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Preface

A recent research space in Natural Language Processing (NLP) has emerged to tackle the challenge of what has been called a perspectivist turn. Researchers have increasingly moved away from traditional data curation protocols such as majority vote aggregation in favor of considering multiple perspectives as legitimate ground truths. Perspectivist models leverage human label variation to better account for user diversity and adopt evaluation strategies capable of embracing disagreement.

Perspectivist NLP is related to personalisation, i.e., a family of methods that aim at adapting NLP models towards individual users. Personalisation has an impact on NLP applications where the user is specific and known, such as virtual assistants. However, applications intended for the broad public, such as automatic moderation and large-scale language analysis, do not benefit from this level of specificity, either because data about all possible users is not available, or because the intended output abstracts away from single users and towards more encompassing audiences.

The most common domain where perspectivist approaches are found to be relevant is the analysis of pragmatic phenomena in language, especially hate speech or other kinds of undesirable language. However, even tasks less commonly associated with differences in human perception, such as grammatical and multi-modal tasks, are sensitive to systematic label variation.

There are still many open challenges in perspectivist approaches, but research is proliferating, as demonstrated, for example, by the ongoing success of this workshop as well as other ones as Context and Meaning: Navigating Disagreements in NLP Annotation and Cross Cultural Considerations in NLP (C3NLP).

This volume presents the proceedings of the Fifth Workshop on Perspectivist Approaches to NLP (NLPerspectives 2026), co-located with LREC 2026 in Palma de Mallorca. The workshop had a total of 22 submissions, with 13 archival papers presented in this volume and 6 non-archival papers. The workshop continues to serve as a forum for researchers exploring how to model, preserve, and learn from the diversity of human perspectives in language annotation and natural language processing systems. This year, we are honored to feature an invited talk by Federico Cabitza (University of Milano-Bicocca), author of fundamental work in perspectivist machine learning, whose contributions have been instrumental in shaping the theoretical foundations of this field.

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