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LARGE LANGUAGE METAPHORS

NEW TRENDS IN COMPUTATIONAL APPROACHES TO METAPHORICAL EXPRESSIONS

ONLINE WORKSHOP

5TH MARCH 2026

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9:30 WELCOMING AND LOGGING IN

9:35 WORKSHOP OPENING - Valentina Bambini

9:45 USING LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS TO IDENTIFY METAPHORICAL EXPRESSIONS IN TEXT
Matteo Fuoli, Weihang Huang, Jeannette Littlemore, Sarah Turner, Ellen Wilding

10:10 LANGUAGE MODELS AND THE MAGIC OF METAPHOR, REVISITED: A COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ITALIAN BABY AND LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL WITH HUMAN INTERPRETATIONS
Simone Mazzoli, Alice Suozzi, Gianluca E. Lebani

10:35 A NOVEL METAPHOR DATASET OF TOXIC POSTS FROM CHRISTIAN SUBREDDITS
Sebastian Reimann, Tatjana Scheffler

11:00 BREAK

11:15 EXPLORING METAPHORS IN LLMs WITH A HUMAN-CENTRIC AND CULTURE-AWARE APPROACH
Bolette S. Pedersen, Ali Basirat, Alberto Parola, Sussi Olsen

11:40 COMMONSENSE REASONING FOR AUTOMATIC METAPHOR ELABORATION: A CONCEPTUAL COMBINATION APPROACH
Antonio Lieto, Gian Luca Pozzato, Stefano Zoia

12:05 HUMMUS: A DATASET OF HUMOROUS MULTIMODAL METAPHOR USE
Xiaoyu Tong, Zhi Zhang, Pia Sommerauer, Martha Lewis, Ekaterina Shutova

12:20 PARTICIPANTS AND MODELS: THE ROLE OF LLMs IN PSYCHOLINGUISTIC APPROACHES TO METAPHOR
Veronica Mangiaterra, Hamad Al-Azary, Chiara Barattieri di San Pietro, Paolo Canal, Valentina Bambini

12:35 METAMAP – MAPPING METAPHORS ACROSS LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
Ginevra Martinelli, Chiara Barattieri di San Pietro, Maddalena Bressler, Veronica Mangiaterra, Valentina Bambini

12:50 FINAL REMARKS



These images were generated with GPT-5.2 from metaphorical prompts.
Can you guess the metaphor represented in each picture?