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## Foreword

It is our pleasure to present the *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 27*. The conference took place on 14–16 September 2022 at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, making it the first edition of Sinn und Bedeutung in a country of the former Eastern Bloc.

Of the 185 submissions, 38 were accepted as talks – presented in two parallel sessions – and 20 as posters, featuring altogether more than 100 authors. A total of 90 registered participants took part in the conference. The conference included a welcoming lecture by Eva Hajičová and four invited talks – by Mojmir Dočekal, Nicole Gotzner, Pritty Patel-Grosz, and Uli Sauerland. Most of the presentations have made it into these proceedings, which consist of 46 papers. It is worth noting that while these papers were not subject to centralized review, authors were encouraged to seek relevant peer feedback and incorporate it into their revised versions.

Sinn und Bedeutung 27 was primarily an in-person event, with units of authors opting for online presentations, mainly in the form of posters. The hybrid mode, supported by a conference Slack, proved to be a challenge. A post-conference online questionnaire, completed by 30 participants, revealed that, despite overall high satisfaction with the conference, the experience was notably less favorable for online participants. Apart from the difficulties imposed by the institutional technical limitations (suboptimal conference hardware), the majority of in-person participants (almost 90%) reported minimal or no interaction with online participants. The results of the questionnaire are summarized [here](#).

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