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ParlaCLARIN IV @ LREC-COLING2024: Introduction

Parliamentary data is an important source of scholarly and socially relevant content, serving as a verified communication channel between the elected political representatives and members of the society. The development of accessible, comprehensive and well-annotated parliamentary corpora is therefore crucial for the information society, as such corpora help scientists and investigative journalists to ascertain the accuracy of socio-politically relevant information, and to inform the citizens about the trends and insights on the basis of such data explorations. Research-wise, parliamentary corpora are a quintessential resource for a number of disciplines in digital humanities and social sciences, such as political science, sociology, history, and (socio)linguistics.

The distinguishing characteristic of parliamentary data is that it is spoken language produced in controlled circumstances. Such data has traditionally been transcribed in a formal way but is now also increasingly transcribed with speech-to-text software as well as released in the original audio and video formats, which encourages resource and software development and provides research opportunities related to structuring, synchronisation, visualisation, querying and analysis of parliamentary corpora. Therefore, a harmonised approach to data curation practices for this type of data can support the advancement of the field significantly. One of the ways in which the research community is supported in this line of work is through the conversion of existing corpora and further development of new cross-national parliamentary corpora into a highly comparable, harmonised set of multilingual resources. These allow researchers to share comparative perspectives and to perform multidisciplinary research on parliamentary data. We envision that the ParlaCLARIN IV workshop, as a venue for knowledge and experience exchange on the topic, will contribute to the development and growth of the field of digital parliamentary science.

This fourth ParlaCLARIN workshop is a continuation of the 2018¹, 2020² and 2022³ editions held at the respective LREC conferences, see references below. On the one hand, it continues to bring together developers, curators and researchers of regional, national and international parliamentary debates from across diverse disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences. On the other hand, we envisage the appearance of new discussion threads, tasks, and challenges that are partially inspired by or related to the new data releases such as ParlaMint⁴ and data formats such as ParlaCLARIN⁵.

The Call for Papers has invited original, overview and position papers with the focus on one of the following topics:

- Compilation, annotation, visualisation and utilisation of historical or contemporary parliamentary written or audio records
- Harmonisation of existing multilingual parliamentary resources, containing either synchronic or diachronic data or both
- Linking or comparing of parliamentary records with other datasets of political discourse such as party manifestos, political speeches, political campaign debates, and social media posts, and to other sources of structured knowledge, such as formal ontologies and LOD datasets (in particular for the description of speakers, political parties, etc.)

¹<https://www.clarin.eu/ParlaCLARIN>

²<https://www.clarin.eu/ParlaCLARIN-II>

³<https://www.clarin.eu/ParlaCLARIN-III>

⁴<https://www.clarin.eu/parlamint>

⁵<https://github.com/clarin-eric/parla-clarin>

In 2024 the following special themes were also brought for discussion at the workshop:

- Enrichment of parliamentary proceedings (with e.g. sentiment annotation, political profiling of speakers etc.) and research using such data
- Machine translation of parliamentary proceedings and research using such data
- Argument mining of parliamentary debates

The workshop programme is composed of a keynote talk by Ines Rehbein from the Universität Mannheim and 24 peer-reviewed papers (of which 8 are presented as posters and 5 as demos) by 69 authors from 15 countries (the three most represented: Germany (5), Slovenia (4) and Czech Republic (3)). Two papers report on the work that was carried out by the co-authors representing the institutions in more than one country.

We would like to thank the reviewers for their careful and constructive reviews which have contributed to the quality of the event.

The ParlaCLARIN IV workshop was held in person with the a possibility of hybrid attendance in Turin (Italy), as part of the 2024 Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC-COLING2024).

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