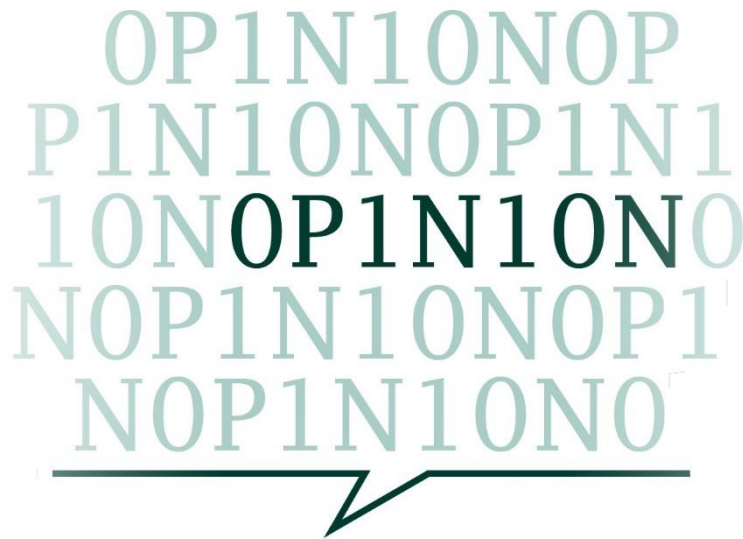


What are Opinions? Integrating Theory and Methods for Automatically Analyzing Opinionated Communication (OPINION)



WORKING GROUP MEETING

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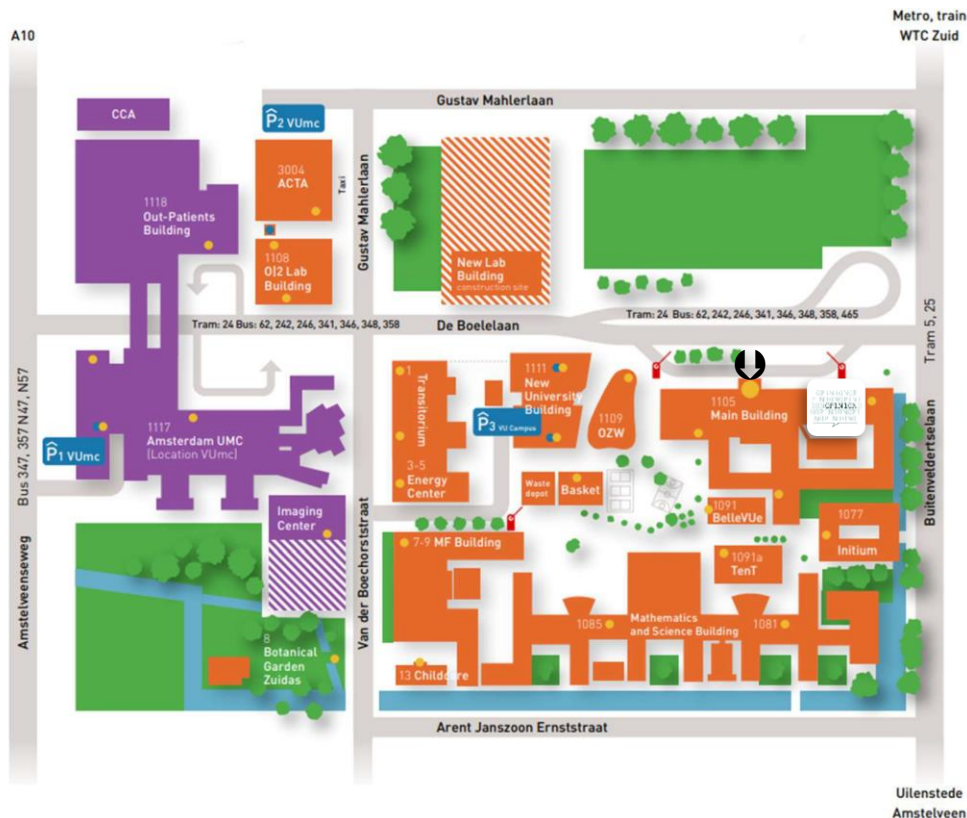
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1 VENUE

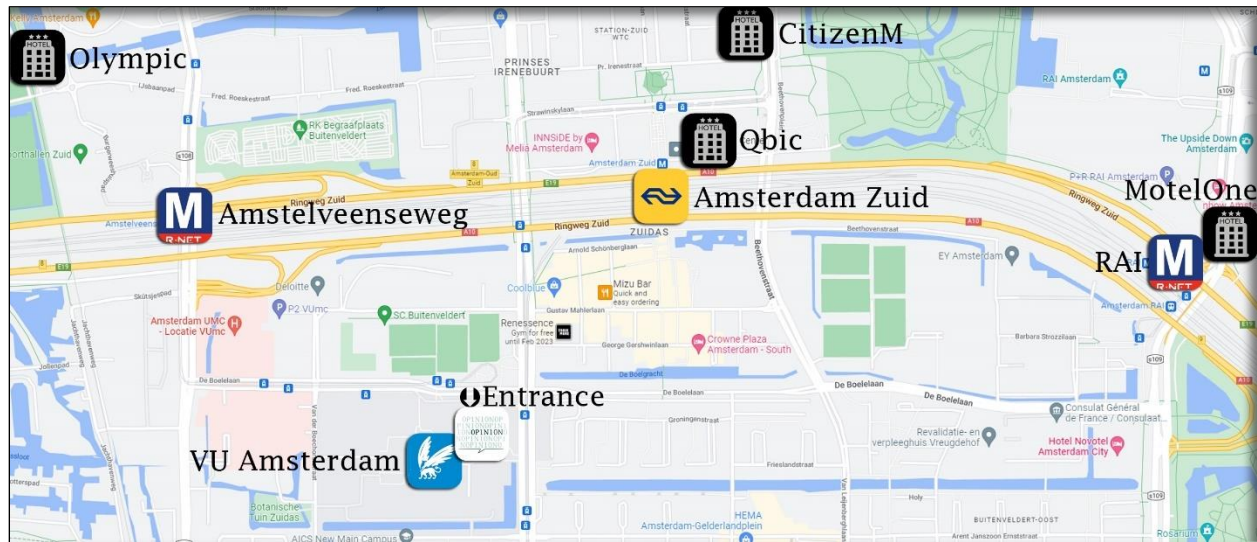
For this Working Group Meeting, we are guests of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.



The Meeting venue will be at the VU Main Building (“Hoofdgebouw”), which is located at 1105 De Boelelaan, 1081 HX Amsterdam, in Amsterdam South. Access to the Main Building is from De Boelelaan, with all our meeting rooms located toward the left after you enter, in wing A at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Please follow the signs once inside the building.



The Vrije University Amsterdam is located within walking distance from the Amsterdam South (Zuid) station. The below map shows the location of the VU campus relative to the station and the four recommended hotels.



2 FOLLOW ONLINE / RECORDING

Both the Plenary sessions and the Working Group sessions will be streamed and recorded, so that also participants who cannot attend in person can follow the discussions.

There will not be a full hybrid format, though. Online participants can post questions or comments via the chat, which may be relayed by the session chairs if there is time, but interactive discussions will focus on on-site participants.

If you wish to follow online in real time, please use the following Zoom links:

Plenary Sessions: <https://huij.zoom.us/j/87270541945?pwd=MS8yZnNCa0R6UWJ5YndtR2xDR2djZz09>

WG1 Sessions: <https://huji.zoom.us/j/89721007727?pwd=dHNWRmcxdmdwRitpSm1FVi90NE9OQT09>

WG2 Sessions: <https://uva-live.zoom.us/j/84110221141>

WG3 Sessions: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82158312047?pwd=UFFScWowQ2xqVFgvdTlVIVXZMTC9odz09>

WG4 Sessions: <https://usal-es.zoom.us/j/87169587032>

The **recordings** will be made available to all members after the meeting.

Please note that both online participation and access to the recordings are limited to members of the Network only, and you are not permitted to re-share access.

3 PROGRAM

08:30-09:00 *Arrival & Coffee (outside Plenary Room)*

09:00-10:30 **Opening Plenary** (*Chair: Christian Baden*)

Room: 01A33 (level 01, wing A, room 33)

- **Welcome** - *Christian Baden, Helle Sjøvaag, & Kasper Welbers*
- **OPINION in a Nutshell** - *Christian Baden*
- **Practical issues** - *Kasper Welbers*
- **Mobility** - *Nina Springer*
- **Outreach** - *Ana Milojevic*
- **Working Group Introductions** - *Agnieszka Stepinska, Damian Trilling, Marina Popescu, & Carlos Arcila Calderon*
- **Making an impact** - *Helle Sjøvaag*

10:30-11:00 *Coffee (outside WG Meeting Rooms)*

11:00-12:30 **Working Group Sessions I: Getting to Terms** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 01A33	Room: 05A24	Room: 07A16	Room: 05A24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WG Objectives ▪ Introductions ▪ Mapping Key Concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WG Objectives ▪ Introductions ▪ Mapping Key Tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WG Objectives ▪ Introductions ▪ Mapping Key Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WG Objectives ▪ Introductions ▪ Mapping Key Needs
<i>Chair:</i> <i>Agnieszka Stepinska</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Damian Trilling</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Marina Popescu</i>	<i>Chair:</i> <i>Carlos Arcila Calderon</i>

12:30-13:15 *Lunch (VU Cafeteria)*

13:15-16:30 **Working Group Sessions II: Planning the Action** (*parallel sessions*)

Theory	Tools	Data & Application	Dissemination & Inclusion
Room: 01A33	Room: 02A24	Room: 02A36	Room: 02A37
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mapping Key Concepts ▪ Defining Annual Objectives ▪ WG Strategy ▪ Vice Chair Elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mapping Key Tools ▪ Defining Annual Objectives ▪ WG Strategy ▪ Vice Chair Elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mapping Key Applications ▪ Defining Annual Objectives ▪ WG Strategy ▪ Vice Chair Elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mapping Key Needs ▪ Defining Annual Objectives ▪ WG Strategy ▪ Vice Chair Elections
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16:30-17:00 Coffee (outside Plenary Room)

17:00-18:30 Closing Plenary (*Chair: Helle Sjøvaag*)

Room: 01A33

- **Working Group Session Reports** - *Agnieszka Stepinska, Damian Trilling, Marina Popescu, & Carlos Arcila Calderon*
 - **Discussion** - *Chair: Helle Sjøvaag*
 - **Involving relevant stakeholders along the way** - *Helle Sjøvaag*
 - **Where do we stand, where do we go from here** - *Christian Baden*
 - **Closing Remarks** - *Christian Baden, Helle Sjøvaag, & Kasper Welbers*
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4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION: Before the meeting

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 Vrije University Amsterdam is located close to the Amsterdam South railway station, which services direct trains to Schiphol Airport (~6 min) as well as various national and international destinations.

For local travel within Amsterdam, buses call at De Boelelaan (lines 62, 246, 461), trams stop at De Boelelaan (24) or Parnassusweg (5, 25), and metro trains call at Amsterdam South (50, 51, 52). For ticket information, please refer to the following link: reisproducten.gvb.nl/en/toeristen

If you need a taxi, the number of the Taxi Centrale Amsterdam is +31-20-777 7777.

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 Amsterdam, we recommend staying at one of the four following hotels, which offer decent quality at reasonable cost, and which are within walking distance of the venue:

- **Qbic Amsterdam** (~12 min walk) qbichotels.com
- **CitizenM Amsterdam South** (~16 min) www.citizenm.com/hotels/europe/amsterdam
- **Olympic Hotel Amsterdam** (~21 min) www.olympichotel.nl
- **MotelOne Amsterdam Europaplein** (~28 min) www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/amsterdam

If you are staying at MotelOne, you can take metro lines 50 or 51 for one stop from station RAI. From the Olympic Hotel, you can take tram line 24 or bus line 62 for three stops from Ijsbaanpad.

Preparations

You will be contacted by the chair of your Working Group(s) before the meeting with additional information about the planned discussions. You won't need to prepare anything specific, however, it will be greatly appreciated if you can already think about the questions raised, think of concrete ways in which you believe you can and would like to contribute, and maybe think of useful resources that you may be aware of that might be of interest to your WG.

If you are a member of multiple Working Groups, you may wish to decide beforehand – and if possible, let us know – which WG’s physical meeting you intend to participate in. Since the Working Group sessions will be held in parallel, you will not be able to attend both meetings. You will be able to access the recording of the sessions that you missed afterwards.

Candidacy for WG Vice Chair

At the end of the Working Group sessions, each WG will elect up to two WG Vice Chairs. WG Vice Chairs support the WG Chairs in their coordination of Working Group activities and take on specific responsibilities within the WG (e.g., liaising with the Science Communication Officer).

If you already know that you wish to submit your candidacy to become Vice Chair of a Working Group, please contact your relevant Working Group chair. You can still register your candidacy during the Working Group Session.

It is also possible to run as WG Vice Chair if you cannot physically attend the Working Group meeting. In this case, it will be important that you notify your WG Chair beforehand and provide a short candidate statement (up to 1 page) or video (up to 3-5 min) in place of your personal introduction in the meeting.

5 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 at each session listed in the program.

Wifi

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

Lunch

Participants are expected to buy their own lunch, the costs of which are covered by the Daily Allowance that will be part of your reimbursement (see below). We have reserved a separate seating area in the VU Amsterdam's main Cafeteria. From there, you can access any lunch options that the Cafeteria has to offer, and pay yourself, before returning to our seating area.

Coffee

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

Dinner

There are no plans for a centrally organized dinner. If you spend the evening after the Working Group meeting in Amsterdam, we would like to encourage you to find yourselves together in smaller groups, and use the evening to get to know one another a bit more. There are several conveniently located restaurants and bars next to the Amsterdam South station, and of course countless more all across town.

6 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 the Netherlands amounts to 211 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, so for longer travels, that will most likely be more than one daily rate.

Please note that we will, however, not disburse daily allowances for days that you spent traveling for reasons unrelated to the network meeting: If you put in additional days in Amsterdam 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.

Tasks

Each Working Group may decide to define specific tasks that members are expected to fulfil in order to be invited to subsequent meetings. Any such decisions will be communicated to all Working Group members by the WG chairs shortly after the meeting. These communications will also include information regarding how and by when such tasks should be completed.

7 PARTICIPANTS

The first joint Working Group meeting of the OPINION COST Network includes a total of 58 participants from 29 countries who will participate in person. The entire network presently comprises 142 members from 39 countries.

Surname	Name	Institution	Country	WG1	WG2	WG3	WG4
Adikpo	Janet Aver	Şira Group	Turkey	◆			◆
Arcila Calderón	Carlos	U of Salamanca	Spain		◆		◆
Baden	Christian	Hebrew U of Jerusalem	Israel	◆			◆
Bielenia-Grajewska	Magdalena	U Gdansk	Poland	◆		◆	
Botan	Madalina	College of Communication & Public Relations	Romania	◆		◆	
Brown	Maria	U of Malta	Malta				◆
Buitelaar	Paul	National U of Ireland Galway	Ireland		◆		
Ciunova-Shuleska	Anita	Cyril & Methodius U in Skopje	N. Macedonia	◆			
Corbu	Nicoleta	National U of Political Studies & Public Admin.	Romania	◆	◆		
Cunha	Carlos	Lisbon U Institute	Portugal	◆			
Djouvas	Constantinos	Cyprus U of Technology Limassol	Cyprus		◆	◆	
Domahidi	Emese	TU Ilmenau	Germany			◆	
Escouflaire	Louis	UC Louvain	Belgium	◆	◆		
Gogo	Valmora	U College Bedër	Albania	◆			
Gugu	Edlira	U of Elbasan	Albania		◆		◆
Harpaz	Gal	Open U of Israel Raanana	Israel	◆		◆	
Hess	Agnieszka	Jagiellonian U Krakow	Poland	◆	◆		
Ilić	Mirjana	U of Nis	Serbia	◆	◆		

Koniaris	Marios	National Technical U of Athens	Greece		◆	◆	
Krstic	Aleksandra	U of Belgrade	Serbia	◆			◆
Kunić	Tamara	U of Zagreb	Croatia	◆			◆
Lind	Fabienne	U of Vienna	Austria		◆		
Maier	Michaela	U of Koblenz-Landau	Germany		◆		
Mäkelä	Eetu	University of Helsinki	Finland				
Mance	Boris	U of Ljubljana	Slovenia		◆		
Mazak	Jaromir	STEM Empirical Research for Democracy Prague	Czechia			◆	
Mema	Besjana	Albanian U	Albania			◆	◆
Milioni	Dimitra	Cyprus U of Technology	Cyprus	◆			
Milojevic	Ana	U of Belgrade	Serbia	◆	◆		
Möller	Judith	U of Amsterdam	Netherlands	◆			◆
Mulahmetović Ibrišimović	Anela	U of Tuzla	Bosnia & Hercegovina			◆	◆
Ozkan	Gokhan	Kırklareli U	Turkey			◆	
Özmen	Şule Yüksel	Trabzon U	Turkey	◆			
Palamidovska-Sterjadovska	Nikolina	Cyril & Methodius U in Skopje	N. Macedonia	◆			
Popescu	Marina	Median Research Center Bucharest	Romania	◆		◆	
Salgado	Susana	Lisbon U Institute	Portugal	◆			
Schoonvelde	Martijn	U College Dublin	Ireland		◆		
Sjøvaag	Helle	U of Stavanger	Norway				◆
Springer	Nina	WWU Münster	Germany	◆		◆	
Stepinska	Agnieszka	Adam Mickiewicz U Poznan	Poland	◆			
Strappavara	Carlo	Fondazione Bruno Kessler Trento	Italy	◆	◆		

Szabó	Gabriella	Hungarian Academy of Sciences Budapest	Hungary	◆	◆		
Tomanic Trivundza	Ilija	U of Ljubljana	Slovenia		◆		
Touileb	Samia	U of Bergen	Norway		◆	◆	
Trilling	Damian	U of Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆		
Urman	Aleksandra	U of Zurich	Switzerland		◆		◆
Utkā	Andrius	Vytautas Magnus U Kaunas	Lithuania			◆	
van Atteveldt	Wouter	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆		
van den Bulck	Hilde	U Antwerpen	Belgium	◆	◆		
van der Torre	Leon	U of Luxembourg	Luxembourg	◆			
van der Velden	Mariken	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands				◆
Vermeer	Susan	U of Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆		
Vochocova	Lenka	Charles U in Prague	Czechia	◆			◆
Welbers	Kasper	Vrije U Amsterdam	Netherlands		◆		
Yarchi	Moran	Reichman U Herzliya	Israel			◆	
Yun	Bruno	U of Aberdeen	United Kingdom		◆		
Zayed	Omnia	National U if Ireland Galway	Ireland		◆		
Zelenkauskaitė	Asta	Vinius Gediminas Technical U	Lithuania	◆		◆	

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