

Call for Papers and Abstracts:

Argumentation in the Power and Politics of Democracy

In its mission to unite, sustain, and grow the community of argumentation scholars across the Americas, The Argumentation Network of the Americas (ANA) welcomes submissions of abstracts or full papers for presentation at our third summer conference entitled “Argumentation in the Power and Politics of Democracy”

Location: Online – Zoom

Date: June 7-9

Keynotes:

John Dryzek (Speaking English with English slides) - Centenary Professor at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at the University of Canberra's Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis.

Catarina Dutilh Novaes (Speaking in Portuguese with English Slides) - Full Professor and University Research Chair at the Department of Philosophy, VU Amsterdam and Professorial Fellow at Arché in St. Andrews, Scotland

Theme:

The connection between argumentation and politics has a long history. Recently, however, the importance of the connection between argumentation, power, and political participation has emerged as a pressing concern. For example, some question the role of experts in democratic deliberation ([Gundersen & Holst 2022](#); [Baghranian & Martini 2022](#)). We can also consider the potential impact that problematic politeness norms ([Henning, 2021](#)) and differing norms of civility ([Aikin & Talise 2021](#); [Bejan 2017](#)) can have on democratic participation. There are also open questions regarding the role and character of argumentation in political polarization, extremism ([Ladd & Goodwin 2022](#)), and terrorism ([Gascón 2023](#)), which raises new questions about the potential efficacy of bridging and bonding rhetoric ([Dryzek 2010](#)), and how it may help prevent or overcome deep political disagreement.

While we will consider any paper on argumentation, we especially welcome papers that address topics including, but not limited to,

- Argumentative roles and power
- Democratic norms of argumentation
- Educating for democratic participation
- Argumentation and political extremism
- Advances in deliberative democracy
- Argumentation and access to democracy
- Political epistemology

Submissions:

Submissions can be in English, Spanish, or Portuguese and can consist of either:

1. An abstract of between 200-500 words for a presentation of approximately 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions from the audience.
2. A full (unpublished, developed) paper for presentation in approximately 30 minutes, with a 10-minute dedicated commentary, and 15 minutes for questions from the audience.

To submit: Please prepare abstracts and papers for blind review. Papers and abstracts should be submitted via Google Forms at: <https://forms.gle/xiSH6mnSPgzTxfUEA>

Deadline: April 4th, 2023

For any questions, please email info@argnet.org