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Preface

When something happens in the world, we have access to an unlimited range of ways (from lexical choices to specific syntactic structures) to refer to the same real-world event. We can choose to express information explicitly or imply it. Variations in reference may convey radically different perspectives. This process of making reference to something by adopting a specific perspective is also known as framing. Although previous work in this area is present (see Ali and Hassan (2022)'s survey for an overview), there is a lack of a unitary framework and only few targeted datasets (Chen et al., 2019) and tools based on Large Language Models exist (Minnema et al., 2022). In this workshop, we propose to adopt Frame Semantics (Fillmore, 2006) as a unifying theoretical framework and analysis method to understand the choices made in linguistic references to events. The semantic frames (expressed by predicates and roles) we choose give rise to our understanding, or framing, of an event. We aim to bring together different research communities interested in lexical and syntactic variation, referential grounding, frame semantics, and perspectives. We believe that there is significant overlap within the goals and interests of these communities, but not necessarily the common ground to enable collaborative work.

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