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Challenges and Applications**

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Preface by the EEUCA organizers

Welcome to the Proceedings of the 9th Workshop on Event Extraction and Understanding: Challenges and Applications (EEUCA 2026), held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2026).

EEUCA, formerly known as CASE (Challenges and Applications of Automated Extraction of Sociopolitical Events from Text), continues to serve as a premier venue for researchers working on event extraction, event understanding, information extraction, computational social science, and related areas. Over the years, the workshop has evolved alongside the rapid advancement of natural language processing technologies, expanding its scope from traditional event extraction pipelines to encompass multilingual, multimodal, and generative approaches for understanding complex real-world events.

This year's edition reflects several important developments in the field. First, large language models (LLMs) have become a central theme across both research papers and shared task submissions. Many contributions explore how LLMs can support event extraction through prompting, reasoning, weak supervision, agent-based architectures, and structured generation. At the same time, authors critically examine the limitations of current generative systems, including challenges related to reliability, interpretability, schema adherence, and low-resource settings.

Second, EEUCA 2026 highlights the growing importance of multimodal event understanding. As information about events is increasingly communicated through images, memes, videos, and other forms of multimedia content, researchers are developing methods that move beyond text-only analysis toward richer representations that combine visual and linguistic information. This trend is particularly evident in the workshop's shared tasks, which address socially relevant problems involving multimodal vaccine discourse and toxicity detection in online gaming communities.

The workshop received submissions covering a diverse range of topics, including low-resource event extraction, benchmark creation, symbolic reasoning, geopolitical event analysis, reflective multi-agent systems, and generative event extraction. The accepted papers collectively demonstrate the breadth of current research directions and the increasing interdisciplinarity of the field. EEUCA 2026 also had strong participation in its shared tasks. Compared to previous editions, this year's shared tasks place greater emphasis on multimodal reasoning, socially impactful applications, and real-world challenges such as misinformation, online harms, and nuanced behavioral intent detection. The enthusiasm and diversity of approaches demonstrated by participating teams illustrate the growing interest in event-centered AI research and provide valuable benchmarks for future work.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the authors, shared task participants, program committee members, reviewers, keynote speakers, and organizers whose efforts made this workshop possible. Their contributions ensure the continued success of EEUCA as a collaborative forum for advancing research on event extraction and understanding. We look forward to the continued growth of this research community and to future editions of EEUCA.

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- 10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 - 12:30 *Session 2: LLMs, Generative Methods, and Advanced Event Understanding*
- 12:30 - 12:40 *Closing Remarks*