We are happy to invite you to the Rhetoric and argumentation workshop. This one-day workshop aims to improve your skills in debating your research with other experts. In the morning session, you will get acquainted with rhetorical insights about science communication and apply these insights in practice by writing a short introduction to your research. In the afternoon session, you will learn how to constructively criticize various aspects of the research of other scientists and how to respond to questions, criticisms, and feedback regarding your own research. The workshop will be given by Dr Jean Wagemans, who is a senior researcher at the Amsterdam Centre for Language and Communication (ACLC) of the University of Amsterdam and an expert in rhetoric, argumentation and debate.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

A Morning session
1. General introduction of rhetoric with a focus on science communication
2. Science writing: what makes a good introduction?
   a. Rhetorical insights about the partes orationis
   b. Content, order and status (necessary or not) of parts of an introduction
   c. Group assignment – suggestions for standard formulations of parts of the introduction
   d. Individual assignment – write a short introduction of your research

B Afternoon session
1. General introduction of debate theory with a focus on scientific debates
2. Asking questions
   a. What makes a good question? An explanation of do’s and don’ts (virtues and vices) on the basis of
      the distinction between informative and critical questions, discourse markers, and politeness theory
   b. Group assignment - suggestions for standard formulations of questions
3. Answering questions
   a. What makes a good answer? An explanation of do’s and don’ts (virtues and vices) on the basis of
      debate theory
   b. Group assignment - suggestions for standard responses to questions, criticisms, and feedback
4. Scientific debate
   a. Assignment – applying the insights gained from 1, 2 and 3 in practice

INFO

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Application deadline: 10/12/2019