

European Discourse Community

Language, emotion and argumentation

In Europe, people in different countries with various linguistic and cultural backgrounds simultaneously discuss a wide range of issues relevant to society (European integration, migration, balance between security and civil rights etc.).

In our project *European Discourse Community*, we elaborate a corpus-based, contrastive methodology which combines qualitative and quantitative methods as a basis for **multilingual discourse analysis**. The **aim of our project** is to develop a **gradually expandable platform providing methods for the contrastive analysis of cross-lingual discourses** and to test it on a specific discourse.

Our corpus consists of German, English, French and Italian newspaper articles focusing on the vaccine debate. We identify and analyse **relevant discourse parameters on an auto-semantic micro level and an interpretation-based macro level**.

We annotate in CATMA. The **micro level surface parameters** cover amongst others the lexis of discourse-relevant areas and fields, locations, and discourse roles of the actors involved. They form the basis of our **macro level target parameters**: argumentation structure, emotion, and main points of controversy. The following scheme shows how we model these parameters:

