



# Venice workshop 2025

## Taking Sides, Telling Stories: LLMs in the Analysis of Public Discourse

**July, 7-8 2025**

Polo Rispoli, Murano and  
Laguna Rooms, San Giobbe  
Economic Campus

The workshop focuses on the dual role that large language models (LLMs) play in the analysis of public discourse: identifying positions and opinions and reconstructing narratives and meaning. Exploring the potential and limitations of LLMs in understanding, annotating, and generating complex discursive content, we offer a critical reflection on their impact within contemporary social and communicative contexts.

### **Monday July 7, 2025**

14.00 – 14.30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

14.30 – 14.45 **Welcome and agenda for the workshop**

14.45 – 16.15 **Keynote session**

**Andrea Baronchelli**, City St George's, University London

16.15 – 18.00 **SESSION 1: Annotating Opinions and Unfolding Stories: LLMs for Stance Detection and Narrative Analysis**

**Veronika Batzdorfer**, Synthetic Annotators for Sensitive Narratives: LLMs in Psychological Text Analysis and Bias Detection

**Jimena Royo Letelier**, LLM based annotations at scale

**General discussion on best practices and limitations of stance detection and narrative analysis in LLMs**

18.00 – 19.00 Networking cocktail

### **Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

9.00 – 10.30 **SESSION 2: The role of generative AI in LLMs**

**Sofia Mogno**, *It takes two to tango: reframing creative agency in human collaboration with generative AI*

**Massimiliano Nuccio**, *Exploring conflict and cooperation cues in human-AI conversations*

**General discussion on best practices and limitations of the use of generative AI within LLMs**

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.15 **SESSION 3: Exploring trust and conflict in experimental settings**

**Caterina Cruciani**, *Online news appraisal and sharing: results from a pilot online experiment*

**Costanza Sartoris**, *Who is afraid of social media? Dissemination results in Italian high schools*

**General discussion on the causal determinants of trust in experimental settings**

13.15 – 14.30 Light lunch and goodbye

**The workshop is held in hybrid mode.**

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