

Deep Disagreement and the Limits of Argumentation



KEYNOTE LECTURE

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Deep Disagreement and the Owl of Minerva Problem

A one-day symposium bringing together work in argumentation theory, epistemology and ethics on the question of what argumentation can and cannot achieve when disagreement runs deep.

PROGRAMME

9:10 Welcome and opening

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Scott F. Aikin · Vanderbilt University

10:20 Coffee break

10:40 *Virtuous Resolutions to Vicious Disagreements*

Andrew Aberdein · Florida Institute of Technology

11:10 *The problem of deep disagreeers: from conflicting arguments to conflicting arguers*

Martin Hinton · University of Lodz

11:40 Lunch break

13:10 *Subjective and objective rationality in deep disagreement*

Guido Melchior · University of Graz

13:40 *Transparent Deep Disagreements and the Epistemic Status of Beliefs*

László Bernáth & János Tózsér · HUN-REN Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest

14:10 *Rethinking Explanatory Analysis*

Anand S. S. · University of Hyderabad

14:40 Coffee break

15:00 *Deep disagreement and poisoning the well*

Manuel Almagro Holgado & Amalia Haro Marchal · University of Valencia & NOVA University Lisbon

15:30 *Online Hate Speech and Deep Disagreement*

Jordi Fairhurst & Seunghyun Song · University of the Balearic Islands & KU Leuven; Tilburg University

16:00 *Argumentative Civility and the Role of Argumentation in Polarized Discourse: The Turkish–Kurdish Peace Process*

Hareim Hadi Hassan · American University of Iraq, Sulaimani

16:30 Short break

16:40 *Deeply Disagreeing about Conspiracy Theories*

Chris Ranalli · Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

17:10 *Can There Be a Burden of Proof in Deep Disagreement?*

Petar Bodlović · Institute of Philosophy, Zagreb

17:40 Closing remarks

WHEN

Wednesday, 21 October 2026 · 9:10–17:45

WHERE

Study Room, Central Library of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
Klemensova 19, Bratislava