

Review

Argumentation Theory: A Pragma-Dialectical Perspective

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Abstract: This article reviews Frans H. van Eemeren's *Argumentation Theory: A Pragma-Dialectical Perspective* (Springer 2018).

Résumé: Cet article est une critique de *Théorie de l'argumentation: une perspective pragma-dialectique* (Springer 2018) de Frans H. van Eemeren.

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The most robust approach to argumentation theory today, without question, is pragma-dialectics, formulated over a period of forty years by Frans van Eemeren and his colleagues at the University of Amsterdam. This is true whether one's criterion is the scope of topics it has been employed to address, or the number of its adherents (especially outside North America), or the pace with which its chief proponents publish research results and theoretical elaborations. This