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An Introduction to the Yerevan School of Argumentation

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Abstract:

After World War II theories of argumentation increasingly gained in importance. The social reason for this interest probably is that people realized that the struggle between "minds" is much better than that between armies. One of the schools of argumentation established during the second half of the 20th century is the Yerevan School of Argumentation, which was and still remains the centre of study of argumentation for the countries of the former Soviet Union.

In this lecture the methodological approach of the Yerevan School of Argumentation to argumentative discourse will be discussed and its similarities and differences to other schools analyzed. The focus will be on the synthetic character of argumentation, its preliminary premises such as linguistic, logical, gnoseological (especially the problem of truth in argumentative discourse), and ethical aspects.

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