

RSE VZW Winter 2022 Newsletter

Dear Members of the Rhetoric Society of Europe,

With this late Winter issue we update you on some of the forthcoming RSE activities. We kindly remind you to continue supporting the society by joining or renewing your membership...

We hope you enjoy the news we have gathered for you this time. As usual, if you have any news that you'd like to share with the members, please just let us know.

Ida Vikoren Andersen and Maria Freddi

Board Announcements

The Board would like to announce that there will be another 2 issues of the Newsletter freely available on the RSE website. After that, only members will have access to it.

The RSE offers the following fee categories for a two-year membership: Regular member (faculty) Euro 40 / 2 years

PHD student and retired faculty member Euro 25 / 2 years

The benefits of the membership include:

- A reduction to the registration fee for the Rhetoric in Society conference
Reception of the regular RSE Newsletter
Taking part in the wider RSE international community of scholar

Information on how to join/renew your membership can be found here.

Members Announcements & Other News

RSE will participate in the 20th Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America in Baltimore, Maryland (26-29 May 2022) with two RSE@RSA panels.

RSE@RSA panel – Welcoming each other to our literary homes

This panel aims at continuing the fruitful discussion between European and American Rhetorical Scholars that was started with the first RSE@RSA in 2018.

RSE@RSA panel – Election debate cultures in Europe and the US

One of the most important ways to talk and think about political issues in election campaigns is the television debate. In the USA the debates between presidential candidates are among the most watched, discussed, and researched rhetorical exchanges.

This panel examines these different forms of debating, and explores the reasons for and consequences of the differences. We will establish how political television debates are performed in the US and Europe...

Presenters: Jens E. Kjeldsen, University of Bergen, Norway

Dietmar Till, University of Tübingen, Germany

Kris Rutten, University of Ghent, Belgium

David Zarefsky, Northwestern University, USA

INCEP digital meeting on the rhetoric of ethos and the ethos of rhetoric

The International Network for the study of Credibility, Ethos and Trust (INCEP) invites to an open digital meeting with renowned researchers Ruth Amossy (University of Tel Aviv) and James S. Baumlin (Missouri State University).

Date and time: Monday, March 21 at 15.00 CET

Place: Zoom meeting (see link at INCEP-homepage here).

Program:

Introduction by Jens E. Kjeldsen (ca. 10 minutes)

Ruth Amossy (ca. 45 minutes, incl. discussion): What is (collective) ethos?

Short break (ca. 10 minutes)

James S. Baumlin (ca. 45 minutes, incl. discussion): Positioning ethos

Call for Papers

The "1st Journée Perelman des Jeunes Chercheurs", part of the wider initiative "Les Rendez-vous Perelman" and aimed at PhD students and young researchers, is taking place on 24 June 2022 at the ULB Brussels.

GTR22 – The CFP is now open for GTR22, the "Giornate Tridentine di Rhetorica"

(Trento Days on Rhetoric), 23-24 May 2022. Faculty of Law, University of Trento, Italy, on the topic of Rhetoric, Communication and Social Responsibility / Rhetorica, Comunicazione e Responsabilità sociale. On 23 May, Professor Christopher Tindale will be giving the keynote...

Please note that GTR22 will also be an opportunity to launch the new Italian network of rhetorical studies, which aims to gather Italy-based scholars from all academic divisions...

We are looking forward to your applications, presentations of your current research and exchange of ideas!

The Planning Committee, Prof. Maurizio Manzini

Prof. Federico Puppo

Dr. Serena Tomasi

NKRFB – The "Nordic Conference for Rhetoric Scholars" (Nordiska Konferensen för RetorikForskning)

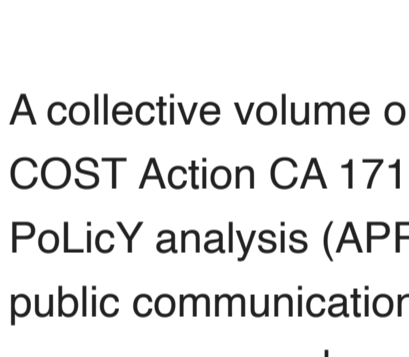
on the theme of Rhetoric without borders / Retorik utan gränser invites abstracts for its 8th conference in Örebro, Sweden, 12-14 October 2022.

The Journal Res Rhetorica is open to submissions. Check out the Call for Papers for the next issues on Rhetoric of Health and Inness and Rhetoric from Distant Cultures.

Learn more about The International Rhetoric Workshop (IRW), a workshop for emerging scholars and PhD students in rhetoric, and planning the next IRW meeting here.

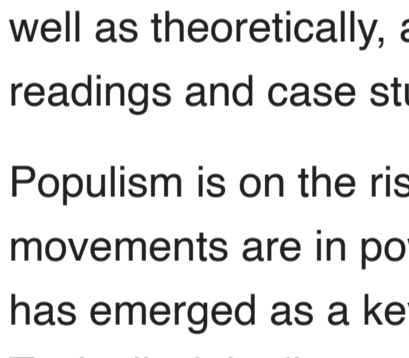
Featured Publications

The Pandemic of Argumentation, Edited by Steve Oswald, Marcin Lewinski, Sara Greco & Serena Villata. Springer, 2022.



A collective volume on virality of argumentation in pandemic times, funded by COST Action CA 17132: European network for Argumentation and Public PoLiCy analysis (APPLY). It offers state-of-the-art accounts of the challenges of public communication and public deliberation during crisis.

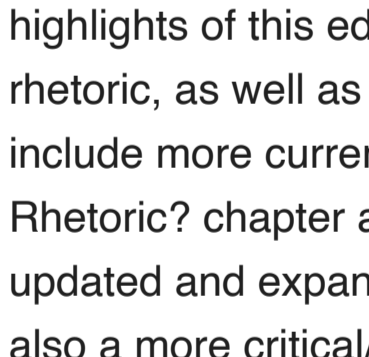
Populist Rhetorics: Case Studies and a Minimalist Definition. Edited by Christian Kock & Lisa Villadsen. Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.



This book speaks for a unified approach to populism that sees it as a primarily rhetorical concept. It covers populist rhetoric in several countries, connecting rhetoric with other disciplines. The book looks at populist rhetoric historically as well as theoretically...

Populism is on the rise in many regions of the world, and populist leaders and movements are in power in multiple democracies. At the same time, "populism" has emerged as a key term in political rhetoric, journalism, and scholarship. Typically, it is discussed as a topic that is as important as it is vexing due to its unwieldy, norm-defying forms, and rapid spread.

Rhetorical & Littlefield: Perspectives in Action, 3rd ed. Edited by Jim A. Kuypers. Rhotman & Littlefield, 2021.



Now in its 3rd edition, this book is written specifically to help undergraduates and beginning graduate students learn how to perform rhetorical criticism. It stresses criticism as an art and as a means to engage in critical thinking.

A Special Issue on Linguistics during the pandemic, December 2021, with contributions to rhetoric is fully downloadable from the international journal Roczniki Humanistyczne.

"Eversion, Ecology, Touch, and Rain: A Post-PC Rhetoric", an article for the Special Issue on Innovative Methodologies in Arts and Sciences, INDECS: Interdisciplinary Description of Complex Systems, 19(1), Spring 2021.

Abstract: The post-PC era of computing offers digital rhetors an opportunity to innovate their inventional approaches. The new era is one in which an ecology of networked, distributed, sensor-based devices amplify our perceptions of self and world by changing the ecological relations that define our connections to our techno-social environments.

New PhD Theses

Making messages memorable: the influence of rhetorical techniques on information retention, by Martijn Wackers. Leiden University, 2021.

The thesis investigates how rhetorical techniques in speeches can enhance information retention by the audience. The thesis follows a three-way approach, examining the retention techniques advised in public-speaking textbooks, the use of organisation and elaboration techniques in actual public-speaking practice by scholars, politicians, and TED speakers...

Voices on the border: comedy and immigration in the Scandinavian public spheres, by John Magnus Ragnhildsson Dahl. University of Bergen, 2021.

The thesis explores how humor and comedy related to immigration has influenced the broader public debate about the subject in Scandinavia. By researching key events in Scandinavian immigration comedy – satire that makes fun of xenophobia, the first stand-up comedians from ethnic minorities, controversies related to humor and racism and the flourishing of humor shows made for and by ethnic minorities – the dissertation shows how humor has drawn and shown borders in the public sphere, relating to the immigration debate.

Critical reflection in the social and behavioral sciences: a rhetorical approach, by Laura Van Beveren, Ghent University, 2020.

In my doctoral dissertation, I introduce a rhetorical perspective into the domain of social and behavioral sciences and examine the various ways in which it may inform an attitude and praxis of critical reflection. More specifically, I draw on the rhetorical theories and concepts of Kenneth Burke and Krista Ratcliffe and examine the ways in which they may function as methodological and pedagogical 'equipment' to interrogate reflexively into the symbolic and normative dimensions of the disciplines and professions of social work, clinical psychology and education.

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