

ARGAGE 2021

Neuchâtel, 10, 11 and 12 November 2021

Argumentation & Language - 3rd edition

Argumentative schemes in language; Argumentation and pragmatics; Argumentation beyond connectives and words

The CoRReA (Collectif Romand de Recherche en Argumentation - Universities of Fribourg, Lausanne and Neuchâtel) in collaboration with the Università della Svizzera Italiana (IALS), organises every three years, since 2015, a conference specifically devoted to the question of argumentation approached from the perspective of language. The 2015 edition of this bilingual international conference was held in Lausanne and the 2018 edition in Lugano. The 3rd edition of the conference will take place in Neuchâtel.

ARGAGE is primarily aimed at researchers in language and communication sciences, but also in other disciplines, with the understanding that the description of the linguistic functioning of argumentation significantly permeates their research. Researchers are invited to submit proposals for papers in at least one of the following three areas:

a) Linguistic description of argumentation schemes

Since Perelman, argumentative schemes or types of arguments are part of the DNA of argumentation theory. While the notion of scheme is closely linked to the philosophical approach to argumentation, its linguistic dimension is the subject of several recent studies, whether on the straw man fallacy, the appeal to popularity or the argument of reciprocity. This illustrates the richness of the interdisciplinary dialogue between philosophy and the language sciences on argumentation.

b) Argumentation and pragmatics

Pragmatics and argumentation have always had a close relationship, as evidenced for example by the speech act-theoretic foundations of pragma-dialectics. Cognitive science is closely concerned with questions relating to argumentation and its effects, which are the result of inferential mechanisms and language instructions. The perlocutionary dimension of argumentation is accordingly at the center of this sub-theme.

c) Argumentation beyond connectives and beyond words

All argumentation manuals recommend the identification of logical and argumentative connectives in the analysis of argumentation. However, on the one hand, only a minority of naturally-occurring statements are connected by them, and many scholars claim that argumentation cannot be reduced to these language markers alone on the other. Research about the multimodality of argumentation envisages the act of arguing beyond words, while others argue for the idea that the semantics of words themselves guide argumentation. This is not without echoing the position of J.-B. Grize's natural logic, to which a conference on

argumentation in Neuchâtel cannot fail to pay tribute. The richness of argumentation beyond words poses numerous problems in *argument mining*, due to the absence (or ambiguity) of linguistic markers. The organisers accordingly welcome contributions in this field to illustrate the difficulties to which this approach is confronted.

Given the above rationale, the organising committee

- will give priority to proposals which make their methods and analytical categories explicit and which privilege the description of data collected in corpora or empirically gathered.
- will select received submissions on the basis of anonymised abstracts.

Invited speakers

Henrike Jansen (University of Leiden)

Chris Reed (University of Dundee)

Andrea Rocci (Università della Svizzera Italiana)

Sandrine Zufferey (University of Bern)

Types of contributions

Individual presentation

Individual presentations will last 25 minutes, followed by a 5 minute question session. Contributors will need to tie their presentation with one or two of the conference themes, as described above. The deadline for submission is **April 15, 2021**.

Abstracts should not be more than 400 words; they must (i) clearly state the research question, (ii) include a brief description of the theoretical framework and of the methodology adopted by the author and (iii) highlight the originality of the proposal.

The submission link is the following: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=argage2021>

Panel

Panels are 2 hour long thematic sessions. They are divided in three 20-minute presentations and are followed by a 30 minute discussion slot (to take place at the end of the panel or in its course). Panel convenors are responsible for the organisation of both the thematic coherence and the logistic articulation of the panel in order to ensure that it fits the general orientation of the conference.

Panel proposals will contain a general description and the abstracts of the three papers to be presented. Panel proposals can be submitted until **March 15, 2021**.

The general description of the panel and the abstracts should not exceed the 400 words limit each. As for individual presentations, these must (i) clearly state the research question, (ii)

include a brief description of the theoretical framework and of the methodology adopted by the authors and (iii) highlight the originality of the proposal.

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Calendar

15 March 2021	PANEL submission deadline
15 April 2021	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION deadline
9 July 2021	Notification of acceptance/rejection
10 September 2021	Early bird registration deadline
25 October 2021	Registration deadline
10-12 November 2021	Conference

Conference fees

Category	Fee	Observations
Participant: Early bird	CHF 150	Registration open until 10 September 2021
Participant: Standard	CHF 200	From 1 October to 25 October 2021
Participant: Student	CHF 100	Proof of PhD student status will be required.
Auditors	CHF 80	Conferences are free of charge. Registration as an auditor covers meals and coffee breaks.

A conference dinner will take place on the evening of 11 November 2021. Conference participants will need to register and pay an additional fee to participate.

Steering Board committee

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