

european conference on argumentation



**Groningen 2019**

2st CALL FOR PAPERS  
3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Argumentation – ECA 2019

*Reason to Dissent*

Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27 2019, Groningen, The Netherlands

[www.ecargument.org](http://www.ecargument.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ecargument/>  
<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=eca2019>

Confirmed keynote speakers:

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The European Conference on Argumentation (ECA) is a pan-European biennial initiative aiming to consolidate and advance research on argumentation. After two successful editions, in Lisbon in 2015 and in Fribourg in 2017, ECA will be hosted in 2019 by the University of Groningen, in Groningen, The Netherlands.

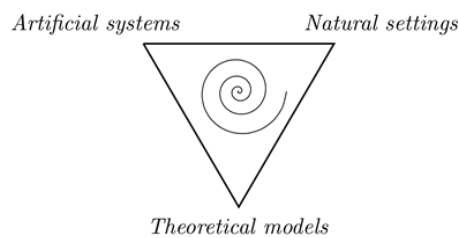
We aim to attract scholars on argumentation world-wide from various disciplines, dealing with various themes and adopting various approaches.

### **Reason to Dissent**

The special theme of this conference is *Reason to Dissent*. The goal is to inquire into the virtues and vices of dissent, criticism, disagreement, objections, and controversy in light of legitimizing policy decisions, justifying beliefs, proving theorems, defending standpoints, or strengthening informed consent. Dissent may spoil the cooperation and reciprocity required for reason-based deliberation and decision making. But then, dissent produces the kind of competition and criticism required for

reliable and robust outcomes. How much dissent does an argumentative practice require? What kinds of dissent should we promote, or discourage? How to deal with dissent virtuously? How to exploit dissent in artificial arguers? How has dissent been conceptualized in the history of rhetoric, dialectic and logic?

We have reason to dissent, and we do reason to dissent – also in the study of argumentation. In the interdisciplinary field of argumentation studies, some scholars emphasise the importance of studying argumentation in natural settings. Others stress the value of theoretical models of argumentation, and start from theories on logic or probability or from dialectical systems. Yet others highlight the urgency of developing artificial systems of argumentation, like software support, automated reasoning or argument mining. The conference aims at exploiting this plurality for the purpose of a high quality exchange of research results.



Individual submissions are not required to focus on the special theme *Reason to Dissent*. We invite submissions on argumentation from various sub disciplines, taking various approaches and dealing with various themes, among which:

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| - argumentative design   | - controversy   | - linguistic features                  |
| - argumentation schemes and patterns: analogy, practical argument, conduction, ...                       | - critical thinking   | - normative pragmatics                 |
| - argumentation in special contexts: finance, medicine, law, policy making, academy, (social) media, ... | - criticism   | - pedagogy                             |
| - argumentative strategies   | - debate  | - persuasion research                  |
| - artificial arguers   | - diagramming   | - philosophy of argument               |
| - children and argument  | - dialogue logic, empirical logic, informal logic, ...              | - power and argument                   |
| - cognitive and social biases  | - dialogue types: deliberation, eristics, inquiry, negotiation, ... | - probability and argument             |
|  | - disagreement  | - rhetoric                             |
|  | - discourse analysis  | - social epistemology                  |
|  | - fallacies   | - strategic manoeuvring                |
|  | - formal argumentation  | - stylistics                           |
|  |   | - virtues                              |
|  |   | - visual and multi-model argumentation |

### **The Frans van Eemeren Prize**

To encourage submissions from students and young scholars (no PhD defended before 28 February 2019), ECA awards *The Frans van Eemeren Prize for Outstanding Student Paper*, sponsored by Springer: € 500 cash and additional € 300 in books from Springer's catalogue. Please, check the website for details. If the abstract is accepted, one should submit the full paper by 28 February 2019.

### **Abstract submission**

1) *Long paper, with commentator*

Submit an abstract of 1000 to 1500 words, ready for double-blind reviewing. Accepted papers are submitted prior to the conference (see “important dates” below) and are assigned a commentator. Authors receive slots of about 35 min. Published long papers have 5000 - 7000 words.

#### 2) *Regular paper, without commentator*

Submit a regular abstract of 300 to 500 words, ready for double-blind reviewing. Accepted regular papers are submitted after the conference, and no commentator will be assigned. Authors receive slots of about 25 min. Published regular papers have 3500 - 5000 words.

#### 3) *Thematic panel or symposium*

Each thematic panel/symposium is expected to be related to the theme Reason to Dissent. A panel has 3 to 5 speakers and takes 90 to 150 min. Examples are: a book panel; a discussion; a series of connected papers. A panel proposal is submitted by a panel organiser, ready for double-blind reviewing, and includes a title, a description of the panel, its connection to the conference theme (300-500 words), and the contributors’ titles and abstracts (300-500 words each). Published papers have 3500 - 5000 words. Note that all abstracts in the panel or symposium should *also* be individually submitted by their authors as ‘Regular papers’ by additionally ticking the option “My paper is part of a thematic panel/symposium,” available in Easychair.

#### 4) *Poster*

Submit a regular abstract (300 - 500 words) ready for double-blind reviewing. Posters will not be published. A poster session will be organised in a dedicated time slot during the conference.

#### *Submission policy*

- One paper or poster as first author, except when one also presents a panel contribution.
- Double-blind peer reviewing for quality and relevance by the Scientific Committee.
- Submit your abstract with Easychair: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=eca2019>.

#### **Conference fees**

##### Early bird (by 28 February 2019)

- Faculty € 250
- PhD Student € 150

##### Regular (by 15 April 2019)

- Faculty € 325
- PhD Student € 200

Fees include conference material, lunches, coffee breaks, receptions and administrative costs. A conference dinner is planned at an additional fee of € 50. Registration (including fee payment) will be open to accepted participants in early 2019.

#### **ECA summer school**

The 2st ECA summer school will take place at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, prior to the ECA conference, from 20 to 22 June 2019. Leiden is located at a 2,5 hours train ride from Groningen. The summer school will introduce PhD students to cutting-edge research in argumentation theory from a number of theoretical viewpoints. Details about staff, submission and fees follow.

#### **Publication**

Authors of all accepted papers, including those in thematic panels, but excluding posters, as well as the keynote addresses will be invited to publish them in the conference proceedings. Proceedings will be published as a printed volume by College Publications as well as online, with authors being able to distribute their individual papers as open access.

### Important dates

- October 1 2018 submission deadline: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=eca2019>
- December 2018: notifications acceptance or rejection
- February 28 2019: Early-bird registration
- February 28 2019: Submission paper *only* for students who join the Frans van Eemeren Prize
- April 15 2019: Final registration
- April 15 2019: Submission of long papers to commentators
- June 20 – 22: Summer School Leiden
- June 24-27 2019: Conference

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### Scientific panel

To be announced

## **Groningen**

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