Combining the conceptual with social network analysis: Usage based frame analysis of the concepts

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The paper deals with the application of the Conceptual Grammar [1] Conceptual Network Analysis (ConGraCNet)[4, 3] on the Croatian Parliamentary Debates corpus (CroParl) [2]. The goal is to map the conceptual structures obtained by the construction grammar network analysis on the discourse metadata about the speakers in the parliamentary sessions. The ConGraCNet approach enables the identification of sense structures for a given conceptual lexeme using the syntactic-semantic structures in the CroParl corpus.

The approach enables each lexeme to be presented as a componential structure framed by multiple semantic domains and conceptual networks. This conceptual framework is combined with the underlying structure of the discourse metadata that yields corpus metrics for each speaker, as well as the metadata about the affiliated relations to a parliamentary club. This mapping of conceptual structures and social networks enables the quantitative and qualitative research on the framing of concepts within the parliamentary debates.

In this paper we will present the methodology, pipeline, results and framing of highly polysemic social concepts such as *marriage*, *freedom*, *democracy*, *peace*, etc., for a Corpus of 60 million words harvested from Croatian parliamentary debates from year 2005 to 2017 that are interpreded in terms of the usage based discourse perspective.

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