Virtual Conference

Due to COVID-19, the Web Conference and all associated workshops were held as virtual events. The session for FATES2021 occurred on April 12 from 1:30-5 PM Central Europe Time. We had 4 long papers, 1 short paper and 1 discussion paper. Lucy Vasserman from Jigsaw/Google gave a keynote address, “AI Principles in Identifying Toxicity in Online Conversation”. Videos of the majority of presentations are available from the FATES website (http://fates.isti.cnr.it). Several presenters asked that their videos not be posted.
Submission/Review

We received 8 proposals for full, short and discussion papers. We evaluated them regarding relevance, quality, and novelty, selecting 6 papers: 4 full, 1 short and 1 discussion (the discussion papers did not appear in the proceedings) for an acceptance rate of 66%.

We had a substantially lower number of submissions (8 vs. 20) in 2021 than the year before. This seemed to be a common experience for other similar workshops. It is hard to know if it is due to COVID or other factors. In 2022, FATES is shifting from a workshop to a special track at the Web Conference, WebForGood. We have actively involved organizers of other similar workshops in the PC. It may return to a workshop in subsequent years.

Statistics were as follows.

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<td>Full Technical Papers</td>
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The five full and short technical papers were published as part of the Proceedings of International World Wide Web Conference (WWW'21) and are available in the ACM Digital Library. The discussion paper is not included in the proceedings.

Papers

The titles of the full papers are:

- *Fairness beyond “equal”: The Diversity Searcher as a tool to detect and enhance the representation of socio-political actors in news media*, Bettina Berendt (TU Berlin and KU Leuven), Özgür Karadeniz, Stefan Mertens and Leen d’Haenens (KU LEuven)
- *Characterizing and Comparing COVID-19 Misinformation Across Languages, Countries and Platforms*, Golshan Madraki, Isabella Grasso, Jacqueline Otala, Yu Liu and Jeanna Matthews (Clarkson University)
• Automating Fairness Configurations for Machine Learning, Haipei Sun, Yiding Yang, Yanying Li, Huihui Liu, Xinchao Wang and Wendy Hui Wang (Stevens Institute of technology)
• Political Polarization and Platform Migration: A Study of Parler and Twitter Usage by United States of America Congress Members, Jacqueline Otala, Gillian Kurtic, Isabella Grasso, Jeanna Matthews, Yu Liu and Golshan Madraki (Clarkson University)

The title of the short paper is:
• Auditing source diversity bias in video search results using virtual agents, Aleksandra Urman (University of Bern & University of Zurich), Mykola Makhortykh (University of Bern) and Roberto Ulloa (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)

The title of the discussion paper is:
• Exploring Racial Bias in Classifiers for Face Recognition, Jaeju An (Eulji University), Bosung Yang (Ajou University, Jeongho Kim, Simon S. Woo and Geonwoo Park (Sungkyunkwan University)

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