

Report on the outcomes of a presentation and participation in a Dissemination Conference¹

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Conference Details

Conference title: 10th ITRA World Conference. The Zeitgeist in Toys & Games

Conference web-page: <https://itratoysresearch.org/2026conference>

Conference venue²: University of Augsburg, Germany

Accepted oral contribution details

Title of the presentation: The Role of Go in Contemporary Life

Co-authors: -

Other details of the presentation: Session “Boardgames I”, Room 2107, August 5, 1:30-3:30

Outcome of the conference participation

Description of the outcome of the conference presentation, including contacts made and potential for future collaborations.

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Participation in the 10th ITRA World Conference: *The Zeitgeist in Toys and Games* provided valuable opportunities to disseminate my research, strengthen the visibility of the GameTable COST Action, and establish new contacts within the international games and toy research community.

During the conference, I met Barbara Carè from the University of Fribourg, an active member of the GameTable network, in person for the first time. We discussed our respective work within the Action as well as opportunities for further exchange and potential cooperation, including an upcoming GameTable workshop of WG 5 (Implementation, Dissemination, and Education) in Turkey in September 2026. This personal contact helped strengthen connections within the existing COST network.

The conference also enabled me to establish new contacts beyond the GameTable network. In particular, members of a research group from the University of Koblenz approached me following my presentation and invited me to present my work on Go and its methodological approach in autumn 2026. This follow-up invitation provides an immediate opportunity for further dissemination and for exploring possible future research collaboration.

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More broadly, I exchanged ideas with researchers working in game studies, education, cultural studies, and related fields, including Prof. Volker Mehringer, Prof. Thomas Voit, Dr. Lieselotte van Leeuwen, Dr. Lukas Boch, Prof. Jens Junge as well as Sebastian Pfaller from the German Games Archive. These contacts broadened my professional network and may support future collaborative projects, conference activities, and joint applications for research funding.

The conference excursion to the German Games Archive in Nuremberg was particularly relevant to my future research. The visit provided an initial insight into its collections of historical games, related media, and archival materials. As a direct outcome, I am considering developing a research proposal that would include a short research stay at the archive to examine historical game products and accompanying documentary sources.

During my conference presentation, I explicitly acknowledged the support of the GameTable COST Action and explained that this funding had enabled my participation and presentation in Augsburg. This introduced the Action and its networking and dissemination opportunities to researchers who were not yet familiar with the network.

Overall, the conference participation resulted in concrete follow-up opportunities, expanded my network across academia and heritage institutions, increased awareness of the GameTable Action, and created promising foundations for future research collaborations and funding applications.

Acknowledgement of inclusion of necessary supporting documents to claim the grant

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- the certificate of conference attendance issued by the conference organiser.
- the programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation of the grantee.