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Research interest:

In his work, Marcin Lewiński uses concepts from argumentation theory, the philosophy of language, and discourse analysis to shed light on the complexity of today's public discourse and the resulting challenges to the rationality of argumentation, especially in deliberative contexts. He has published widely on these topics and is currently consolidating his research into the Polylogue Framework.

STSM Summary

The main purpose of the visit was to discuss the basic conceptual and methodological issues directly related to the COST Action CA17132, namely, the most adequate way to analyse, evaluate and design public policy argumentation. The original application for the Action submitted to the COST Association in September 2017 was to a large extent based on the theoretical framework developed over the last 8 years between the STSM grantee (Dr. Marcin Lewiński, the Chair of the Action and the Scientific Representative of the Grant Holder), and the representative of the Host Institution (Prof. Mark Aakhus, the Scientific Advisor of the Action). In the early stages of the Action, it was of utmost importance to further specify and consolidate this joint work,

so as to create a strong and consistent theoretical platform for the development of the Action over the next 4 years.

The main tangible result of the STSM has been a book proposal on the Polylogue Framework in argumentation studies (under consideration by a major publisher). Further collaboration within the CA17132 between Lewiński and Aakhus has been planned and successfully carried out during the kick-off event of the APPLY Action in Lisbon, Portugal (19-22 March 2019) and during the special panel dedicated to the Action within the 3rd European Conference on Argumentation in Groningen, Netherlands (24-27 June 2019). Further STSMs are planned too.