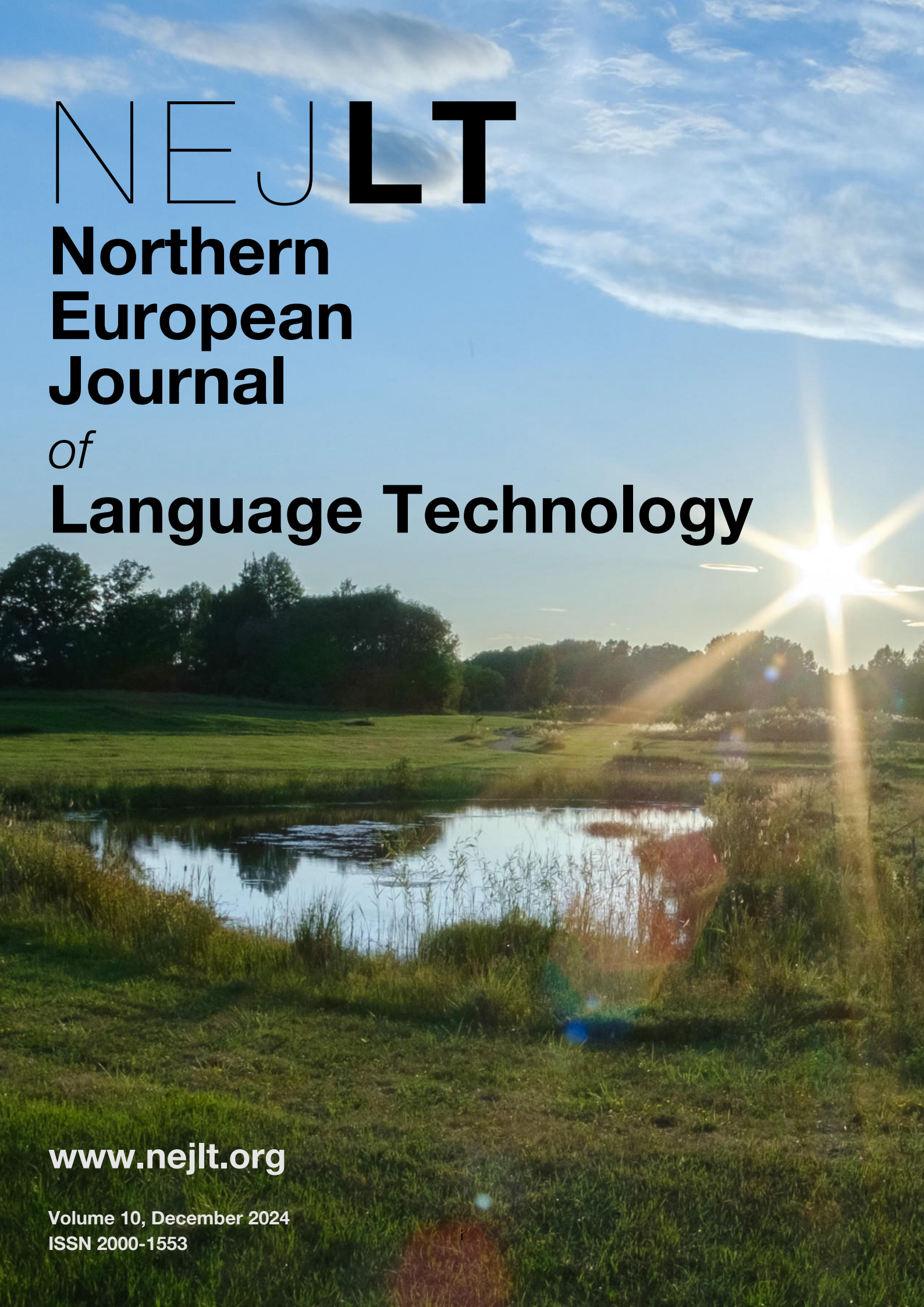

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Foreword to NEJLT Volume 10

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This volume of NEJLT, the Northern European Journal of Language Technology, is the first I have the honour of publishing after taking over the role of editor-in-chief. Leon Derczynski, my predecessor, transformed NEJLT into a modern, global NLP journal with a focus on a fast reviewing turnaround—continuing this ambitious project is both exciting and challenging.

In 2024, NEJLT received twelve submissions; of those that were admitted to the reviewing stage and received a decision, the average time until the first decision was 58 days. Three of those submissions were accepted for publication in this volume; three more submissions that are published here were first submitted in 2023. I am pleased to see a wide geographic distribution of authors on these accepted papers, representing Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Malaysia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the USA, as well as Arabic and African NLP initiatives. This illustrates NEJLT's ambition to be a global journal, and I would like to thank each of these authors for placing their trust in the journal.

As a consequence of the editor-in-chief transition and unclear internal processes, some of the submissions from 2023 unfortunately experienced unacceptably long delays, for which I am sorry. I have done a lot of "invisible" work during this year, clarifying and improving the journal's internal processes, documentation, and tools. One "visible" change, resulting from the adoption of ACL tools and pipelines, is that this issue is the first with more detailed frontmatter and explicit page numbers. I hope that all of this will put NEJLT into a position to continue growing and to operate (more) effectively in the coming years, and also provide faster and more consistent reviewing timelines.

Finally, I would like to thank every editorial board member and every reviewer for contributing their time and efforts towards NEJLT—none of this would be possible without you! I am looking forward to the next year, and hope that it will see many more interesting submissions to the journal.

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