

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



WORKING GROUP MEETING

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1 VENUE

For this Working Group Meeting, we are guests of Cyprus University of Technology. Our host is Prof. Dimitra Milioni at the Faculty of Communication & Media Studies.



The meeting will take place at the Tassos Papadopoulos building, which is located at Themidos 1, Limassol 3036, in the East of Limassol's historical center. Please follow the signs once inside the building.

Two bus lines run nearby: Line 30 runs along Spyrou Arauzou, the road above the sea promenade (closest stop is the Old Harbor, ca. 7 min to walk), and line 9 connects to the central station (closest stop is Ag. Fylaxeos 1, a 15 min walk away). The below map shows the location of the Tassos Papadopoulos building relative to the recommended hotels.



2 PROGRAM

Thursday, 18 January 2024

09:00-09:15 *Arrival & Coffee*

09:15-09:45 **Welcome Plenary**

Room: Amphitheater 1 (ground floor)

▪ **Welcome** - *Christian Baden, Dimitra Milioni*

▪ **Practical issues** - *Kasper Welbers, Dimiltra Milioni*

09:45-12:30 **Working Group Sessions I** (*parallel hybrid sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data Application	& Dissemination & Inclusion
Room 1 / hybrid	Room 2 / hybrid	Room 4 / hybrid	Room 5 / hybrid
Chair: <i>Carlos Cunha & Nicoleta Corbu</i>	Chair: <i>Damian Trilling</i>	Chair: <i>Hajo Boomgaarden</i>	Chair: <i>Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

12:30-13:30 *Lunch at Elektriika Eidi (Ηλεκτρικά Είδη, Chatziloizi Michailidi 3-25)*

13:30-15:15 **Thematic Cross-over Sessions** (*parallel sessions*)

Working (on) Definitions WGs 1+2	Common Applications WGs 1+2+3	Inventorizing Tools & Data WG2+WG3	Setting Standards WG3+WG4	Collaboration Projects & Matchmaking
Room 1	Room 3	Room 2	Room 4	Room 5
Chair: <i>Nicoleta Corbu</i>	Chair: <i>Srdjan Vesic</i>	Chair: <i>Hajo Boom- gaarden</i>	Chair: <i>Mariken van der Velden</i>	Chair: <i>Christian Baden</i>

15:15-16:45 *Break / Time for Projects*

16:45-18:30 **Working Group Sessions II** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data Application	& Dissemination & Inclusion
Room 1 / hybrid	Room 2	Room 4	Room 5
Chair: <i>Carlos Cunha & Nicoleta Corbu</i>	Chair: <i>Damian Trilling</i>	Chair: <i>Hajo Boomgaarden</i>	Chair: <i>Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

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

Theory	Tools	Data Application	& Dissemination & Inclusion
Karatello (Καρατέλλο) <i>Vasilissis 11/1</i>	Yiagkini (Γιαγκίνι) <i>Chatziloisi Michailidi 6</i>	Aristoteleion (Αριστοτέλειον) <i>Dimitri Mitropoulou</i>	Yiagkini (Γιαγκίνι) <i>Chatziloisi Michailidi 6</i>

Friday, 19 January 2024

09:00-09:15 *Coffee*

09:15-10:45 **Masterclass:** ([stream](#))

Room: Amphitheater 1 (ground floor)

Reframing text mining on social media as a survey research task

Konstantinos Gemenis, Cyprus U of Technology

11:15-12:45 **Working Group Sessions III** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data Application	& Dissemination & Inclusion
Room 1 / hybrid	Room 2	Room 4	Room 5
<i>Chair:</i> <i>Carlos Cunha & Nicoleta Corbu</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Damian Trilling</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Hajo Boomgaarden</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

12:45-14:00 *Lunch at Elektriika Eidi (Ηλεκτρικά Είδη, Chatziloizi Michailidi 3-25)*

14:00-16:30 **Working Group Sessions IV** (*parallel hybrid sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data Application	& Dissemination & Inclusion
Room 1 / hybrid	Room 2 / hybrid	Room 4 / hybrid	Room 5 / hybrid
<i>Chair:</i> <i>Carlos Cunha & Nicoleta Corbu</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Damian Trilling</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Hajo Boomgaarden</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

16:30-17:00 *Coffee*

17:00-18:00 **Closing Plenary & Wrap-up** ([stream](#))

Room: Amphitheater 1

- **Reports & Updates** - *Working Group Chairs*
- **Making OPINION count** - *Christian Baden*

3 PRACTICAL INFORMATION: Before the meeting

WG Tasks in Preparation for the Meeting

When you applied for participation in the Limassol meeting, you indicated specific contributions that would make to the work of your Working Group. Please make sure that you come prepared to the meeting, in line with what you stated, and that you attend the sessions hosted by your Working Group.

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 Cyprus University of Technology's Tassos Papadopoulos building is located in the East of Limassol's historical center. The two nearest airports are Larnaca and Paphos (both about a 45-60 min's drive away). Bus lines run about every 1-2 hours from Larnaca Airport to Limassol (Agios Georgios Havouzas bus station, tickets cost about 10 Euros), and a few times per day from Paphos Airport (same price and duration). A taxi ride from either airport will cost around 60 Euros.

In addition to these options, we are considering arranging shared taxi rides or minibus transfers from Larnaca and/or Paphos airport. If you would like to be considered for any shared taxi rides/minibus transfers, once you have booked your flight, please let us know how you arrive / leave: docs.google.com/forms

We will let you know whether there are others who arrive/leave at the same time as you, and if there is demand, whether we will arrange a minibus transfer.

Most recommended hotels are within walking distance of the venue. If you choose to stay at a hotel that is farther away, bus 30 runs along the coast (the stops closest to the venue are Old Harbor and Catholic Church) to the Pier Beach, Kapetanios and Atlantica hotels; bus 19 passes near the Pefkos hotel. For ticket information, please refer to the following link: en.limassolbuses.com

If you need a taxi, Bolt rides can be booked via the App; other apps include the following: cab.com.cy ntaxi.net

There are also a few useful taxi phone numbers: +357 25 335555 (Faros Taxi), +357 25 433334 (Lemesos Taxi), +357 25 387777 (Texas Taxi), +357 99 762640 (Eden Taxi).

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 Limassol, we recommend staying at one of the following hotels, which offer decent quality at reasonable cost, and which are within walking distance of the venue (ordered by distance; however, if you choose something different, that is up to you):

- **S Paul Hotel** (3-4 min walking): €161 (single, €161 double) to €164 (€204)
to book: spaul@spaulhotel.com +357-25755454 spaulhotel.com
 - **LaMaltese Old Town Mansion** (4 min walking): €76 (non-) or €85 (refundable).
to book: info@limassololdtownmansion.com +357-25360420 www.lamaltesemansion.com
 - **Alinea Urban** (4 min walking): €115 (€135 double)
Alinea Primo (4 min walking): €125 (€135 double)
to book: stay@alinea.com.cy +357-25104888 alinea.com.cy
 - **NYX** (6 min walking)
to book: info@limassol.nyxhotelscyprus.com +357-25371111 www.nyx-hotels-cyprus.com
 - **City Centre Rooms** (6 min walking)
to book: +357 99 478846
 - **Old Port** (6 min walking): from €109, 10% discount with Loyal Members card
to book: info@oldporthotel.com.cy +357-25353210 oldporthotel.com.cy
 - **Pier Beach Hotel** (15 min walking)
to book: hotel@pier-beach.com +357-25749000 pier-beach.com
- A bit farther away are these hotels:
- **Kapetanos Hotel** (28 min walking): from €54 (half board +€18)
to book: limassolhotel@kapetanosgroup.com +357-25586266 www.kapetanoshotels.com
 - **Pefkos Hotel** (26 min walking)
to book: info@pefkoshotel.com +357-25660066 pefkoshotel.com

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 four times.

There is a matchmaking session in the Thematic Cross-Over sessions where existing collaborative projects can briefly introduce themselves to the network, and anyone who is still looking for collaborators can pitch their idea. Thereafter, this session will break up into project-specific group work and chat.

Lunch

We will organize lunch for everyone on Thursday and Friday at ElektriKa Eidi (Ηλεκτρικά Είδη), a cafe close to the meeting venue (Chatziloizi Michailidi 3-25).

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 on-site participants will be asked to contribute about 25 Euros (for both days) to cover the costs of lunch. We will collect these contributions on the first day, so please bring a little cash with you.

Coffee

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

Dinner

Each Working Group will organize a joint dinner on Thursday evening.

The joint WG dinners are voluntary 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. Please do not forget to sign up through your WGs!

If you don't wish to join these dinner options, 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 well in time, as soon as you have received your formal invitation (so please avoid last minute bookings) and use 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 use a private car for part of the way, costs are covered at 0.35 EUR/km, up to 2000 km - but please then make sure to keep some documentation of the time line of this part of the trip.

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 Cyprus amounts to 204 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 Limassol on Wednesday afternoon and return on Friday night, you will be eligible for roughly two and a half days' worth of daily allowance, or three if you arrive at home only in the next morning.

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 Cyprus 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.

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 third joint Working Group meeting of the OPINION COST Network includes a total of 53 participants from 24 countries who will participate in person. The entire network presently comprises 184 members from 39 countries.

Surname	Name	Institution	Country	W G 1	W G 2	W G 3	W G 4	W G M C
Carlos	Arcila Calderón	U of Salamanca	Spain		◆		◆	◆
Anna	Baczowska	U Gdansk	Poland	◆	◆			
Christian	Baden	The Hebrew U of Jerusalem	Israel	◆			◆	◆
Magdalena	Bielenia-Grajewska	U Gdansk	Poland	◆		◆		
David	Blanco-Herrero	U of Salamanca	Spain		◆		◆	
Ljubisa	Bojic	U of Belgrade	Serbia				◆	
Hajo	Boomgaarden	U of Vienna	Austria			◆		
Nicoleta	Corbu	National U of Political Studies & Public Admin.	Romania	◆	◆			◆
Bruno	Costa	U of Beira Interior	Portugal	◆			◆	◆
Fabio	Crestani	U della Svizzera Italiana	Switzerland	◆	◆			◆
Carlos	Cunha	Lisbon U Institute	Portugal	◆				
Constantinos	Djouvas	Cyprus U of Technology	Cyprus		◆	◆		◆
Ardita	Dylgjeri	U of Elbasan	Albania	◆			◆	
Roksana	Gloc	U Krakow	Poland		◆			
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			◆	◆	
Agnieszka	Hess	Jagiellonian U	Poland	◆	◆			◆

Ana	Jovančević	U of Niš	Serbia			◆	◆	
Marc	Jungblut	LMU Munich	Germany	◆			◆	
Neta	Kligler Vilenchik	Hebrew U of Jerusalem	Israel	◆				◆
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	◆			◆	◆
Artur	Lipiński	Adam Mickiewicz U Poznan	Poland	◆	◆			
Manjola	Lumani Zaçellari	Aleksander Moisiu U of Durres	Albania			◆		
Michaela	Maier	RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau	Germany		◆			
Jaromir	Mazak	STEM Ústav empirických výzkumů	Czechia			◆		◆
Dimitra	Milioni	Cyprus U of Technology	Cyprus	◆				◆
Ana	Milojevic	U of Belgrade	Serbia	◆			◆	
Anela	Mulahmetović Ibrišimović	U of Tuzla	Bosnia and Hercegovina			◆	◆	◆
Elena	Negrea Busuioc	National U of Political Studies & Public Admin.	Romania	◆				
Nikolina	Palamidovska-Sterjadovska	Cyril & Methodius U in Skopje	North Macedonia	◆				
Marina	Popescu	Median Research Center	Romania	◆		◆		◆
Ardita	Reçi	RTSh Albanian Public Broadcaster	Albania	◆				
Jurate	Ruzaite	Vytautas Magnus U	Lithuania	◆				
Susana	Salgado	Lisbon U Institute	Portugal	◆				
Serghei	Sprincean	Academy of Science of Moldova	Moldova			◆	◆	
Gabriella	Szabó	Hungarian Academy of Sciences	Hungary	◆	◆			◆
Daniel	Thiele	U of Vienna	Austria		◆			

Damian	Trilling	U of Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆			◆
Aleksandra	Urman	U of Zurich	Switzerland		◆		◆	◆
Mariken	van der Velden	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands				◆	
Selma	Veseljević Jerković	U of Tuzla	Bosnia and Hercegovina			◆	◆	◆
Srdjan	Vesic	CRIL	France		◆			◆
Lenka	Vochocová	Charles U Prague	Czechia	◆			◆	◆
Annie	Waldherr	U of Vienna	Austria	◆				
Kasper	Welbers	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆			◆
Bruno	Yun	U of Aberdeen	United Kingdom		◆			
Asta	Zelenkauskaitė	VGTU	Lithuania	◆		◆		◆

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