

Spatial Markers in South Asian languages

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Abstract:

The workshop focuses on the usage of spatial expressions in South Asian languages. The spatial markers of different languages e.g. Urdu *sE*, Sindhi *taaN*, Punjabi *naal* etc. are not exactly equivalent to each other; hence we present semantic features to model their differences and similarities. We also present the non-spatial usages of the spatial markers e.g. *sE* and *naal* are used as instrument markers. We show that there are patterns and semantic reasons for the non-spatial usages of spatial markers.