

Report: Research visit to Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

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Topic/Goals:

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Activities:

(1) Logical reconstruction of RDF

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(2) Extensions for HiLog and F-Logic

HiLog and F-Logic are two extensions of classical logic which allow some higher-order style modeling, while semantically staying in the First-Order framework. We have made initial efforts to extend the logical reconstruction of RDF (1) towards HiLog and F-Logic.

The first outcome of the exchange are these publications:

Jos de Bruijn, Enrico Franconi and Sergio Tessaris. Logical reconstruction of normative RDF. In *OWL: Experiences and Directions Workshop (OWLED-2005)*, Galway, Ireland, 11-12 November, 2005.

Jos de Bruijn, Enrico Franconi and Sergio Tessaris. Logical reconstruction of RDF and ontology languages. In *Third Workshop on Principles and Practice of Semantic Web Reasoning*, Dagstuhl, Germany, Sept. 11--16, 2005.

We will continue our cooperation via email and possible future visits.