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§4
WHAT'S HOT IN . . .

. . . Argumentation Theory

Over the past few years, several research groups in the field of argumentation theory have started to refine and extend their theoretical frameworks in such a way that they can be applied to specific communicative contexts. The urge to do so is related to the fact that in the analytical and evaluative tools developed so far, the various institutional conventions that may apply to the different argumentative practices have not been accounted for.

A few examples of comprehensive research projects pertaining to argumentation in context are the following. In Switzerland, scholars working at the Università della Svizzera italiana focus on the development of tools for the analysis and evaluation of argumentation in the medical context and the financial context. Scholars from the Université de Neuchâtel concentrate on the analysis of argumentation in the educational context. In the Netherlands, scholars of the University of Amsterdam have developed a theoretical framework that enables the analysis and evaluation of “strategic maneuvering” in a number of contexts. In their research, they concentrate on argumentation in the legal, the political, the medical, and the academic context.

Following on these developments, a new journal called the *Journal of Argumentation in Context* will be launched later this year.

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