

Dialectica categories and doctrines

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More than thirty years ago my doctoral work introduced the first categorical internalisation of Gödel's celebrated Dialectica Interpretation. Since then many new applications of the Dialectica categorical constructions have come to light, especially in relation to linear logic and games. Recently work with Davide Trotta and Matteo Spadetto, based on Rosolini and Maietti's ideas, made it clear how to connect the work in Dialectica categories to Lawvere's fundamental insights into categorical logic. I want to discuss these new developments, showing how the very tight categorical modelling of the Dialectica using doctrines, exactly explains the proof-theoretical constraints.

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