

COMPUTATIONAL MODELS OF NATURAL ARGUMENT (CMNA 22) - FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

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We are pleased to invite submissions for our forthcoming 22nd Edition of the Workshop on Computational Models of Natural Argument (CMNA), to be held as part of the 9th International Conference on Computational Models of Argument (COMMA). The CMNA workshop series focuses on the issue of modelling “natural” argumentation, where naturalness may range across a variety of forms, perhaps involving the use of visual rather than linguistic means to illustrate a point, for example using graphics or multimedia, or applying more sophisticated rhetorical devices, interacting at various layers of abstraction, or exploiting “extra-rational” characteristics of the audience, taking into account emotions and affective factors. To celebrate our co-location with COMMA, this year we have introduced a special theme on *exploration of the space between computational and natural models of argument*. Our theme should be interpreted broadly, to reflect the wide range of approaches to recognising, formalising, and understanding the richness of real-world reasoning and communication processes within computational models. Notwithstanding the special theme, we also solicit contributions addressing, but not limited to, the following areas of interest:

- The characteristics of “natural” arguments (e.g. ontological aspects, cognitive issues, legal aspects).
- The linguistic characteristics of natural argumentation, including discourse markers, sentence format, referring expressions, and style.
- The generation of natural argument
- Corpus argumentation results and techniques
- Argumentation mining
- Models of natural legal argument
- Rhetoric and affect: the role of emotions, personalities, etc. in argumentation.
- The roles of licentiousness and deceit and the ethical implications of implemented systems demonstrating such features.
- Natural argumentation in multi-agent systems.
- Methods to better convey the structure of complex argument, including representation and summarisation.
- Natural argumentation and media: visual arguments, multi-modal arguments, spoken arguments.
- Evaluative arguments and their application in AI systems (such as decision-support and advice-giving).
- Non-monotonic, defeasible and uncertain argumentation.
- The computational use of models from informal logic and argumentation theory.
- Computer supported collaborative argumentation, for pedagogy, e-democracy and public debate.
- Tools for interacting with structures of argument.
- Applications of argumentation-based systems.

Submission

We welcome submissions of full papers (limited to 10 pages in length) or short papers (limited to 5 pages in length). It is highly recommended, but not mandatory, to format papers using the Springer LNCS format. All submissions will be peer-reviewed by members of the programme committee. Accepted papers will be grouped into thematic sessions that incorporate extensive time for questions and discussion. Please submit your contribution via EasyChair:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cmna22> by **8th July 2022**.

Key Dates

- Regular Paper submission (long & Short papers): 8th July 2022
- Notification to authors: 5th August 2022
- Final (Camera Ready) version of papers: 26th August 2022
- Workshop: 12th/13th September 2022 (to be finalised)

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