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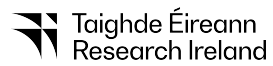
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Introduction

We are excited to welcome you to the Sixth Workshop on Language Technology for Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (LT-EDI-2026), the 64th Conference on Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL). This year, the workshop will be held in a Virtual format [online via Underline on 4th July 2026, while the main venue for the conference will be on 2nd - 7th July 2026, located in the San Diego, California, United States,. With the rapid advancement of technology, digital communication has become a central part of daily life. While many globally dominant languages have successfully transitioned into the digital era, numerous regional and low-resource languages continue to face significant technological challenges. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is an important agenda across every field throughout the world. Language as a major part of communication should be inclusive and treat everyone with equality. Today's large internet community uses language technology (LT) and has a direct impact on people across the globe. EDI is crucial to ensure everyone is valued and included, so it is necessary to build LT that serves this purpose. Recent results have shown that big data and deep learning are entrenching existing biases and that some algorithms are even naturally biased due to problems such as 'regression to the mode'. Our focus is on creating LT that will be more inclusive of gender, racial, sexual orientation, persons with disability. The workshop will focus on creating speech and language technology to address EDI not only in English, but also in less resourced languages. The workshop received a total of 41 active submissions. Reviewer recruitment was highly effective, with 204 out of 0 invited reviewers accepting the invitation. Of the 243 assigned reviews, 148 were completed, resulting in a review submission rate of 60.91%. Additionally, 53.72% of reviewers (101 out of 188) completed all their assigned reviews. A majority of submissions (80.49%, or 33 out of 41) received at least three reviews, ensuring a robust evaluation process. Decisions were finalized for all submissions (100%), leading to an acceptance rate of 73.17% (30 papers). This included 12 papers (29.27%) accepted for oral presentations and 18 papers (43.90%) accepted for poster presentations. Only 11 submissions (26.83%) were rejected. There were no withdrawn submissions, and 4 papers were desk rejected. These metrics reflect a thorough and inclusive review process, driven by active reviewer participation and a strong commitment to quality.

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Keynote Talk

Bias in Knowledge Graphs

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Abstract: Knowledge graphs are structured representations of real-world entities and their relationships, forming the backbone of a wide range of applications — from powering search interfaces and recommendation systems to serving as training data for large language models. Yet despite their growing influence, bias in knowledge graphs remains a largely overlooked problem compared to the broader discourse on bias in AI. Bias enters knowledge graphs inevitably: they are constructed by humans, or derived from human-generated data, and thus inherit the skewed perspectives, gaps, and prejudices embedded in their sources. This talk offers a structured overview of bias in knowledge graphs across three dimensions: quantitative, qualitative, and structural. Quantitative bias concerns disparities in representation, such as unequal numbers of nodes or edges associated with different groups of people. Such imbalances carry real consequences: downstream applications like recommender systems and entity alignment tasks have been shown to systematically favor entities with richer data, amplifying existing inequalities. Qualitative bias manifests in the language used to describe people and cultures within a graph’s literal values. Drawing on domain expertise from the cultural heritage sector, where questions of inclusion and fair representation have received sustained attention, we demonstrate how biased terminology can be identified in knowledge graph literals. Structural bias, while not the focus of this talk, relates to how the topology of a graph can itself encode asymmetries. The talk closes with an overview of mitigation efforts by knowledge graph creators, offering both practical tools and a call to action for the field.

Bio: Laura Hollink is a researcher specializing in human-centered and responsible AI in the culture and media sectors. Her recent work spans measuring fairness and diversity in the recommender systems, examining biased and colonial terminology in knowledge graphs, and discovering bias in the output of generative AI. Laura leads the Human-Centered Data Analytics group at Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI) and serves as a member of its management team. She is co-director of the Cultural AI Lab and a participant in the AI, Media and Democracy Lab — interdisciplinary initiatives that bring together AI researchers, social scientists, humanities scholars, and professionals from the culture and media sectors. Her background is in Knowledge Representation and Human-Computer Interaction, with extensive experience in linking heterogeneous cross-media collections, data modelling, and semantic search. Notable projects include Talk of Europe, which created Linked Open Data from European Parliament proceedings, and the USEWOD workshop series (2011–2016) on query logs in Linked Open Data. Laura holds a PhD in Computer Science from VU University Amsterdam (2006), where her thesis focused on semantic annotation for the retrieval of visual resources.

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