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Introduction

Welcome to the Tutorials Session of ACL 2019 in Florence, Italy.

The tutorials session at ACL offers attendees the opportunity to learn about new research areas through focused and comprehensive introductions given by expert researchers. The tutorials range from introductory topics of general interest to many areas of our field to specific, cutting-edge topics. It is our hope that these tutorials will be useful to novice researchers and experts alike, and that they will help participants stay informed about the latest developments in our rapidly-growing and rapidly-changing field.

This year, as has been the tradition over the past few years, the tutorials committee included tutorial chairs from three conferences: NAACL-HLT, ACL, and EMNLP-IJCNLP. A total of 46 tutorial proposals were submitted, and these were jointly reviewed by the six tutorial chairs. Nine tutorials were selected for presentation at ACL 2019.

Roughly half of the tutorials selected for ACL this year focus on innovative approaches to modeling language, ranging from deep Bayesian models to unsupervised learning of cross-lingual representations. A second focus area is the computational analysis of discourse, with tutorials on the foundations of discourse analysis as well as interdisciplinary applications of text analysis, from argument mining to analysis of political texts. We hope that this selection of tutorials will be both educational and inspirational.

Many thanks are in order to the people who have made it possible to put together this tutorials session. First, thanks to the ACL general chair Lluís Màrquez and the Web manager Sacha Bourdeaud'Hui. Thanks also to the publication co-chairs Douwe Kiele, Ivan Vulić, Shay Cohen, and Kevin Gimpel. We further thank the local organization co-chairs Alessandro Lenci, Bernardo Magnini, and Simonetta Montemagni, as well as ACL's business manager Priscilla Rasmussen who provided invaluable support – not the least in helping us to accommodate the nine excellent tutorials we selected. Finally, thanks to our co-chairs and co-reviewers Anoop Sarkar and Michael Strube (NAACL-HLT), and also Tim Baldwin and Marine Carpuat (EMNLP-IJCNLP).

We hope you enjoy the tutorials.

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14:00–17:30 Afternoon Session

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