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A simple dictionary search for synonyms of the term **error** illustrate the large array of its possible meanings: mistake, inaccuracy, fallacy, misapprehension, miscalculation, delusion, failure, fault, flaw, lapse. When we look at their consequences, errors may result in misleading, deceiving, misguiding, mystifying, or misinforming us – to list but a few. Psychologist James Reason (2000) has summarized cognitive theories of human error, with a highlight on the why, what, where and how they occur. Although **systemic errors are more dangerous than individual ones**, “blaming individuals is emotionally more satisfying than targeting institutions.” (Reason, 2000: 768)

Way before modern psychology, Francis Bacon has developed a theory of human error originating from the so-called idols of the mind: the foggy lenses through which our understanding of reality is distorted. Idols of the Tribe originate in measuring up everything to humans, as if we were the center of the Universe; Idols of the Cave are individual cognitive distortions, whereas Idols of the Marketplace result from the misuse of language. Last, but not least, Idols of the Theater are cognitive errors originating in the dogmatic interpretation of old theories. How would these foggy lenses apply to our age of misinformation and media manipulation?

Given our deep rooted need for security in a risk society (Davoudi, 2014), and our motivation for payoffs even through trial and error learning processes (Young, 2009), we often find ourselves misguided or confused in spaces of controversy like online debates, or in situations which are difficult to interpret – like a complex theory or a conceptual work of art. How do we cope with errors in judgment, argumentation and interpretation? How can we learn to understand complex situations and systems, and correct poor decisions?

We welcome presentations dealing with errors in argumentation, interpretation, decision-making and action affecting social, political, cultural, educational, and digital spaces; research projects exploring circumstances, effects, dangers, and blessings of an accelerating world exposed to errors. Papers presenting rhetorical, artistic tools exploring difficulties of interpretation and risks of errors, as well as successful or failed attempts to correct them are most welcome.

References

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstract submission: 200-300 words, up to five keywords by **5 August 2022**.

Abstract acceptance information will be sent to you on **5 August 2022**.

Full paper sent (7-10 pages – 4,000 to 9,000 words) by **20 August 2022**.

Early bird registration: 100 EUR (PhD students EUR 50) by **20 August 2022**.

Late registration: 120 EUR (PhD students EUR 60) by **1 September 2022**.

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