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INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

ARGUMENTATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY THE CHALLENGES: PEOPLE, SOCIETIES AND CULTURES

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Amphitheater V (6th Floor)
OCTOBER 10-11, 2024

PROGRAM

October 10

(08h15-09h00) Conference reception

(09h00-09h10) Opening session

(09h10-09h50) **Frans van Eemeren**
(Keynote Speaker)

Effectiveness through reasonableness:
the aspired hallmark of argumentation.

(09h50-10h30) **Bart Garssen**
(Keynote Speaker)

Justifying value judgments. A pragma-dialectical approach.

Coffee Break

(10h45-11h10) **Sally Jackson**

Theorizing a practice that is not always and everywhere
the same.

(11h10-11h35) **Ignacio Vilaró**

Three variations on a pragma-dialectical theme:
competition, cooperation and pluralism.

(11h35-12h00) **Victorina Bastante Soler**

The evolution of argumentation in conflict resolution:
integrating pragma-dialectics, rhetoric and NLP for effective
mediation in the 21st century.

October 11

(09h00-09h40) **Wu Peng**
(Keynote Speaker)

*'No irresponsible comments should be made when there is no clear
evidence.'* Strategic maneuvering by appealing to ignorance at
China's diplomatic press conference.

(09h40-10h20) **Yun Xie**
(Keynote Speaker)

Argumentation in Chinese anti-epidemic slogans.

Coffee Break

(10h35-11h00) **Alessandra Von Burg**

Moving people, thrifting clothes: arguments that move.

(11h00-11h25) **Royce Lee**

Ontological and epistemological incommensurability:
Western astronomy, native Hawaiian cosmologies, and the
Mauna Kea telescope controversy.

(11h25-11h50) **Alexandra Kuzmina**

Systematic malicious use of generative artificial intelligence
in online extremism.

October 10

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(12h00-12h25) Umberto Nardi

Between product and process. The contribution of Michael Gilbert's *argumentative coalescence* to the resolution of the conflict between dialectics and rhetoric.

Lunch

(14h00-14h40) Hubert Marraud

(Keynote Speaker)

The dialogical construction of reasons.

(14h40-15h20) Isabela Fairclough

(Keynote Speaker)

Framing as salient choice versus framing as background assumption.

Coffee Break

(15h35-16h00) Vanessa F. Ramírez

Argumentation in the indigenous world.

(16h00-16h25) Sara H. Pallarés

Weighting: an empirical study from the context of Islamist recruitment in Spain.

October 11

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(11h50-12h15) Karine A. dos Santos Freitas

Contributions of epistemologies of the South to the quality of global debate in a multicultural society.

Lunch

(14h00-14h40) Scott C. Jacobs

(Keynote Speaker)

Argumentation and normative pragmatics: reconciling the tradition of logic, rhetoric, and dialectic.

(14h40-15h20) Scott F. Aikin

(Keynote Speaker)

A pragmatist approach to deep disagreement.

Coffee Break

(15h35-16h00) Jordi F. Chilton

Is there room for argumentation in deep disagreements?

(16h00-16h25) Blake D. Scott

Is all action argumentative? An action theoretical approach to minimal argumentation.

October 10

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(16h25-16h50) Rosalice Pinto

Argumentative definition and its rhetorical potential: what is "Migration" in social media political posts?

(16h50-17h15) Walter Taylor

Merit-based immigration through the lens of Fairclough and Fairclough's political discourse analysis.

Coffee Break

(17h30-17h55) Margaretha Hendrickx

Taking the act/event of drawing a distinction seriously from an argumentative point of view.

(17h55-18h20) Ron Von Burg & Marcus Paroske

Algorithms, rhetoric, and argumentation: an ecological approach to human judgment in the 21st century.

(18h20-19h00) Fabrizio Macagno

(Keynote Speaker)

Common ground and argument interpretation.

October 11

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(16h25-16h50) Bosco Lebrun

Debates are harmful: we need a conversation for more fruitful political normativity.

(16h50-17h15) C. P. Hertogh

Semantics of thought experiments.

Coffee Break

(17h30-17h55) Ana Carolina Trevisan & Allan Ferreira

Reconciling perspectives for approaching far-right argumentation and its communication strategies through visual arguments analysis.

(17h55-18h20) Miguel G. de Oliveira

Stephen Toulmin, the intercultural dialog and the problem of relativism.

(18h20-19h00) Henrique J. Ribeiro

(Keynote Speaker)

The inter-civilizational scope of argumentation theory.

(19h45)

CLOSING DINNER

**DATES AND VENUE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM**
*ARGUMENTATION IN THE 21st CENTURY | THE
CHALLENGES: PEOPLE, SOCIETIES AND CULTURES*

The International Colloquium will take place on 10 and 11 October 2024 at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal.

ADDRESSES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

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ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

The International Colloquium is organized by the Research Unit "Institute for Philosophical Studies", which belongs to the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology. The main organizer is Henrique Jales Ribeiro, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Coimbra (Department of Philosophy Communication and Information).

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

All the papers, without exception, must be presented in English.

DISCUSSING THE SUBJECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Considering that this is an event about argumentation theory (or rhetoric and argumentation generally conceived), the subjects or themes of the event cannot, from the outset, fail to be argumentative.

FIRST SUBJECT

1) Conceiving the study of argumentation from an international and inter-civilizational perspective.

According to the United Nations, there are 193 countries in the world. At least two thirds of the population of these countries are not Western, i.e. they are not part of the so-called "Western civilization", whose matrix is Judeo-Christian and whose deepest roots lie in ancient Greece. We, in the West, are not yet intellectually aware that the two-thirds of the world's population, to which we alluded, include China and India, nor have we drawn the appropriate implications (or consequences) from this awareness. This is a very serious matter and of the utmost importance. Be that as it may, it is pertinent and legitimate to assume that in each of these countries/civilizations, and in their respective societies and cultures, arguments and argumentation in general are elaborated and have different objectives than in each of the others. In other words, that the issues argued about are not necessarily the same as in each of the others. In this or that country, for example, abortion can already be practiced legally, while in others it has not yet. This is in line with what Stephen Toulmin tells us in his book *Knowing and Acting* (1976), when he talks about the so-called "anthropological model" for argumentation. This model raises a problem for argumentation theory: different societies can have different responses to controversial cultural issues (such as abortion, euthanasia, sexual orientation or women's rights). And the problem is that of

relativism. But what has been said is not insurmountable: we can always conceive rhetoric and argumentation according to a single model or pattern, as seems to have happened with Toulmin himself.

The problem arises when it is claimed that argumentation in these societies and cultures we are referring to, is, in turn, conditioned by the civilizations to which they belong. From this point of view, we do not argue in the same way (nor do we pose the same dialectical issues to be argued) in each of these civilizations. Accordingly, not only the dialectical and argumentative issues of Western societies are not the same as those of other civilizations, but, even if they are the same, the linguistic, social and cultural resources can differ from civilization to civilization. For example, if we accept that there are a number of countries that belong to the so-called “Islamic civilization”, it could be argued, finally, that their societies are not prepared or predisposed to debate and/or discuss the problems we face in the West today. And the same will happen for other civilizations (religiously and culturally) different from the West. From this point of view, the relevance and scope of Western models for evaluating, representing and discussing arguments in other civilizations seems to be problematic from the start. We are not saying, of course, that there are not dialectical and rhetorical agendas common to different civilizations. What we are saying is that each of these agendas, on the part of the respective protagonists, is permeated or embedded with strong social and cultural presuppositions (including, in the first place, religious ones) that make the possibility of mutual understanding and, consequently, agreement very problematic. Thus, some of the key issues to be debated at the International Colloquium (perhaps for the first time in a public and international forum) are:

a) to what extent do civilizational differences in identity affect the study of argumentation? In particular, to what extent should current models for the study of argumentation be adapted to these differences in civilizational identity to which we have alluded? More precisely:

b) to what extent should current models for the study of argumentation (whether from a rhetorical perspective, a dialectical one or both) be adapted to these differences in civilizational identity?

SECOND SUBJECT

2) The current state of argumentation theory: on the rupture between dialectics and rhetoric.

Closely related to the first subject of the International Colloquium is the question of whether or not there is a single Western model for the study of argumentation; and, if there is no such model, what implications this has for the study of argumentation. The answer, as seems obvious, is that there is not. What characterizes the current state of the study of argumentation seems to be a rupture between the schools that emphasize dialectics in argumentation and those schools that place themselves clearly within the scope of rhetoric, properly called. This situation is very disturbing because, for the same argumentative problems, there will be several possible models of argumentation. It introduces relativism into the very realm of argumentation theory. Some efforts have been made to overcome the rupture alluded to by both dialectical schools and rhetorical currents. It is important to reflect deeply on this issue, with generosity and good faith, in order to unite and reconcile the various quarters of rhetoric and argumentation. The International Colloquium seems to be the appropriate forum.

It will be said that the divergences we have alluded to have always existed. And that is true. But if theory of argumentation, which is characteristically Western, aspires or wants to aspire to have an inter-civilizational scope (as was suggested earlier), it seems essential to resolve them.

Thus, some of the key issues to be debated at the International Colloquium (again: “perhaps for the first time in a public and international forum)” are:

a) what kind of theoretical or meta-theoretical divergences and conflicts exist within argumentation theory (or rhetoric and argumentation, generally conceived) and what is their greater or lesser importance?

b) how they can be resolved; and, in particular;

c) how can they be resolved so that, as far as possible, we achieve the goal of the necessary internal harmony consistency within this theory.

FIELDS OF APPLICATION OF THE SUBJECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Argumentation theory (or rhetoric and argumentation), which includes interdisciplinary contributions from:

- linguistics,
 - philosophy,
 - sociology,
 - economics,
 - legal theory,
 - literary theory;
- among other areas.

CALLS FOR PAPERS (Important Dates)

There are TWO CALLS FOR PAPERS:

--- ~~one from 15 May to 20 June 2024;~~

--- ~~and another from 15 July to 1 September 2024;~~

- The acceptance or rejection of paper proposals from the FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS will be communicated to participants on **25 June**. A **provisional program** of the International Colloquium will be published by **29 June 2024**.
- The acceptance or rejection of paper proposals from the SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS will be communicated to participants on **7 September 2024**.
- The **full and final program** of the International Colloquium will be published on **9 September 2024**.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RULES

- Each paper proposal must not exceed 500 words and must include an indication of the applicant's professional status (University or school with which is affiliated, or other work), as well as a brief summary of his/her CV.
- Proposals should be sent to the email address of the International Colloquium:
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