

Preface

These proceedings contain the contributed papers for the Ninth International Workshop on Narrative Extraction from Texts (*Text2Story2026*) held in conjunction with the ECIR 2026 conference in Delft, The Netherlands, on the 29th of March 2026. Nineteen papers were submitted for peer-review to this workshop. Out of these, fourteen papers were accepted for this volume, six as full papers, and eight as short papers (*Work in Progress* and *Position Papers*). Each submitted paper was reviewed by three members of an international programme committee. In addition to the selected papers, the workshop features Federico Pianzola as invited speaker, giving a talk entitled *Knowledge Extraction from Fiction Using Generative Large Language Models and Multilingual Semantic Parsing*, and Arian Pasquali, providing a talk on *Evaluating Generative AI and Agentic Systems: Methodologies for Systematic Assessment and Continuous Improvement*.

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