The challenge of modeling commonsense reasoning has been part of the standing goals of the Artificial Intelligence community since its early beginnings. During the eighties, several formalisms were introduced attempting to advance the understanding of this difficult problem. In that manner, the Knowledge Representation and Reasoning area was enriched with Circumscription, Default Logic, Autoepistemic Logic, Defeasible Logic, and other related formalisms.

Argumentation is a form of reasoning that closely follows the model of a formal disputation that seeks to find the best reason to support a possible conclusion. In the past years, defeasible argumentation has proven to be a confluence point for many formalisms for commonsense reasoning. The conceptual basis of Defeasible Reasoning and Argumentation will be introduced in this talk.