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Message from the General Chair

Welcome to the 2nd International Workshop on Nakba Narratives as Language Resources (Nakba-NLP 2026), held as part of the Fifteenth Biennial Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC 2026) in Palma, Mallorca, Spain. Nakba-NLP 2026 took place in a hybrid format on May 11, 2026.

The narratives of the ongoing Palestinian Nakba carry profound historical, cultural, and academic significance. Preserving these narratives—and critically examining the role of AI in documenting and shaping them—is essential to ensure their accessibility and relevance for present and future generations. Nakba testimonies exist in diverse formats, making their transformation into machine-understandable resources a key challenge and highlighting the need for accessible, well-annotated archives.

The workshop aims to explore how artificial intelligence, natural language processing, and corpus linguistics can support the documentation, analysis, and curation of Nakba narratives, while addressing ethical considerations in such contexts. It also seeks to develop resources that enable researchers and the public to generate and share insights across Arabic, English, and other languages.

This year's workshop featured two main tracks: Regular Papers and Shared Tasks. We received nine regular paper submissions, of which six were accepted. Five shared task proposals were submitted, four of which were accepted (NakbaVirality, NakbaArchiveClassifier, StanceNakba, and Arabic Manuscript Understanding). These tasks attracted teams worldwide to participate in developing systems related to Nakba narratives.

Overall, the final program comprised 47 papers: 6 regular papers, 4 shared task overview papers, and 37 shared task system papers. These contributions were co-authored by 148 researchers from 18 countries, reflecting the workshop's growing international reach. Each submission was reviewed by at least two members of the Program Committee.

This year's workshop featured a keynote by Paul Biggar, founder of the Tech for Palestine Initiative, presenting a global, community-driven effort to build digital tools and open datasets that document the ongoing Nakba and support research and preservation.

The panel discussion, "*NLP: Reconstructing Narratives about the Ongoing Nakba*," was moderated by Khalil Sima'an and featured Kareem Darwish, Hanine Shehadeh, Jamila J. Ghaddar, and Rama Salahat. The discussion explored how NLP can contribute to reconstructing and analyzing narratives, highlighting both methodological challenges and opportunities.

We thank all authors for their submissions and the Program Committee members for their valuable reviews.

Workshop organizers: Mustafa Jarrar, Mo El-Haj, Amal Haddad Haddad, Serin Atiani, Shadi Abudalfa, Khalil Sima'an, Paul Rayson, Terry Regier and Camille Mansour.

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