
Panel 2 - Key Issues

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Key Issues in Building a Common Language Resources and Tools Infrastructure

This panel will address central issues in building a common language resources and tools infrastructure for the next generation of humanities and language technology researchers. The timing of the panel seems both appropriate and significant since there are major research infrastructure efforts under way in Europe, as well as in Asia, and in the Americas. Among these initiatives are the recently approved ESFRI-roadmap project Common Language Resource and Technology Infrastructure (CLARIN) and the Thematic Network on Language Resource FLARENET. The panel will focus on a set of core issues that need to be addressed if the goal of building a common language resources and tools Infrastructure is to be successful. These questions include: (1) What is the scope of building a common language resources and tools infrastructure and what is the particular role that endangered and minority languages should play in this process? (2) How can language resources and tools best be made available and made accessible to the research communities at large? For example, resource providers may be fearful of what happens to "their" resources and tools. Will they be asked to hand them over to some big "data beurocracy"? How can accessibility and IPO issues be reconciled? What technical solutions are available for all of this?