

## **Périodes argumentatives et complexes discursifs**

### Argumentative periods and discursive complexes

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**Abstract:** Following Christian Plantin's work, the present article argues that the speaker of an argumentative discourse may not intend to convince. It analyses what we call "argumentative periods" in a speech pronounced by De Gaulle. Based on an examination of the use of *mais* and *donc*, we aim to show that these periods reformulate the same belief throughout the whole speech. We examine the way "discursive complexes" are linked from a semantic viewpoint and especially how link-words can organise periods.

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