The Chinese Lexical Semantics Workshop (CLSW), established in 2000, has acted as an important conference in the Asia-Pacific region to prompt the research and application of Chinese lexical semantics and other related fields, including theoretical linguistics, applied linguistics, computational linguistics, information processing, computational lexicography, etc.

The 16th Chinese Lexical Semantics Workshop (CLSW 2015) was held during May 9–11, 2015 at Beijing Normal University, China. A total of 248 papers were submitted to the workshop, an unprecedented number of submissions in the CLSW series of workshops. All submissions were reviewed by at least two independent reviewers. For the workshop, 152 papers were accepted with 97 scheduled as oral presentations and 55 as poster papers. For this volume in Springer’s LNAI series, only 69 papers (27.82 % of the total submissions) were selected; 64 are regular papers (25.80 % of the total submissions) and five are short papers (2.02 % of the total submissions). This book is organized in five topical sections: Lexical Semantics, Lexical Resources, Lexicology, Natural Language Processing and Applications, and Syntax.

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