Pragmatics and Dialectics of Argument
The Special Issue of the Journal “Studies in Logic, Grammar and Rhetoric”

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS
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This special issue on “Pragmatics and Dialectics of Argument” is the third of a series of special issues dedicated to argumentation in the journal “Studies in Logic, Grammar and Rhetoric” (SLGR). The previous two issues were dedicated to major research strands in the philosophy of argument (vol. 29, 2009; in its introduction to “Informal Logic”, the “Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy” says of SLGR that it has “published important special issue on the field”), and the computational approaches to argumentation (vol. 36, 2011).

The volume will be organised into two parts focusing on the most general and important topics in pragmatics and dialectics of argument: “Speech Acts and Argument”, and “Argumentation in Dialogue”. This issue will also establish a new platform the aim of which is to encourage and support discussion amongst researchers in the argumentation community. We therefore also solicit ‘Discussion’ papers: shorter contributions commenting on papers published in previous issues of the SLGR argumentation series.

The journal “Studies in Logic, Grammar and Rhetoric” is published under the auspices of the Polish Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science, and along with “Logic and Logical Philosophy”; “Bulletin of the Section of Logic”; and “Studia Logica”, is one of Poland’s top philosophy journals with an international profile and indexed at the lists such as ERIH, Scopus, and Index Copernicus.

DATES
Deadline for papers submission: 30 June 2013
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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
This special issue welcomes original, high-quality contributions that have been neither published in nor submitted to any journals or refereed conferences. The papers will be double-blind reviewed and therefore authors are asked to remove any self-identifying citations.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- pragmatic and dialectical accounts of argumentation, dialogue and persuasion;
- the unification of pragmatics and dialectics in the study of argument;
- rules of rational communication;
- formal representation of dialectical phenomena;
- the role of speech acts in the process of argumentation.
The length of regular papers should be between 5000 and 7000 words, and discussion papers (i.e. papers commenting on the articles published in previous issues of the SLGR argumentation series) - between 2500 and 3500 words long. Authors should submit papers by e-mail in Microsoft Word or any LaTeX document style, e.g. a4paper (documentclass[a4paper]{article}). Papers should be submitted to: marcinkoszowy@gmail.com.

Page format of papers should be A4; text font - Times New Roman, size 12. Line spacing of the text should be single. Additionally, figures should be submitted in separate graphics files (bitmap graphics resolution should be 1200 dpi for black and white line drawings and 300 dpi for color and half-tone artwork; all colors will be converted to half-tones). The figures should be submitted as .tiff, .bmp or .jpg files. Vector graphics should be saved as .emf or .cdr files.

STUDIES IN LOGIC, GRAMMAR AND RHETORIC

The unique profile of "Studies in Logic, Grammar and Rhetoric" (SLGR) lies in exploiting three classical fields of medieval "trivium" in the studies of communication. The journal was founded in 1980 by Witold Marciszewski - the logician and philosopher whose research is deeply rooted in the tradition of the Lvov-Warsaw School. Marciszewski is renowned as a pioneer of argumentation studies in Poland (see e.g. "Logic from the Rhetorical Point of View", de Gruyter 1994, and "The Art of Discussing" Aleph 1994, in Polish).

His broad research activities include a number of books (see e.g. "Categorial Grammar", co-edited with W. Buszkowski and J. van Benthem, John Benjamins 1988; "Mechanization of Reasoning in a Historical Perspective", co-authored with R. Murawski, Rodopi 1995), as well as several hundred papers.

Since 1980, SLGR has published 42 volumes including the contributions from, e.g., J. Alama (Stanford University), J. Avigad (Carnegie Mellon University), H. Friedman (Ohio State University), and T.C. Hales (University of Pittsburgh). The journal publishes collections of essays in honour of outstanding researchers such as the festschrift in honour of A. Trybulec - the founder of the "Mizar" system of computer-assisted proof-checking (2007); and A. Grzegorczyk - one of the most creative Polish logicians of the second half of the twentieth century (2012).

In 2009, the journal established the argumentation series focused on topical themes in the philosophy of argument discussed from the viewpoint of philosophy of language, linguistics, epistemology, cognitive science, philosophy of mind and other relevant disciplines. The two special issues already published were devoted to an overview of contemporary argument studies (2009) and the computational approaches to argumentation (2011). The issues accepted contributions from 34 researchers from 10 countries including the US, Canada, UK, Netherlands, Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, Belarus, and Poland.

The call for papers and the information concerning the SLGR special issue is also to be found at: http://argdiap.pl/