

Argumentation in Classical Antiquity: dialectic, rhetoric, & other domains.

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Abstract Submission: March 7, 2016

Invited speakers: Douglas Walton (University of Windsor) & Wolfgang Mann (Columbia University)

Contemporary theory of argumentation picks up on the rich tradition of talking about argumentation in ancient philosophers, sophists, and rhetors. This conference aims to bring scholars working on argumentation in the ancient world together with contemporary theorists, in order to better illuminate ancient thinking about argumentation.

To that end, we solicit contributions which address philosophically interesting questions about non-demonstrative arguments and argumentation, including both syllogisms which are not demonstrative, as well as non-syllogistic reasoning. For instance, though we are very open to other relevant contributions, we are particularly interested in the following kinds of questions:

- What are the functions or aims of argumentation, according to ancient thinkers? For instance, does argumentation aim to produce knowledge, or persuasion, or something else?
- What is the relationship between good argumentation and persuasion?
- What is the relationship between the rhetorical, dialectical, and other uses of arguments?
- How are arguments related to the activity of arguing, i.e. argumentation?
- How does argumentation, or thought about it, develop over the Classical period?
- How are arguments evaluated before Aristotle's development of logic?
- How are arguments other than syllogisms evaluated, in Aristotle and after?

Please submit anonymized abstracts of no more than 500 words to classicalargument@gmail.com no later than March 7, 2016.

Notifications of acceptance will follow by March 21, 2016. Talks should be approximately 40 minutes.

Some funds may be available to help defray travel expenses of those without recourse to other funds. Priority in allocating these funds will be given to women, and philosophers from other groups typically underrepresented in philosophy.

The conference is generously supported by the Research Training Group "Philosophy, Science, and the Sciences" (<https://ancient-philosophy.hu-berlin.de/en/ancient-philosophy/>).

The conference is organized by Joseph Bjelde, David Merry, and Christopher Roser. Concerning further questions please contact us at classicalargument@gmail.com

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