

COST ACTION CA17132 - APPLY

EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR ARGUMENTATION
AND PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

REASONS, CITIZENS AND INSTITUTIONS. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARGUMENTATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

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FACULTY OF LAW, ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS
UNIVERSITY OF WROCLAW, POLAND

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European Network for Argumentation and Public Policy Analysis

Providing and criticising reasons is indispensable to achieve sound public policy that commands the support of both citizens and stakeholders. This need is now widely acknowledged in the recent literature and key EU documents, which highlight the perils of populist discourse and policies.

The **European network for Argumentation and Public PoLicY analysis (APPLY)** improves the way European citizens understand, evaluate and contribute to public decision-making on such matters of common concern as climate change or energy policies.

Addressing this need from a multidisciplinary perspective on argumentation, the **APPLY** Action identifies gaps between the **citizens'**, **policymakers'** and **scholarly experts'** argumentation, and explores ways of treating them. This occurs through coordinated research activities in three main areas:

- **empirical**: an argumentative analysis of EU policy documents and procedures, the media and citizens' discourse results in an annotated pan-European database on institutional and citizens' argumentation;
- **normative**: a critical study of concepts and methods to measure the quality of arguments in public policies results in a unified theoretical and methodological framework to analyse and evaluate public policy argument;
- **prescriptive**: the development of tools by which policymakers, citizens and various stakeholders engage in well-informed argumentative discussions.

APPLY coordinates such networking activities as workshops, conferences, training schools and short-term scientific missions among European and international scholars and stakeholders. This provides insights into the understanding, evaluation and production of public policy arguments.

APPLY thus benefits European policymakers and citizens, but also consolidates a currently dispersed argumentation scholarship across Europe and beyond.

**Website**<https://publicpolicyargument.eu>

About the conference

In line with the objectives of COST Action CA17132, The European Network for Argumentation and Public PoLiCY Analysis (APPLY), this conference's primary goal is to investigate the ways citizens, policymakers and scholarly experts understand, evaluate and contribute to policy-making processes on topics such as climate change, energy, migration, or health. Across these fundamental societal issues, the conference focuses on the unifying aspect of any public debate and policy: the pro and con reasons that are invariably articulated in public argumentation.

While argumentation has consistently been considered crucial for policy making—as a quality-control tool that captures both the rationality and legitimacy of public decisions (e.g., Dryzek & Pickering, 2019; Hansson & Hirsch Hadorn, 2016)—it is clear that much public argumentation is at odds with the ideal forms of rationality defined in deliberative, dialectical, or decision-theoretic models. Moreover, citizens, institutions and experts often misunderstand or disagree with each other as to which epistemic or practical arguments are sound, cogent or persuasive enough to guide our choices. The ambition of the conference is to address these problems on theoretical, empirical, and practical levels: to examine how to conceptualize such disagreements, how to identify them, and how to respond to them. The conference's working hypothesis to be investigated is that public uses of language are key to these gaps and disagreements.

Accordingly, the conference invites researchers in philosophy, linguistics, legal and political theory, communication, psychology, computer science, as well as policy professionals and other stakeholders instrumental in public policymaking, to explore the complex relations between reasons, citizens and institutions in the context of public policymaking. Some of the following descriptive, normative and prescriptive questions are to be addressed (a non-exhaustive list!):

- What kinds of arguments are used on public issues: where, when, by whom?
- What are their main descriptive features?
- Are there systematic differences between the arguments of politicians, bureaucrats, experts, entrepreneurs, and activists—and the arguments of “common people”?
- More generally: what are the unique characteristics of and relations between the public sphere, the policy sphere, the technical sphere and the legal sphere of argument?
- To what extent are public arguments persuasive? Who is more willing to accept them?
- To what extent are public arguments “good”: logically valid; ethically or epistemically acceptable, relevant and sufficient; dialectically sound; democratically legitimate?
- How to evaluate arguments and decision-making processes on highly disputable topics, in the face of the lack of knowledge and deep uncertainty?
- Which arguments and disagreements can be seen as directly addressing substantive issues and which as being meta-linguistic or procedural?
- What kind of procedures and protocols do we and should we follow in our public deliberations?
- What kind of reasoned intervention into legal frameworks, institutional infrastructures and technological tools can we imagine to better guide our deliberations?



Website

<https://publicpolicyargument.eu/events/wroclaw2020/>

About the city



Wrocław is not only one of the oldest, but also one of the biggest and most vigorous city in Poland, hailed the European Best Destination 2018. Situated at the foot of the Sudetes mountain range, by the Oder river, criss-crossed by its numerous tributaries and channels, it is an exceptional city of 12 islands and more than 100 bridges.

Walls reflect the city's rich and turbulent history, formed by Poles, Czechs, Germans and other ethnic groups. Ostrów Tumski, "the Cathedral Island", one of the most beautiful surviving sacred architecture sites in Europe, is a reminder of the early Middle Ages. The Wrocław city hall is counted among the most splendid Gothic-Renaissance buildings in Central Europe. The large market square, enclosed by impressive tenement houses, is one of the most beautiful in Europe. And the complex of Hala Stulecia (Centennial Hall) – the UNESCO World Heritage – offers a unique modernistic architecture from the beginning of the 20th century.

Wrocław is also a dynamic centre of culture, selected for the European Capital of Culture in 2016. Numerous theatres, an opera, the National Forum of Music and many clubs, museums and galleries ensure a rich programme of artistic events. Various musical and film festivals of international renown have become the city's trademark.

The city also boasts many green spaces, starting with Promenady Staromiejskie (Old Town Promenades) in the city centre and more than 14 parks and gardens further in. The Botanical Garden, with its beautiful flower garden, orangery, rock garden and cactus greenhouse, as well as the Zoological Garden, funded in 1865, are both perfect places for taking a walk. Park Szczytnicki, too, will surprise you with an exceptional attraction: an original Japanese Garden.



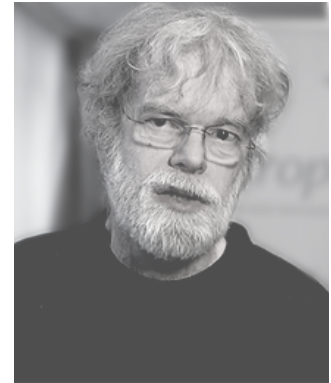
Website

<https://visitwroclaw.eu/en>

Keynote Speakers

Sven Ove Hansson

Department of Philosophy and History
Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden



Argumentative Decision Theory

Decision theory as we know it is mainly *calculative*, i.e. it proceeds by calculating the values of decision options in order to make it possible for decision-makers to choose an option with the highest value. I will argue that we need to develop an *argumentative* decision theory that systematically develops and evaluates arguments for and against decision procedures and decision options, with the purpose of supporting deliberations that prepare for decision-making. The limitations of calculative decision-making that justify an argumentative approach will be presented, and examples will be given of how argumentation analysis can support decisions.



Website

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Critical Discourse Studies and the Politics of Climate Change: Looking at Closures and Opportunities for Democratization

As the world reaches an officially declared 'climate emergency', critical social and human scholarship is ever more important to understand how we got here and what possible routes may exist into less unsustainable futures. What did three decades of public 'debate' do to climate change? How did its meanings evolve and what social and political implications did that have? What possibilities of social transformation were discursively foreclosed and what opportunities are there for reopening and democratizing the politics of climate change? I will review various contributions of critical discourse studies to these questions and propose a discussion on research agendas for the next few years.



Website

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PROGRAMME



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Wednesday

room 2 D

1st floor

Registration

Welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:30

Welcome address:

Dariusz Adamski

Vice-dean for Research and International Collaboration

Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław

Maciej Pichlak and Paweł Jabłoński

Department of Theory and Philosophy of Law

Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław

09:30 - 09:45

Opening talk:

Marcin Lewiński

Coordinator of the Reasoning and Argumentation Lab (ArgLab),

Nova Institute of Philosophy, Nova University of Lisbon, Portugal

09:45 - 10:15

Keynote Speaker:

Sven Ove Hansson

Department of Philosophy and History

Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden

Argumentative Decision Theory

10:15 - 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 - 11:30

Parallel sessions I: room 2.02 D, 2.03 D, 2.04 D (2nd floor)

11:30 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 14:30

Parallel sessions II: room 2.02 D, 2.03 D, 2.04 D (2nd floor)

14:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 16:30

Parallel sessions III: room 2.02 D, 2.03 D (2nd floor)

16:30 - 18:30

Conference dinner

19:30 - 22:00

PROGRAMME

Parallel sessions I

room 2.02 D
2nd floor

Chair: Mariusz Urbański

Jan Kleňha

Cost-Effective Forecasting of Public Policy Priorities

11:30 - 12:00

Sylvie Doutre and Marie-Christine Lagasquie-Schiex

Formal Argumentation Frameworks for Deliberation in the Lack of Knowledge and Uncertainty

12:00 - 12:30

Fabio Paglieri

Public Argumentation and Online Disinformation: It's Complicated!

12:30 - 13:00

Keren Dalyot and Ayelet Baram-Tsabari

Argumentation of Socio-Scientific Issues on Social Media

13:00 - 13:30

Parallel sessions I

room 2.03 D
2nd floor

Chair: Lisa Viladsen

Sten Hansson

*On the Lack of Truthfulness in Policy Communication:
The Case of Post-Referendum Brexit Debates*

11:30 - 12:00

Ewa Modrzejewska

*European Parliament Facing Fundamental Societal Issues.
A Corpus-Based Analysis of the EP's Facebook Fanpage
Communication*

12:00 - 12:30

José Alfonso Lomelí Hernández

*Journalists' Argumentative Moves in Political Press Conferences and their
Implications for Accountability Purposes*

12:30 - 13:00

Ana Milojević, Dima Mohammed and Jelena Kleut

*Argumentative and Framing Analysis in the Media Coverage of the Serbian
Protests Against Dictatorship*

13:00 - 13:30

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Parallel sessions I

room 2.04 D
2nd floor

Chair: Maciej Pichlak

Shalom Zarbiv

Hindered by the Rule of Law: Justifying Assimilation Requirements for Naturalization and Residency in Germany and France

11:30 - 12:00

Jędrzej Janicki

On the Necessity of Including Lawmaker's Objectives at the Stage of Law Application

12:00 - 12:30

Justyna Figas-Skrzypulec and Jan Piasecki

Learning Healthcare Systems and the Challenge of Argumentation-Based Education

12:30 - 13:00

Jaroslav Dvorak and Gabrielė Burbulytė-Tsiskarishvili

Parents as Pre-School Education Service Co-Producers in Lithuania: 4 Years After

13:00 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 14:30

Parallel sessions II

room 2.02 D
2nd floor

Chair: Anca Gata

Katarzyna Molek-Kozakowska and Maria Molek

Why Rebel? An Argumentation and Rhetorical Analysis of Extinction Rebellion's Online and Social Media Appeals

14:30 - 15:00

Federico Gobbo and Jean Wagemans

From Climate Change to Emergency: the Adpositional Argumentation of Greta Thunberg's Speech in Paris

15:00 - 15:30

Irina Diana Madroane

Advocacy Campaigns for Social and Environmental Justice: Mobilizing Publics to Support Causes through One-Sided Argumentation

15:30 - 16:00

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Parallel sessions II

room 2.03 D
2nd floor

Chair: Steve Oswald

Tomáš Ondráček

The Right to be Wrong

14:30 - 15:00

Erik C. W. Krabbe and Jan Albert van Laar

*Turning the Tables: Up- and Downgrading of Evaluative Terms
in Public Controversies*

15:00 - 15:30

Thierry Herman and Diane Liberatore

*Qualifying Adjectives That Prevent Contradiction:
A Swiss Case Study of Political Websites Before a Vote*

15:30 - 16:00

Parallel sessions II

room 2.04 D
2nd floor

Chair: Mark Aakhus

Sebastien Chailleux and Philippe Zittoun

*To Argue Through the Policy Spaces of Debate. Understanding the Career
of Policy Proposal*

14:30 - 15:00

Monika Mačiulienė and Sandrine Roginsky

Mapping Stakeholders in the Landscape of Public Policy Argumentation

15:00 - 15:30

Mariyan Tomov

*Argumentation on Sustainability of the Social Systems – the Labor Market,
the Retirement Methods and Pension Plans. The Public Debate and Policy in
Bulgaria*

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 16:30

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Parallel sessions III

room 2.02 D
2nd floor

Chair: Anabela Carvalho

Mehmet Ali Uzelgun

16:30 - 17:00

Contemporary Incrementalism at Work: How Portuguese Low-Carbon Energy Professionals Negotiate Long-Term and Short-Term Goals

Nelly Velinova

17:00 - 17:30

Argumentation for Policy-Making Processes, Institutional Engagements and Citizens Activities in Bulgaria on Climate Change

Anca Gata

17:30 - 18:00

Argumentative Style in a Study on Climate Change Policies

Parallel sessions III

room 2.03 D
2nd floor

Chair: Thierry Herman

Léa Farine

16:30 - 17:00

Conditional Used as an Argument in Deliberative Political Discourse

Martin Hinton and Jean Wagemans

17:00 - 17:30

An Evaluation Procedure for Public Reasoning

Luke Joseph Buhagiar and Gordon Sammut

17:30 - 18:00

Lay Epistemic Argumentation: A Social Psychological Model

Sara Greco and Barbara De Cock

18:00 - 18:30

Analysis of Argumentative Gaps in the Controversy over Fashion Sustainability

Conference dinner (Art Hotel Wrocław)

19:30 - 22:00

PROGRAMME



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Thursday

room 2 D
1st floor

Keynote Speaker:

Anabela Carvalho

Department of Communication Sciences

University of Minho, Braga, Portugal

Critical Discourse Studies and the Politics of Climate Change:

Looking at Closures and Opportunities for Democratization

09:30 - 10:30

Closing words

10:30 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 11:00

Working group meetings

11:00 - 13:00

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Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Working group meetings

14:00 - 16:00

Room: Annotation room, Wikipedia room, Other room

Coffee break

16:00 - 16:30

Working group meetings

16:30 - 17:30

Room: 2.02 D, 2.03 D, 2.04 D (2nd floor)

Meet your co-author session

17:30 - 18:30

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Working group meetings
General meeting

09:00 - 11:00


Coffee break

11:00 - 11:30


Management Committee meeting
Room: 2 D (1st floor)

11:30 - 13:00

PRACTICAL INFO

 **Conference venue**
Wydział Prawa,
1 Administracji i Ekonomii
Uniwersytet Wrocławski
Building D
Uniwersytecka 7/10,
50-145 Wrocław

 **Conference lunch**
2 Lepione Kuźnica
Kuźnica 42,
50-138 Wrocław

 **Conference dinner**
3 Art Hotel Wrocław
Kielbaśnicza 20,
50-110 Wrocław



Website

<https://publicpolicyargument.eu/events/wroclaw2020/>



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19:30 - 22:00 CONFERENCE DINNER

PARALLEL SESSIONS (2nd floor)

2.03 D

Chair: Lisa Viladsen

Sten Hansson

Ewa Modrzejewska

Jose Alfonso Lomeli Hernandez

Ana Milojević, Dima Mohammed and Jelena Kleut

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Chair: Steve Oswald

Tomáš Ondráček

Erik C. W. Krabbe and Jan Albert van Laar

Thierry Herman and Diane Liberatore

COFFEE BREAK

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13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 - 16:00 Annotation room

16:00 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:30 **2.02 D**

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Wikipedia room

Other room

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11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

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