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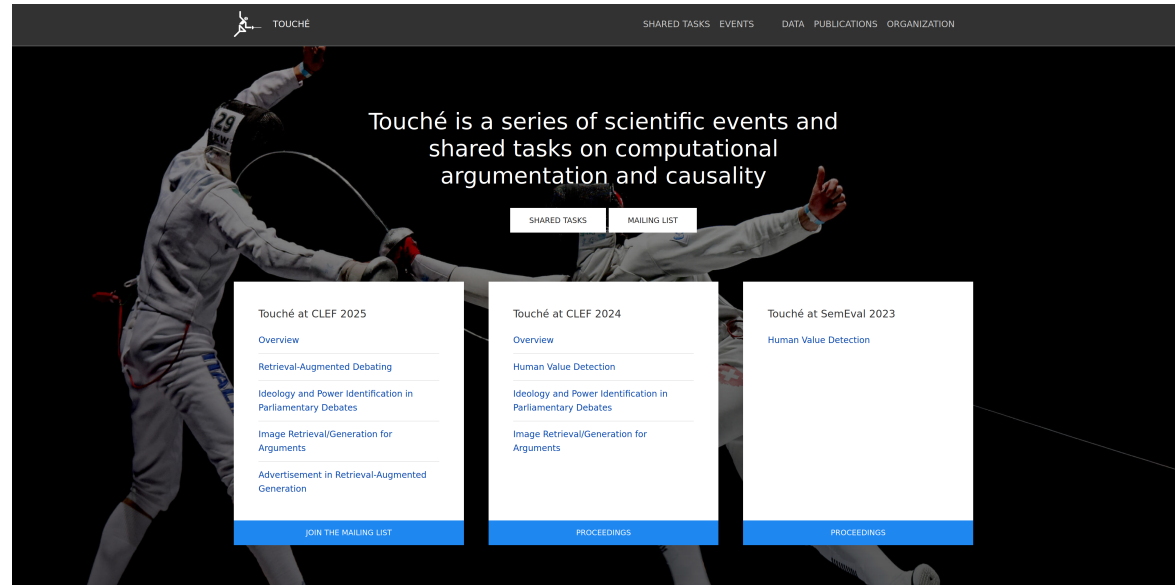
## Shared Tasks on Argumentation Systems

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## Goals

- ❑ Platform for argument retrieval and argument analysis research [[touche.webis.de](https://touche.webis.de)]
- ❑ Argument corpora and rankings [[touche.webis.de/data](https://touche.webis.de/data)]
- ❑ Tools for submission and evaluation [[tira.io](https://tira.io)]



# Touché 2025: Argumentation Systems

## Statistics over 5 years



- ❑ Submissions: 94 participating teams
- ❑ Approaches: 324 valid runs were evaluated
- ❑ Evaluation: over 35 000 manual judgments

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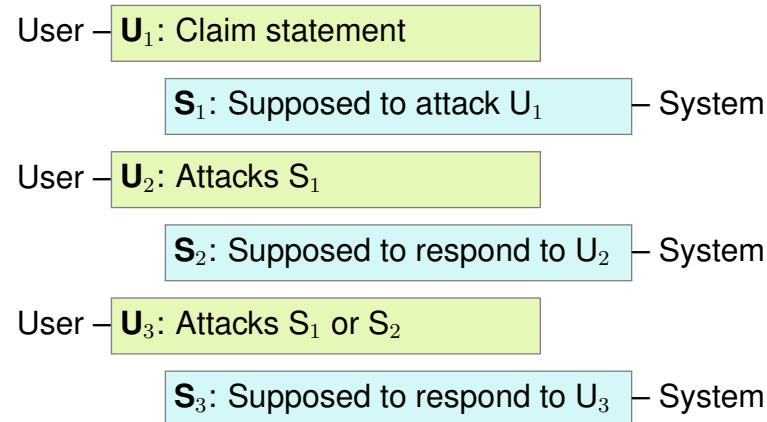
## Task 1: Retrieval-Augmented Debating (RAD)

Marcel Gohsen, Nailia Mirzakhmedova, Harrisen Scells, Mohammad Aliannejadi, Maik Fröbe, Johannes Kiesel, and Benno Stein

**Scenario:** Assisting people in forming an opinion on controversial topics and training argumentation skills

**Tasks:** (1) Retrieve and respond with counterarguments and evidence in simulated debates; (2) Automate the evaluation of such systems

**Data:** Collection of over 300 000 claims and 100 judged baseline debates



**User:** (simulated by us) states a claim and attacks the system's responses.

**System:** (submitted by you) counterattacks arguments of user or defends own arguments.

## Task 2: Ideology and Power Identification in Parliamentary Debates

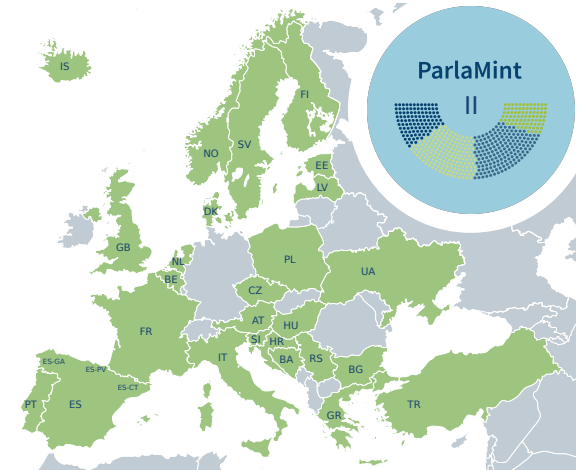
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**Scenario:** To better understand how political ideology and the position of the speaker affects parliamentary debates

**Tasks:** (1) Determine a speaker's political orientation and (2) whether their party is governing or in opposition (multi-lingual)

**Data:** Speech samples from multiple national/regional parliaments from the ParlaMint project, and their automatic translations to English

- ❑ This task is a re-run of the previous year's task
- ❑ Main differences:
  - Multi-class ideology classification
  - Identifying members of the government



## Task 3: Image Retrieval/Generation for Arguments (ArgImages)

Maximilian Heinrich, Johannes Kiesel, Moritz Wolter, Martin Potthast, and Benno Stein

**Scenario:** Reinforce the impact of arguments with images.

**Task:** Given a claim, find (retrieve or generate) images that convey that claim

**Data:** Hand-picked claims (similar to topics in TREC), collection of 20,000 images (meta-information: OCR, recognized objects, LLM image descriptions, . . . ), text-to-image generation API

**Example:**

Image retrieved for claim:

*“Gambling can be a joyful activity”*

Assessment: *good*



## Task 4: Advertisement in Retrieval-Augmented Generation

Sebastian Heineking, Ines Zelch, Martin Potthast, and Matthias Hagen

**Scenario:** Commercial RAG systems / LLMs may integrate advertisements in their generated answers and users may want to block them

**Tasks:** (1) Generate relevant responses to queries that advertise a specified brand or product; (2) Detect the advertisements of others

**Data:** The [Webis Generated Native Ads 2024](#) dataset containing 11k generated responses and 6k inserted advertisements

### Example:

Query

spider man remastered

Original Response

Are you looking for information about Marvel's Spider-Man Remastered? It is an action-packed game ...

Product with Qualities to Advertise

PlayStation 5  
- 4K graphics  
- innovative

Response with Advertisement

Are you looking for information about Marvel's Spider-Man Remastered? *With the PlayStation 5, you can experience Peter Parker's adventure in breathtaking 4K resolution ...*

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### Synopsis/Call

Decision-making and opinion-forming are everyday tasks that involve weighing pro and con arguments for or against the development of technologies that support people in decision-making and opinion-forming and to improve our lives. We invite you to participate in the 6th Touché competition on argumentation at [CLEF 2025](#) featuring four tasks.

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### Shared Tasks



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