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Special Session: **Positioning and power relations in conversations**

Description:

Discourse analysis studies examine the way speakers project their identity and their social characteristics via content analysis. This session aims to merge two domains – speech analytics and discourse studies – by tracing the linguistic, prosodic and acoustic footprints of extra-linguistic information of the individual speaker per se and the speaker in relations to other interlocutors in the conversation. The focus of the session will be the process whereby speakers position themselves perceptibly and subjectively in jointly produced conversations. The term positioning reflects the dynamic aspects of power relations in an interaction, which is not necessarily congruent with the term role, which serves to emphasize static and formal relations. We encourage contributions that process large scale discourse units (public speech, dialogues, and multi-party conversations), synergistically integrate techniques from the fields of speech analytics and discourse studies, or develop novel theory or methodologies for the study of positioning in conversations.

The topics include (but are not limited to): Interactive Communication Management (ICM), conversational systems, conversation intelligence platform, positioning and power relations, conversation infographics.

Authors are invited to submit a full paper not exceeding 10 pages formatted in the Springer LNCS style. The full paper submission deadline is April 15, 2018.

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