

2nd Workshop on Language Resources and Evaluation for Religious Texts (LRE-Rel2)
31st May 2014 (afternoon session): Harpa Conference Center, Reykjavik, Iceland

First Call for Papers:

After a successful launch at *LREC 2012*, we are organising a second workshop on *Language Resources and Evaluation for Religious Texts* hosted by *LREC 2014* in Reykjavik, Iceland. This is an inclusive workshop title, aimed at researchers with a generic interest in religious texts to raise awareness of different perspectives and practices, and to identify some common themes. Our first workshop attracted a range of scholarship, particularly on Arabic and Islamic Studies, and this year we are keen to extend this range to canonical texts from other languages and religions - Christian, Jewish, Sikh, Buddhist, and other - and, given the Icelandic venue, to iconic texts from historical religions such as *The Prose Edda* of Norse mythology. We are also keen to foster inter-faith corpus studies, tracing similarities as well as differences in religious texts, where this genre includes: the faith-defining religious canon; authoritative interpretations and commentary; sermons, liturgy, prayers, poetry, and lyrics.

Workshop Attendance:

Prospective authors should note that attendance at the workshop is necessary for their paper to be published in the workshop proceedings, though for papers with multiple authors, only one author will be required to attend. Therefore, prospective authors are strongly encouraged to check the *LREC* website and other sources for information on visa restrictions, and likely travel and hotel costs.

Workshop Topics:

Submissions are invited for (but not limited to) the following topics:

- measuring semantic relatedness between multiple religious texts and corpora from different religions;
- analysis of ceremonial, liturgical, and ritual speech; recitation styles; speech decorum; discourse analysis for religious texts;
- formulaic language and multi-word expressions in religious texts;
- suitability of modal and other logic types for knowledge representation and inference in religious texts;
- issues in, and evaluation of, machine translation in religious texts;
- text-mining, stylometry, and authorship attribution for religious texts;
- corpus query languages and tools for exploring religious corpora;
- dictionaries, thesauri, Wordnet, and ontologies for religious texts;
- (new) corpora and rich and novel annotation schemes for religious texts;
- annotation and analysis of religious metaphor;
- genre analysis for religious texts;
- application in other disciplines (*e.g.* theology, classics, philosophy, literature) of computer-mediated methods for analysing religious texts.

Important Dates:

19.02.2014	Deadline for paper submissions
05.03.2014	Notification of acceptance
21.03.2014	Camera-ready copies due from authors
06.04.2014	LREC deadline for camera-ready copy of Workshop Proceedings
31.05.2014	LRE-Rel2 Workshop (afternoon session)

Submission of Papers:

Please submit your papers via the LRE-Rel2 submission page in LREC's START Manager. The URL for this is not yet available, but will be published by LREC in due course, and will appear on subsequent LRE-Rel2 calls for papers. Authors should also follow LREC guidelines for length of papers, and are advised to use the LREC template for paper submissions. This template will be published by LREC in due course. In the meantime, authors can use the LREC 2012 template: <http://www.lrec-conf.org/lrec2012/?Authors-Kit>

Request from LREC Organisers:

"...When submitting a paper from the START page, authors will be asked to provide essential information about resources (in a broad sense, i.e. also technologies, standards, evaluation kits, etc.) that have been used for the work described in the paper or are a new result of your research. Moreover, ELRA encourages all LREC authors to share the described LR (data, tools, services, etc.), to enable their reuse, replicability of experiments, including evaluation ones, etc..."

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