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## **Semi-automatic identification of citation patterns in research writing: A cross-linguistic and cross-disciplinary study**

Citations are a key element of research writing. As Hyland (1999: 341–342) argues, “citation is central to the social context of persuasion as it can both provide justification for arguments and demonstrate the novelty of one’s position”. Therefore, it is not surprising that citations have been extensively studied in different fields ranging from applied linguistics (Salager-Meyer 1999, Milojević 2012) to sociology of science (cf. Latour 1987), and information science (Du & Wu 2016, Wan & Liu 2014) perspectives. All of these perspectives offer valuable insights into the collaboration patterns of researchers, citation role in the development of science and measuring its impact, disciplinary identities and cultural patterns of employing intertextuality. Much of the research on citations is focused on research writing in English. This is understandable as English is a widely recognized lingua franca of academia. However, research on other languages can provide significant insights into the linguistic diversity we can expect in the ways of constructing effective scientific argument.

We report on a work in progress on semi-automatic citation identification in sociological and linguistic research articles in the so-called ‘small’ languages: Lithuanian and Latvian, in comparison to English. The study looks into citation density and value, their syntactic integration, citation clusters, the level of detail, age and genre of citation as well as languages of the cited sources. The study reports on the accuracy of semi-automatic annotation tools and methods available for datasets in languages other than English.

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