

Invited speaker

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Title: Reflections on Universal Dependencies

Abstract - Universal Dependencies is a framework for cross-linguistically consistent treebank annotation that has so far been applied to over 50 languages. It was developed primarily to support multilingual parsing research, but the resources have proven useful for a wide range of studies that were not foreseen originally, including research on language typology. In this talk, I will give a general introduction to Universal Dependencies and the resources developed in the project, and survey a number of representative examples of how the resources have been put to use in different scientific investigations. I will conclude with some reflections on how Universal Dependencies relate to linguistic theory, on the one hand, and parsing technology, on the other.