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PROJECT’S FOCUS

Political agency as expressed in the use of societally shared conceptual toolkits

Large corpora containing political argumentation

Tools for detecting argumentation patterns
TWO COMPLIMENTARY WORK PACKAGES

Argumentation as a reference to societally shared conception of value

- Boltanski and Thévenot “Justification theory”
- From supervised theory-driven classification to semi-supervised theory-building clustering

Argumentation as positioning one’s claim vis-à-vis the key politico-conceptual divides in a given societal context

- “Basic concepts” and multi-dimensional ideological space
- From detecting the concepts – shared and contested – that structure a political arena to developing multiple scales locating any claim in arena-specific ideological space
ITERATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN

• Gradual sophistication and generalization of methods, on example of "Justification theory"

  Basic Naïve Bayes classifier using scarce manually annotated data

  Manually validating new data annotation by NB classifier, using it to train a CNN classifier

  Developing metrics to detect the need of updating the list of classes

• From "model" to diverse data

  Starting with data where argumentation is "concentrated": Parliamentary debates, petitions, official complaints

  Aiming at texts where the study of political agency is more challenging, but is of great interest: social media, policy documents, etc.
SAVE THE DATE!

9-10 January, International Workshop in Helsinki
(to be announced via HELDIG mailing list)

➢ Presenting current results
➢ Building interdisciplinary research platform:
   Political Sociology, Computational Linguistics, Pragmatics, Conceptual history

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