Exploring interview collections with the help of named entity linking and topic classification

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PROJECT GOAL
- Create an intuitive and explorative search interface for the social science interview archive by preprocessing it using AI/NLP tools

ASPECTS
- integration of new principles (Open Science, FAIR)
- meeting current research requirements: machine-based qualitative studies
- testing Hungarian NLP tools / creating a suitable Hungarian NLP tool
- testing Named Entity Recognition tools

STARTING POINT
- 6000+ social science interviews
- Mixed formats: audio transcripts, typescripts, RTF/TXT files, etc.
- Semi-structured texts
- Very informal speech
- Wide range of themes
- Non-uniform speech transcription methods

TRAINING CORPUS
- 39 interviews
- 1183 pages
- sections of 2,000-5,000 characters

KDK THESAURUS
Must represent:
- fields and major themes of sociological research
- contents of our archives
- issues in Hungarian history and society

Interventions (purposeful ethnocentrism):
- downsizing thesaurus ELSST (~3400 to 220 terms)
- introducing/prioritizing/specifying certain terms
  e.g. 'language competence', 'privatization', 'reform', 'liberation', 'regime change'
- creating hierarchical structure (3 levels)

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Top automatically assigned topics (colours denote collections)

Topic assignment by collection (colours denote topics)

Faceted search in interviews based on NLP assigned keywords

Reading an interview with additional info on sidebar and named entity links ниже

Interview mentions of location entities on a map (with interview title and identifier)

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