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Annotation of discourse relations in large corpora

AIM:

Annotation of discourse is commonly considered to be one of the next steps in corpus annotation and as such it has been the objective of several current research projects of corpus linguistics. However, with some exceptions such as the Penn Discourse Treebank (PDTB) or the discourse annotation scheme of the Prague Dependency Treebank (PDT), the state-of-the-art proposals deal with individual aspects or phenomena rather than with a systematic representation of discourse in annotation schemes. Discourse annotation of corpora is, of course, a rather complex task and there are many issues open for discussion, such as whether and how to develop a layer of discourse annotation "above" a syntactic layer, what features of the syntactic sentence annotation are useful or even indispensable for the annotation of discourse, what is the relation of the information structure of a sentence to discourse relations, what is the place of coreference annotation in the discourse annotation scheme etc. The purpose of the workshop is thus to create a forum for discussing these and other related issues.

ORGANIZATION:

Expected participants: The participation will be open to all interested scholars. The proposer has also addressed some prominent scholars from teams that already have a respectful experience in the development and application of discourse annotation scheme. For instance, the participation has been accepted by a prominent member of the PDTB team (Prof. Bonnie Webber, Univ. of Edinburgh) and Prof. Manfred Stede (Leipzig). Also the discourse and coreference analysis and annotation in the Prague Dependency Treebank will be introduced (Lucie Mladova, Charles University in Prague).

Duration of the workshop: 2 hours