

Second Call for Papers

LRL 2015

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Theme and Motivation

Language Technologies in support of Less-Resourced Languages (LRL)

This Workshop is targeting all stakeholders somehow involved in Language Technology for less-resourced languages, either as users, developers, researchers, language activists, or policy makers. As such, the Workshop broadly addresses current use and usability of Language Technologies for less-resourced languages. This year, we take the opportunity of celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Language and Technology Conference to analyze the influence of Language Technologies on Less-Resourced Languages over two decades. We will particularly welcome contributions addressing the following issues:

1) Less-resourced languages in the digital age - how well are regional/minority/less-resourced languages equipped for the digital age? What is the experience of speakers, what are their opportunities to act in the digital sphere by means of these languages? Do speakers of regional/minority/less-resourced languages experience any kind of "unequal digital opportunity"?

What is the impact of Language Technology on the use and usability of less-resourced languages on digital media and devices?

2) Language Technologies for less-resourced languages - development of Language and Resources technology for less-resourced languages is often linked to purposes other than availability of applications for retrieving information or for enabling communication (e.g. language learning, identity-building or language reclamation): how often are less-resourced languages targeted by applications for educational, entertainment, or revitalization purposes?

3) Less-resourced languages: charting the field - what do we know about currently available Language and Resources technologies for less-resourced languages? How to draw a comprehensive and accurate picture? Who are the actors to be involved? What is the experience of researchers and developers?

4) Less-resourced languages: rethinking the BLARK - the BLARK (Basic Language Resources Kit) still proves a useful tool for planning and implementing Language Technology for Less-resourced languages. How can it be remodeled/rethought in the light of current technological development? How can it be channeled into a coherent development roadmap?

Publication

The papers accepted for LRL 2015 will be published in the LTC Proceedings (hard copy, with ISBN number) and on CD-ROM. After the Workshop, a selection of the best papers will be published together with best LTC papers in a dedicated volume in the Springer Series Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence.

Important Dates

- Paper submissions due: **18 September, 2015**
- Notification of acceptance: **11 October 2015**
- Final paper submission deadline: **26 October 2015**
- Workshop: **28 November 2015**

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Submission

See the workshop web page for details about submissions:

<http://www.ilc.cnr.it/lrl2015/submissions.htm>

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