

What are Opinions? Integrating Theory and Methods for Automatically Analyzing Opinionated Communication (OPINION)



WORKING GROUP MEETING

COST ACTION CA21129 OPINION, 26-28 June 2023, Charles University Prague

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2 PROGRAM

Monday, 26 June 2023

12:00-12:30 *Arrival & Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

12:30-13:15 **Opening Plenary** (*Chair: Christian Baden*)

Room: 215

- **Welcome** - *Christian Baden, Lenka Vochocova*
- **The OPINION Net-Work** - *Christian Baden & Helle Sjøvaag*
- **Meeting Agendas of the Working Groups** - *Agnieszka Stepinska, Srdjan Vesic, Marina Popescu, & Carlos Arcila Calderon*
- **Call for Applications: Mobility Grants** - *Asta Zelenkauskaite*
- **Practical issues** - *Kasper Welbers, Lenka Vochocova*

13:15-14:00 **Let's Mingle!** (*Chair: Christian Baden & Helle Sjøvaag*)

Location: outside Room 215

14:00-14:15 *Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

14:15-16:00 **Working Group Sessions I** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 14	Room: 215	Room: 112	Room: 115
Literature overview across disciplines	Plenary talks & subgroup presentations	Definitions, applications and demands	Definition of training schools
<i>Chair: Agnieszka Stepinska</i>	<i>Chair: Srdjan Vesic</i>	<i>Chair: Marina Popescu</i>	<i>Chair: Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

16:00-16:15 *Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

16:15-18:00 **Working Group Sessions I, continued** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 14	Room: 215	Room: 112	Room: 115
Common ground, gaps & controversies	Separate subgroup meetings	Mission, current & future subgroups	Preparation of survey questions I
<i>Chair: Agnieszka Stepinska</i>	<i>Chair: Srdjan Vesic</i>	<i>Chair: Marina Popescu</i>	<i>Chair: Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

Break

Afterwards: Working Group Dinner (voluntary, self-paid)

Theory	Data & Application
Location: TBA	Location: TBA
<i>Please sign up via your WG leadership if you wish to join!</i>	

Tuesday, 27 June 2023

09:00-09:30 *Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

09:30-12:00 **Working Group Sessions II** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 14 Discussions among sub-groups <i>Chair: Carlos Cunha</i>	Room: 215 Plenary discussion <i>Chair: Srdjan Vesic</i>	Room: 212 Relevant data types and corpora <i>Chair: Marina Popescu</i>	Room: 115 Inventory of training materials <i>Chair: Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

12:00-13:00 *Lunch (outside Plenary Room)*

13:00-15:15 **Working Group Sessions II, continued** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 14 Objectives and subjects of study <i>Chair: Agnieszka Stepinska</i>	Room: 215 Separate subgroup meetings <i>Chair: Srdjan Vesic</i>	Room: 212 Open data & community; subgroups <i>Chair: Marina Popescu</i>	Room: 115 Masterclasses, survey questions II <i>Chair: Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

15:15-15:30 *Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

15:30-17:30 **Working Group Sessions II, continued** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 14 Joint session; Discussions on a book <i>Chair: Agnieszka Stepinska</i>	Room: 215 Joint session; Reconvention in plenary <i>Chair: Srdjan Vesic</i>	Room: 212 Joint session; Visions for a Virtual Lab <i>Chair: Marina Popescu</i>	Room: 115 Stakeholder strategy <i>Chair: Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

Break

19:00- **Working Group Dinner** (voluntary, self-paid)

Tools
Location: TBA

Dissemination & Inclusion
Lehká Hlava - Clear Head (Boršov 2)

Please sign up via your WG leadership if you wish to join!

Wednesday, 28 June 2023

09:00-09:30 *Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

09:30-11:00 **Working Group Sessions III** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 14	Room: 215	Room: 112	Room: 115
Summary and planning ahead	Discussion of members' work & plans	How to move forward	Inclusion strategy & Communication Plan
<i>Chair:</i> <i>Agnieszka Stepinska</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Srdjan Vesic</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Marina Popescu</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

11:00-11:15 *Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

11:15-12:30 **Closing Plenary** (*Chair: Helle Sjøvaag*)

Room: 215

- **Working Group Session Reports** - *Agnieszka Stepinska, Srdjan Vesic, Marina Popescu, & Carlos Arcila Calderon*
 - **Discussion** - *Chair: Helle Sjøvaag*
 - **Claiming your Reimbursement** - *Aysen Simsek & Kasper Welbers*
 - **Next Steps & Closing Remarks** - *Christian Baden & Helle Sjøvaag*
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End of Program & Farewell

(for everyone except members of the Management Committee)

12:30-13:15 *Management Committee lunch (outside Plenary Room)*

13:15-14:30 **Management Committee Meeting**

Room: 215

The agenda for the MC meeting will be emailed directly to all members.

3 PRACTICAL INFORMATION: Before the meeting

WG Tasks in Preparation for the Meeting

You have been contacted by the chair of your Working Group(s) before the meeting with additional information about the planned discussions. Each WG will define specific tasks for participants to prepare toward the meeting, and explain what is expected.

Travel

Participants are required to make their own travel arrangements, the costs for which will be reimbursed afterwards, subject to the rules detailed below.

The Charles University's Hollar building is located in Prague downtown, easily reached from Prague Central Station (ca. 2 km, 6 stops on Tram line 9) and also from the Airport (ca. 30 min by cab; the easiest public transport connection is to take bus 119 to Nádraží Veleslavín and take the green Metro line from there to Staroměstská. From there, you can either walk for <10 minutes, or take Tram lines 2, 17, or 18).

From the hotels William and Pytloun, you can take Tram lines 22 and 23, or line 9 from Mala Strana; 2, 17 and 18 from Charles Bridge Palace, MOODS and the city center, or 2, 18, 22 and 23 from MANES. For ticket information, please refer to the following link: <https://pid.cz/en/>

If you need a taxi, the easiest way is probably to install one of the relevant apps (e.g., Bolt, Liftago), or you can call AAA Taxi Prague under +420 222 333 222. For transfer from and to the airport, you can pre-arrange a taxi at a fixed price (usually ~€ 30-35; e.g., www.aaataxi.cz/en/home).

Accommodation

Participants need to arrange their own accommodation, the costs for which will be reimbursed afterwards, subject to the rules detailed below.

For participants who require accommodation in Prague, we recommend staying at one of the seven following hotels, which offer decent quality at reasonable cost, and which are within walking distance of the venue (ordered by price; however, if you choose something different, that is up to you):

- **Hotel William** <https://www.hotelwilliam.cz/en/>
- **Residence Bologna** <https://www.pragueresidencebologna.com/en>
- **Hotel Malá Strana** <https://www.garzottohotels.cz/en/hotel-mala-strana-prague/>
- **Pytloun Old Armoury Hotel** <https://www.pytlounstarazbrojnicehotel.cz/en/>
- **Charles Bridge Palace** <https://www.charlesbridgepalace.com/en>
- **MOODS Charles Bridge** <https://www.moodscharlesbridge.com/en/>
- **MANES Boutique Hotel** <https://www.themanes.cz/>

4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION: During the meeting

Attendance Lists

In order to receive reimbursements for your expenses, you are required to document your participation by signing the attendance list. If you do not sign the attendance list, we will not be able to reimburse you, so please make sure you do not forget this. Please note that separate attendance lists will be available for each day in the program, so if you attend the entire duration of the meeting, you will need to sign at least three times.

Wifi

For the duration of the Working Group meeting, you will be able to connect to the *eduroam* network or the CUNI Wifi network, using a code that will be announced on the morning of the meeting.

Hybrid Participation / Streaming

The Prague WG and MC meeting will *not* offer an option for hybrid participation. The plenary sessions will be streamed via Zoom and recorded for later access. For the Working Group sessions, it is up to the WG leaderships to decide what parts of the discussions will be streamed and recorded, and to announce so by posting the relevant links on the OPINION Slack channel. The plenary sessions will be streamed here: <https://huji.zoom.us/j/82101745023?pwd=bjdsVVdMV1Z4SmdOUTVNQzF1S3QzZz09>

Lunch

We will organize lunch for everyone on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will provide lunch for all members of the Management Committee, which meets after lunch, while for all other participants, the program is over at this point.

As per COST rules, participants are expected to cover the cost of lunch out of their daily allowance (so we cannot charge this directly to COST). Accordingly, all participants who attend the meeting on Tuesday will be asked to contribute their own share to cover the costs of catering. The same is true for all members of the Management Committee who attend the MC meeting on Wednesday. We will update you before the meeting on how exactly these contributions will be collected.

Coffee

Coffee, tea, juice and water will be offered during breaks in the program.

Dinner

Each Working Group will organize a joint dinner: WGs Theory and Data & Application will meet on Monday evening, and WGs Tools and Inclusion & Dissemination will do the same on Tuesday evening.

The joint WG dinners are voluntary (please do not forget to sign up through your WGs) and self-paid, as the costs for dinner are included in the daily allowance. You are obviously welcome to join multiple WG dinners if you are a member of multiple WGs.

If you don't wish to join these dinner options, or on the day when your WG does not have a dinner, we encourage you to find some other network members and mingle at your own discretion. There are countless nice restaurants and bistros nearby the meeting venue.

5 PRACTICAL INFORMATION: After the meeting

Reimbursement

According to COST rules, all reimbursements will be processed after the meeting.

We can reimburse only participants who:

- a) were invited to physically attend the meeting, eligible to be reimbursed;
- b) confirmed their attendance via the eCOST system prior to the meeting;
- c) actually attended the network meeting, as documented by signing the attendance lists available at each session;
- d) submitted their reimbursement claims within 14 days after the meeting, via the eCOST system (you will receive an email once the meeting has ended).

Any long-distance travel costs (>100km) will be reimbursed at the value stated on presented tickets, up to a maximum of 1,500 Euro. Participants are expected to book economic connections (within reason, nobody expects you to take a train in the middle of the night or fly with three layovers), and book well in time to avoid unnecessary costs. You may include a cancellation insurance, the costs for which will be refunded as part of the ticket. If you come by car, costs are covered at 0.35 EUR/km, up to 2000 km.

You can also claim expenses for visa processing fees if you needed to obtain a visa specifically for attending the network meeting. Such costs will be reimbursed at the value stated on presented receipts or documentation. This does not include any costs related to visa obtained for purposes beyond the network meeting.

All (!) other costs (i.e., accommodation, local transportation <100km, food etc.) are covered by a flat daily allowance, which for Czechia amounts to 191 Euro per full day. The daily allowance takes into account your actual travel time from and to your place of origin, not only the day of the event itself. For instance, if you travel to Prague on Monday morning and return on Wednesday, you will be eligible for three full days' worth of daily allowance, and correspondingly more if you need to travel already on Sunday, or arrive home only on Thursday.

Please note that we will, however, not disburse daily allowances for the time that you spent traveling for reasons unrelated to the network meeting: If you put in additional days in Prague for your own reasons, that's up to you, but we will then only consider the time that you would have spent traveling without such intermissions toward your daily allowance.

Please note also that, if you arrive from or continue to a destination other than your home institution, we will ask you to explain that in your reimbursement claim. If you travel to multiple destinations, we will only refund your travel costs from the preceding and to the next destination, and assume that any other legs of your trip are motivated by other purposes and covered otherwise. You are required to avoid double funding. Claiming reimbursement for expenses that are covered by other sources will be considered a violation of COST rules.

For the full COST rules on travel reimbursements, please consult this document: https://www.cost.eu/travel_reimbursement_rules

Also note that it is your responsibility to keep your bank contact data in your COST profile up to date, and to submit your receipts and refund claims within two weeks after the meeting.

Minutes & Recordings

All minutes and recordings of the Working Group meeting, concerning both the plenary sessions and the Working Group sessions, will be made available to all members, including those who did not participate in person, within two weeks after the meeting.

6 PARTICIPANTS

The second joint Working Group meeting of the OPINION COST Network includes a total of 80 participants from 31 countries who will participate in person. The entire network presently comprises 160 members from 38 countries.

Surname	Name	Institution	Country	WG1	WG2	WG3	WG4	MC
Kinga	Adamczewska	Adam Mickiewicz U in Poznan	Poland		◆	◆		
Carlos	Arcila Calderón	U of Salamanca	Spain		◆		◆	◆
Anna	Baczowska	U Gdansk	Poland	◆	◆			
Christian	Baden	The Hebrew U of Jerusalem	Israel	◆			◆	◆
Umit	Bedretdin	U of Helsinki	Finland	◆	◆			
Magdalena	Bielenia-Grajewska	U Gdansk	Poland	◆		◆		
Ljubisa	Bojic	U of Belgrade	Serbia	◆	◆			
Hajo	Boomgaarden	U of Vienna	Austria			◆		
Paul	Buitelaar	National U of Ireland, Galway	Ireland		◆			
Anita	Ciunova-Shuleska	Cyril & Methodius U in Skopje	North Macedonia	◆				
Fabio	Crestani	U della Svizzera Italiana	Switzerland	◆	◆			◆
Carlos	Cunha	Lisbon U Institute	Portugal	◆				
Anna	De Liddo	The Open U	United Kingdom		◆			
Constantinos	Djouvas	Cyprus U of Technology	Cyprus		◆	◆		◆
Ardita	Dylgjeri	U of Elbasan	Albania	◆			◆	
Louis	Escouflaire	UC Louvain	Belgium	◆	◆			
Dren	Gerguri	U of Prishtina	Kosovo	◆	◆			
Valmora	Gogo	U College Bedër	Albania	◆				
Johannes B.	Gruber	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆		◆	

Edlira	Gugu	U of Elbasan	Albania		◆		◆	
Dana	Guy	U College Dublin	Ireland				◆	◆
Damian	Guzek	U of Silesia in Katowice	Poland	◆				
Gal	Harpaz	The Open U of Israel	Israel	◆		◆		
Alba	Haveriku	Polytechnic U of Tirana	Albania		◆	◆		
Agnieszka	Hess	Jagiellonian U	Poland	◆	◆			◆
Mirjana	Ilić	U of Nis	Serbia	◆	◆			◆
Tonja	Jerele	U of Ljubljana	Slovenia		◆			
Ana	Jovančević	U of Niš	Serbia				◆	◆
Emiljano	Kaziaj	COST Organization	EU					◆
Marios	Koniaris	National Technical U of Athens	Greece		◆	◆		◆
Nelda	Kote	Polytechnic U of Tirana	Albania		◆	◆		
Ema	Kristo	U of Tirana	Albania		◆			◆
Aleksandra	Krstic	U of Belgrade	Serbia	◆				◆
Tamara	Kunić	Faculty of Croatia Studies	Croatia	◆				◆
Barbara	Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk	State U of Applied Sciences	Poland	◆	◆			
Artur	Lipiński	Adam Mickiewicz U Poznan	Poland	◆	◆			
Felicia	Loecherbach	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆			
Manjola	Lumani Zaçellari	Aleksander Moisiu U of Durres	Albania				◆	
Eetu	Mäkelä	U of Helsinki	Finland		◆	◆		◆
Adina	Marincea	The Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania	Slovakia				◆	
Franziska	Marquart	U of Copenhagen	Denmark	◆				◆
Jaromir	Mazak	STEM Ústav empirických výzkumů	Czechia				◆	◆

Besjana	Mema Tosuni	Albanian U	Albania			◆	◆	◆
Dimitra	Milioni	Cyprus U of Technology	Cyprus	◆				◆
Larisa	Mistrean	Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova	Moldova			◆	◆	◆
Anela	Mulahmetović Ibrišimović	U of Tuzla	Bosnia and Hercegovina			◆	◆	◆
Elena	Negrea Busuioc	National U of Political Studies and Public Administration	Romania	◆				
Tom	Nicholls	U of Liverpool	United Kingdom		◆	◆		◆
Martina	Novotná	Masaryk U	Czechia	◆			◆	
Alper	Ozcan	Akdeniz U	Turkey		◆			
Gokhan	Ozkan	Kirklareli U	Turkey			◆		
Şule Yüksel	Özmen	Trabzon U	Turkey	◆				
Nikolina	Palamidovska- Sterjadovska	Cyril & Methodius U in Skopje	North Macedonia	◆				
Truls	Pedersen	U of Bergen	Norway	◆				
Marina	Popescu	Median Research Center	Romania	◆		◆		◆
Thorsten	Quandt	U of Münster	Germany	◆				◆
Ardita	Reçi	RTSh Albanian Public Broadcaster	Albania	◆				
Jana	Rosenfeldová	Charles U Prague	Czechia					
Jurate	Ruzaitė	Vytautas Magnus U	Lithuania	◆				
Arta	Sakja	Aja Cela	Albania	◆	◆			
Yucel	Saygin	Sabancı U	Turkey		◆	◆		◆
Martijn	Schoonvelde	U College Dublin	Ireland		◆			◆
Aysen	Şimsek	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands					◆
Helle	Sjøvaag	U of Stavanger	Norway				◆	◆
Marija	Slavkovik	U of Bergen	Norway	◆				

Serghei	Sprincean	Academy of Science of Moldova	Moldova			◆	◆	
Agnieszka	Stepinska	U of Adam Mickiewicz	Poland	◆				◆
Gabriella	Szabó	Hungarian Academy of Sciences	Hungary	◆	◆			◆
Laura	Teruel	U of Málaga	Spain				◆	
Pihla	Toivanen	U of Helsinki	Finland		◆	◆		
Ilija	Tomanic Trivundza	U of Ljubljana	Slovenia		◆			◆
Aleksandar	Tomašević	U of Novi Sad	Serbia		◆	◆		
Samia	Touileb	U of Bergen	Norway		◆	◆		◆
Andrius	Utka	Vytautas Magnus U	Lithuania			◆		
Selma	Veseljević Jerković	U of Tuzla	Bosnia and Hercegovina			◆	◆	◆
Srdjan	Vesic	CRIL	France		◆			◆
Christina	Viehmann	U Mainz	Germany		◆			
Lenka	Vochocová	Charles U Prague	Czechia	◆			◆	◆
Kasper	Welbers	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆			◆
Bruno	Yun	U of Aberdeen	United Kingdom		◆			
Omnia	Zayed	National U of Ireland Galway	Ireland		◆			
Roksana	Zdunek	U Krakow	Poland		◆			
Asta	Zelenkauskaite	VG TU	Lithuania	◆		◆		◆

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