IPI2BAS Dataset

From Italian Parliamentary Interrogations to Bipolar Argument Structures Dataset

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Summary

The **IPI2BAS Dataset** comprises instances of live Italian parliamentary interrogations (Interrogazioni Parlamentari Italiani ~ IPI), each structured as a three-turn interaction (*Question* → *Response* → *Counter-reply*) between a Member of Parliament and a representative of the Government. The dataset includes 100 interrogations spanning two legislative terms (from *Legislatura XVIII* to current *Legislatura XIX*), and covers a range of political topics, including migration and broader EU-related policies such as the Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR) within the context of the Italian Parliament.

What We Offer

- A novel resource for analyzing political argumentation in Italian parliamentary interrogations.
- An end-to-end pipeline transforming raw data into structured argument representations for benchmarking and tasks such as stance detection and discourse analysis.
- Supports argument structure prediction and macro-level analysis of parliamentary debates.

Key Features

- A structured collection of 100 Italian parliamentary interrogations covering topics such as migration and broader European policy issues.
- A longitudinal perspective spanning nearly a decade, from Legislatura XVIII (2018) to Legislatura XIX (2026).
- Enables prediction of Bipolar Argument Structures (BAS) to capture the evolution of arguments within interactions.

Collaboration Objectives

- Foster interdisciplinary collaboration among argument mining researchers, political scientists, and public institutions.
- Enhance the communication and accessibility of complex parliamentary proceedings for the general public, promoting transparency, critical thinking, and democratic, deliberative reasoning.
- Encourage the development of analytical tools and software for political discourse analysis.

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