanced

Italian language understanding [LM-DM270]

2022

Master Student(s)

G. Murro | SynBA: A contextualized Synonim-Based adversarial Attack for text clas-

sification [LM-DM270]

A. Fabris | Tree regularized neural networks for key point analysis [LM-DM270]

A. Falai | Conditioning Text-to-Speech synthesis on dialect accent: a case study

[LM-DM270]

H. Zhang | Quality and Aspect based Argument Generation [LM-DM270]

2021

Master Student(s)

E. Mancini | Disruptive Situations Detection on Public Transports through Speech

Emotion Recognition [LM-DM270]

M. Rondina | Realizzazione di un sistema per l'estrazione di articoli scientifici in base

a query utente in linguaggio naturale [LM-DM270]

EDUCATION

2022

Type Title PhD

Towards Unstructured Knowledge Integration in Natural Language Pro-

cessino

Curriculum

Supervisor(s) Evaluation Description Computer Science and Engineering Prof. Paolo Torroni, Prof. Marco Lippi

5/5, Excellence

In this thesis, I analyze the methodology of integrating knowledge into deep learning models in the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP). I introduce Unstructured Knowledge Integration (UKI) as the process of integrating unstructured knowledge into machine learning models. I discuss UKI in the field of NLP, where knowledge is represented in a natural language format. UKI is a complex process comprised of multiple sub-processes, different knowledge types, and knowledge integration properties to guarantee. I propose a unified vision of structured knowledge extraction (KE) and UKI by identifying KE as a sub-process of UKI. KE is viewed as a form of symbolic representation. From this perspective, I remark on the need to define sophisticated UKI processes to verify the validity of knowledge integration. To this end, I advocate for frameworks capable of combining symbolic and sub-symbolic representations for learning as a solution.

2019

Type Theme Description Summer School, Certosa di Pontignano, Siena

2nd Advanced Course on Data Science $\mathcal E$ Machine Learning

The course is a full-immersion five-day residential Course at the Certosa di Pontignano

(Siena - Tuscany, Italy) on cutting-edge advances in Data Science and Machine Learning with lectures delivered by world-renowned experts.

Info 8 CFUs, 7 days.

Type Theme **Summer School**, University of Lille, Lille Reinforcement Learning Summer SCOOL (RLSS)

Description

Two full weeks to discover the theory and practice of sequential decision making: reinforcement learning introduction, multi-armed bandits and deep RL.

Info

8 CFUs, 15 days.

Type Theme Summer School, University of Genova, Genova

Machine Learning Crash Course (MLCC)

Description

The course provides an introduction to the fundamental methods at the core of modern Machine Learning. It covers theoretical foundations as well as essential algorithms. Classes on theoretical and algorithmic aspects are complemented by practical lab sessions.

Info 2 CFUs, 5 days.

2018

Type

Summer School, University of Ferrara, Ferrara

Theme Description School is Statistical Relational Artificial Intelligence (StarAI)

Relational AI deals very effectively with complex domains involving many and even a varying number of entities connected by complex relationships, while statistical AI manages well the uncertainty that derives from incomplete and noisy descriptions of the

domains.

Type

Master Degree in Computer Engineering

110/110 summa cum laude, University of Bologna, Bologna

Title

Supervisor(s)

Argument structure prediction with stance classification features

Prof. Paolo Torroni, Prof. Marco Lippi

2015

Type **Bachelor Degree in Computer Engineering**

University of Bologna, Bologna

Title Monitoring, alerting and resource management of cloud applications based

on Docker

Prof. Paolo Bellavista Supervisor(s)

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

2024-Current

FAIR

Future Artificial Intelligence Research

Reference Description https://fondazione-fair.it/

The objective of the FAIR project is to contribute facing the research questions, methodologies, models, technologies, and ethical and legal rules to build AI systems capable of interacting and collaborating with humans, perceiving and acting in evolving contexts, to be conscious about their limits and capable to adapt to new situations, to be aware of the perimeters of safety and trust, and to be careful with the environmental and social impact that their creation and functioning may cause.

Role

Title

Actively participating in the TP2 - Vision, Language and Multimodal Challenges. The focus is to develop challenging evaluating benchmarks for LLMs concerning reasoning capabilities.

2023-2024

ID

H2020-ICT-2018-825619-AI4EU

Title

A European AI On Demand Platform and Ecosystem

Reference https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/825619

Description

The EU-funded AI4EU is working to change Europe's place in this race, by building the first European Al On-Demand Platform and Ecosystem that will share resources, tools, knowledge, algorithms and more between Member States. It will help to increase innovation and technology transfer, accelerate the growth of start-ups and SMEs, and fulfill the needs of the European AI community. The project will implement eight pilots led by industrial partners to demonstrate the platform's capabilities.

Role

Developing horizontal matchmaking solutions for AI resources. These solutions should be compliant with Al-on-demand online services.

2022 - 2023

ID

H2020-ICT-2020-101017142-StairwAl

Title

Stairway to AI: Ease the Engagement of Low-Tech users to the AI-on-Demand platform through AI

Reference Description https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101017142

The StairwAI project targets low-tech users with the goal of facilitating their engagement on the AI4EU on-demand Platform. This will be achieved through a new service layer enriching the functionalities of the on-demand platform and containing: (1) a multi-lingual interaction layer enabling conversations with the Platform in the user's own language, (2) a horizontal matchmaking service for the automatic discovery of AI assets (tools, data sets, AI experts, consultants, papers, courses etc.) meeting the user business needs and, (3) a vertical matchmaking service that will dimension and provision hardware resources through a proper hardware provider (HPC, Cloud and Edge infrastructures).

Role

Developed several NLP solutions for AI assets, such as scientific papers and experts' profile, horizontal matchmaking (work package 5). The developed solutions are compliant with the project's ontology regarding AI terminology. The ontology was used to map input textual queries to Al assets to eventually perform the matchmaking. Moreover, I also participated in the work package 7 "Open Call Management" as a technical mentor. In particular, I collaborated with several companies in supervising their prototype AI projects (6-8 months development time).

2021-2023

ID Title JUST-JACC-EJU-AG-2020-1010074206-Adele Analytics for DEcision of LEgal cases

Reference Description

https://site.unibo.it/adele/en

Project ADELE is premised on the ongoing paradigm shift towards cognitive computing

and human-centered AI which is transforming many socio-economic activities, including justice. The project applies legal analytics (LA) - a blend of data science, machine learning, and natural language processing techniques - to judicial decisions. It aims to develop methods to extract knowledge and engage in outcome predictions and there build a pilot tool to support legal research and decision-making processes in the judiciary.

Role

I worked on two main problems: legal outcome prediction and argument mining. In particular, I collaborated in building new corpora and AI solutions, and I actively supervised interns and research fellows on the project.

2019-2022

CLAUDETTE

Title

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Reference Description http://claudette.eui.eu/

CLAUDETTE is an interdisciplinary research project hosted at the Law Department of the European University Institute. The research objective is to test to what extent is it possible to automate reading and legal assessment of online consumer contracts and privacy policies, to evaluate their compliance with EU's unfair contractual terms law and personal data protection law (GDPR), using machine learning and grammar-based approaches.

Role

I'm involved in the development of NLP solutions for legal text classification. I focused on integrating legal expertise as unstructured textual knowledge into deep learning model to develop interpretable AI solutions.

NATIONAL PROJECTS

2024 - Current	
ID	BI-REX
Title	Generative Models: Empowering Business Processes and Enhancing Work- flows for Improved Performance (GeMEB)
Reference	https://bi-rex.it/quarto-bando-bi-rex/
Description	The project developing ad-hoc LLM-based solutions to speed up existing
_ ,	user assistance systems while guaranteeing privacy.
Role	Principal technical investigator to develop LLMs-based solution for unstructured knowledge integration.
Reference	AI-based Smart Collaborative Manufacturing System (SmartCasm) https://bi-rex.it/quarto-bando-bi-rex/
Description	The project involves using LLMs to integrate unstructured knowledge
·	into industrial pipelines to speed up production and foster technical advancement.
Role	Principal technical investigator to develop LLMs-based solution for unstructured knowledge integration.
2022	
2022	
ID	PRIN2017NCPZ22 LAILA
Title	Legal Analytics for Italian Law
Reference	https://dsg.unibo.it/it/ricerca/progetti-di-ricerca/
	progetti-nazionali-e-di-ateneo/prin2017-laila-legal-
	analytics-for-italian-law
Description	The project regards the application of Legal Analytics methods to a vast and heterogeneous set of legal information: legislations, contracts, and judgments. The purpose is the application of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Natural Language Processing to extract legal knowledge, infer relationships, and produce data-driven forecasts.
Role	I actively collaborated in developing NLP solutions for legal analytics, supervised research
	interns and coordinated with the team of legal experts.
2021	
ID	FISR2020IP_01362 AMICA
Title	Argument Mining In Covid-19 Articles
Reference	http://amica.unimore.it/
Description	The objective of the AMICA project was to exploit the argumentative content present in the scientific literature regarding Covid-19 to improve the retrieval of relevant and reliable articles. The project involved both medical and artificial intelligence exports and
	reliable articles. The project involved both medical and artificial intelligence experts and aimed to develop an argument mining-based search engine, specifically designed for the
Dala	analysis of scientific literature related to Covid-19.
Role	I contributed in developing NLP solutions and supervising a post-graduate student.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nov-Dec 2024	Visiting Researcher at Alan Turing Institute
Location	London, England
Supervisor(s)	Prof. Maria Liakata
Description	The visiting period focused on finalizing two research papers on rumor verification and large language model reasoning.

Feb-July 2021 | Research internship at Ubiquitous Knowledge Processing (UKP) Lab

Location | Darmstadt, Germany

Supervisor(s) | *Prof. Mohsen Mesgar, Prof. Iryna Gurevych*

Description | My internship project concerned the development of Al dialogue argumentative chatbots

on scientific literature. I developed a custom online platform for human dialogue collection. The collected data was used to investigate the impact of arguments in scientific

papers to boost the capabilities of a dialogue agent.

April 2019 | Research Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)

Location Open University, Milton Keynes, England

Supervisor(s) | *Prof. Anna de Liddo*

Description The aim of the scientific mission is to explore the possibility of integration of three technologies under development in the domain of computer-supported reflection and

technologies under development in the domain of computer-supported reflection and deliberation systems from three APPLY COST network institutions: the Open University (host institution), the University of Bologna (applicant's institution), and the Universidade Nova in Lisbon (Institution coordinating the APPLY COST action). The desired outcome of this Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM) is a draft workplan leading to a focused pilot initiative in the context of the APPLY network, aiming to demonstrate the potential of innovative technologies in facilitating the policy debate through computer-

aided reflection and deliberation systems.

PROGRAM CHAIR & ORGANIZATION COMMITTEES

2025 | Title | CheckThat! Lab 2025, International Workshop on Fact-Checking

Venue | Co-located with CLEF 2025, Conference and Labs of the Evaluation

Forum

Role Co-chair

Location | Madrid, Spain

Title | MM-ArgFallacy-2025 Shared Task

Venue | ArgMining 2025, co-located with ACL 2025

Role | Shared Task Organizer

Source https://nlp-unibo.github.io/mm-argfallacy/2025/

Location | Vienna, Austria

Sept 2024

Title | CheckThat! Lab 2024, International Workshop on Fact-Checking

Venue | Co-located with CLEF 2024, Conference and Labs of the Evaluation

Forum

Role *Co-chair*

Location | Grenoble, France

Sept 2023

Title | CheckThat! Lab 2023, International Workshop on Fact-Checking

Venue | Co-located with CLEF 2023, Conference and Labs of the Evaluation

Forum

Role *Co-chair*

Location | Thessaloniki, Greece

Sep 2022

Title | Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF)

Venue CLEF 2022 Role Local Organizer

Location Bologna, Italy

2025

Venue Title Alan Turing Institute, London

From data annotation to modelling, the importance of distilling and using textual knowledge in hate speech.

Description

In NLP, to acquire new knowledge, we require the development of machine learning systems with the capability of understanding text to distill and organize novel (structured) knowledge, while guaranteeing other desiderata like model transparency, efficiency, robustness, adaptability to different contexts, and computational scalability. Concretely, we require a paradigm shift in how machine learning problems are formulated, going from the traditional approach of "Given input X, provide output Y" to "Given input X and knowledge K, provide output Y and update K". Here, the knowledge K refers to any information that contributes to the general human understanding of a given problem. This paradigm shift implies that when we design an NLP system, our purpose and measurement of its success should account for both model accuracy and the reason behind that accuracy. These capabilities constitute important desiderata for several real-world applications where extracted knowledge represents the basis for understanding underlying factors like human sociodynamics, dialogical interactions, and reasoning. A notable example is Hate Speech, where knowledge about the cultural domain of written text is necessary to discriminate hateful content. In this talk, I provide a brief overview of how textual knowledge can be integrated in hate speech as a tool for reasoning and as instructions, covering data annotation, problem formulation, and modelling.

Role

Invited Speaker at Media in the digital age special interest group

Reference

https://www.turing.ac.uk/research/interest-groups/media-

digital-age

2024

Venue

University of Bologna, Italy

Title

Reliability, Transparency and Reproducibility

Description

The meeting fosters discussions on the ingredients of research methodology, and the ongoing debate around reproducibility of results, with the aim of understanding if and how such dimensions can be translated into evaluation criteria to assess the quality of knowledge generated through research

Role

Selected speaker (6 selected out of 45 candidates from 22 departments)

2023

Venue

Alan Turing Institute, London

Title

Combining Transformers with Natural Language Explanations

Venue

Neurosymbolic Workshop (NeSY), Certosa di Pontignano, Siena

Title

Challenges for Neuro-Symbolic Approaches: Case Study on Legal Ana-

lytics and Argument Mining

Presentations

2024

A Corpus for Sentence-Level Subjectivity Detection on English News Title

Articles

Venue

LREC-COLING 2024

Reference [S4]

Location

Turin, Italy

Presentation Poster

2023

Title A dataset of argumentative dialogues on scientific papers.

Venue ACL 2023 Reference | [S8]

Location Toronto, Canada.

Presentation | Poster

Title | On the definition of prescriptive annotation guidelines for language-

agnostic subjectivity detection.

Venue Text2Story 2023 Workshop, Co-located with ECIR

Reference [09]

Location | Dublin, Ireland (Online).

Presentation | Oral

2019

Title Deep learning for detecting and explaining unfairness in consumer con-

tracts.

Venue JURIX 2019 Reference [O19]

Location | Madrid, Spain (Online).

Presentation | Poster

FUNDING

2024

Title

"TRUSTWORTHY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Short Stay"

Description

The objective is to strengthen the scientific research of both Italian and UK researchers, promote the internationalization and the cooperation between Italy and UK and foster the technology transfers for the national industrial and societal challenges in both countries.

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Funding

2.5k euros for a two-week visiting period.

Institution

Future Artificial Intelligence Research Foundation

Source https://fondazione-fair.it/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/TAI-

ShortStay-Exchange-program-2023.pdf

AWARDS

2024

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Outstanding Reviewer at EMNLP 2024

Description

Been selected as one of the top reviewers based on several factors, such as review quality, availability, and active interactions with peers.

Source

https://aclanthology.org/2024.emnlp-main.0/

PEER REVIEWING

We use \dagger to denote class 1 conferences (according to GII-GRIN-SCIE rating) and Q1 journals (according to Scimago Journal Rank).

Associate Editor

PLOS One

2024, 2025

Senior PC Member

ECAI	European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (2024, 2025)
PC Member	
Conferences	
†ACL	Association for Computational Linguistics (2022-2025)
†NAACL	North American Association for Computational Linguistics (2022-2025)
†EMNLP	Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (2022-2025)
†AAAI	Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (2022-2025)
†IJCAI	International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (2024, 2025)
EACL	European Association for Computational Linguistics (2022-2025)
LREC	International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (2024)
COLING	International Conference on Computational Linguistics (2024, 2025)
HHAI	Hybrid Human Artificial Intelligence (2025)
ICTAI	IEEE International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence (2022)
COMMA	International Conference on Computational Models of Argument (2022)
Workshops	
ArgMining	Workshop on Argument Mining (2021-2025)
NLLP	Natural Legal Language Processing (2022)
NLLP	Natural Legal Language Processing (2022)
Reviewer	
†AI & Law	Artificial Intelligence and Law (2021-2025)
†ACM	ACM Computing Surveys (2022)
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BIBLIOMETRIC INDEXES

Last accessed 18 February 2025.

SOURCE Citations 215
Citations by h-index 8

SOURCE Citations 436
h-index 12

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS FOR ANALYTICAL RESEARCH EVALUATION

Principal investigator or equal contribution entries are highlighted in bold.

†IEEE Access | The Multidisciplinary Open Access Journal (2022)

We report the GII-GRIN-SCIE (GGS) rating for conferences and Scimago quartiles for journals as standard practice for evaluating research. Workshops and pre-prints are not evaluated.

The GII-GRIN-SCIE (GGS) Conference Rating is sponsored by GII (Group of Italian Professors of Computer Engineering), GRIN (Group of Italian Professors of Computer Science), and SCIE (Spanish Computer-Science Society). The SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) indicator is a measure of the prestige of scholarly journals that accounts for both the number of citations received by a journal and the prestige of the journals where the citations come from.

[S1] Katerina Korre, Arianna Muti, Federico Ruggeri, and Alberto Barrón-Cedeño. Untangling hate speech definitions: A semantic componential analysis across cultures and domains. *Findings of NAACL*, 2025. **GGS Rating: A+. In Press.**

- [S2] Eleonora Mancini, Ana Tanevska, Andrea Galassi, Alessio Galatolo, Federico Ruggeri, and Paolo Torroni. Promoting the responsible implementation of speech datasets for mental health and neurological disorders research. *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)*, 2025. Scimago Quartile: Q1. In Press.
- [S3] Arianna Muti, Federico Ruggeri, Khalid Al Khatib, Alberto Barrón-Cedeño, and Tommaso Caselli. Language is scary when over-analyzed: Unpacking implied misogynistic reasoning with argumentation theory-driven prompts. In Yaser Al-Onaizan, Mohit Bansal, and Yun-Nung Chen, editors, *Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, pages 21091–21107, Miami, Florida, USA, November 2024. Association for Computational Linguistics. **GGS Rating: A+**.
- [S4] Francesco Antici, Federico Ruggeri, Andrea Galassi, Katerina Korre, Arianna Muti, Alessandra Bardi, Alice Fedotova, and Alberto Barrón-Cedeño. A corpus for sentence-level subjectivity detection on English news articles. In Nicoletta Calzolari, Min-Yen Kan, Veronique Hoste, Alessandro Lenci, Sakriani Sakti, and Nianwen Xue, editors, *Proceedings of the 2024 Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC-COLING 2024)*, pages 273–285, Torino, Italy, May 2024. ELRA and ICCL. GGS Rating: A. Corresponding Author.
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Role	Creator, Principal Maintainer.
Github	https://github.com/nlp-unibo/cinnamon
Course Repository Description Role Github	This is the official repository of the PhD course "Robust and Reproducible Research". Creator, Principal Maintainer. https://github.com/federicoruggeri/phdlectures-r3
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Role	Co-Creator, Co-Maintainer
Github	https://github.com/federicoruggeri/gen-spp
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Github	https://github.com/lt-nlp-lab-unibo/bert-natural-
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