

CICASP Seminar in Science Communication: Summary & Outline

Wednesday 27th January, 2016

Summary: CICASP Seminar 19

Where's the Logic? Illogical arguments in debates and how to spot them

Many students came to the seminar with a controversial news story that appeared online. After summarising the topic, each presenter read out comments written by the general public. Listeners had to spot any logical fallacies in the comments and identify the types used. There were plenty of examples of illogical arguments in the comments read out.

Wednesday 3rd February, 2016

Outline: CICASP Seminar 20

Where's the Logic? Illogical arguments in debates and how to spot them

In this seminar we will have a debate. The object will be to use as many different logical fallacies in your arguments as you can. The other team will then have to spot as many illogical arguments as they can and identify the types used correctly. The topic of debate will be a hot, controversial topic in science. You will get the chance to practise spotting logical fallacies in arguments.