

Human Label Variation in Discourse and Pragmatics Phenomena ESSLI 2026 Workshop

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Workshop on HLV in DP: Recap

- The practice of preserving variation, or at least disagreement, in discourse / pragmatic annotation is now fairly well established
- A number of ongoing projects devoted to the creation and / or analysis of such data (Scholman, Baumann, Zikánová, Tretti Beckles, Synková, Zaczynska, Krupop)
 - Including both disagreement between *annotators* and disagreement between *participants* (Li)
- Also behavioral studies exploring questions raised by corpus studies identifying types of disagreement (Çokal)
- And a few examples of modelling work testing whether LLMs can identify such disagreements (Li) or understanding disagreement is a matter of bias, or ambiguity, or both (Ignateev)
- Many questions about annotation still open, such as, e.g.
 - How best to distinguish between signal and noise (Krupop)
 - Whether disagreement, in particular for discourse / rhetorical structure, is a matter of ambiguity or bias (Ignateev)

Announcements, Future Activities

- The annual workshop of the Dealing with Meaning Variation in NLP project will take place in Utrecht on October 16th
 - <https://sites.google.com/view/dealingwithmeaningvariation/>
- A new edition of the Learning With Disagreement shared task is in preparation
- Possible journal special issue for this workshop → see follow-up email

Thanks for participating