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The Ethics of Trust and Expertise

A Hybrid Academic Conference

Programme | 31 May – 2 June 2022 | Yerevan

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1 About this conference

This conference will focus on ethics and normative issues relevant to public trust, the nature of expertise, and the role of experts in public life and politics.

Topics of interest to the conference include, but are not limited to,

- **the normative dimensions of trust,**
- **the value of trust (and distrust),**
- **the ethical requirements of trust,**
- **the Wh of trust (When, why and who should we trust?),**
- **the moral dimension of trust/distrust in experts,**
- **the ethical obligations of expert advice,**
- **the democratic deficit of epistocracies,**
- **and moral expertise.**

2 Programme

Day 1 - 31 May 2022 | All times in GMT+4

8.30 – 9.00 | On-Campus Registration | American University of Armenia (AUA), PAB, 1st floor (near Security Desk)

9.00 – 9.30 | Welcome and Opening Remarks | American University of Armenian (AUA), Manoogian Hall, PAB

Prof. Karin Markides, President, American University of Armenia (AUA)

Prof. Maria Baghramian, PERITIA Principal Investigator, University College Dublin

Dr. Arshak Balayan, PERITIA Project Investigator, American University of Armenia (AUA)

9.30 – 10.30 | Keynote Address | American University of Armenian (AUA), Manoogian Hall, PAB

Professor Åsa Wikforss (University of Stockholm) (online)

Experts in a Democracy: Resistance and Rationality

Chair: Arshak Balayan, American University of Armenia and PERITIA

10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee Break | American University of Armenian (AUA), Faculty Lounge

Day 1 - 31 May 2022

Parallel Sessions 1

1.1 Why to Trust? |
Room: Manoogian Hall

Chair: Maria Baghramian, University College Dublin

11.00 – 11.40 | Evidence and the Reasons of Trust
Thomas Mitchell (University of St Andrews)

11.40 – 12.20 | The Ethical Responsibility to Trust
Rowland Stout (University College Dublin and PERITIA)

12.20 – 13.00 | The Duty to Trust and the Duty to be Trustful
Gloria Origgi (Institut Jean Nicod and PERITIA) (online)

1.2 Testimonial Injustice and Trust |
Room: PAB 308E

Chair: Silvia Ivani, University College Dublin and PERITIA

11.00 – 11.40 | Testimonial Injustice, Expertise, and Trust
Solmu Antilla (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

11.40 – 12.20 | Conspiracy Theories and the Harms to Scientists: A Case for a Pseudoscientific Epistemic Injustice
Carien Smith (University of Sheffield)

12.20 – 13.00 | Epistemic Justice as Precondition for Trust in Expertise
Regina Schidel (online) (Goethe-Universitat Frankfurt)

1.3 Disagreement and Trust |
Room: Akian Gallery, PAB 4th floor

Chair: Teresa Branch-Smith, University of Cologne and PERITIA

11.00 – 11.40 | Moral Encroachment and Disagreement with Non-dominant Groups
Thirza Lagewaard (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

11.40 – 12.20 | Disagreement in Trust
Domingos Faria (University of Lisbon)

12.20 – 13.00 | Which Expert Should We Trust? On the Selection Processes of Experts and Their Stabilization
Gereon Rahnfeld (Bauhaus-Universität Weimar) (online)

13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch Break | American University of Armenia (AUA), Faculty Lounge

Parallel Sessions 2

2.1 The Call to Distrust |
Room: Manoogian Hall

Chair: Roland Stout, University College Dublin and PERITIA

14.00 – 14.40 | Echo Chambers, Emotions, and Distrust
Antti Kauppinen (University of Helsinki)

14.40 – 15.20 | What Is the Right Response to Misplaced Distrust?
Ninni Suni (University of Helsinki)

15.20 – 16.00 | Distrust, Polarisation and Disinformation
Nikolas Kirby (Harvard Kennedy School) (online)

2.2 Technology and Expertise |
Room: PAB 308E

Chair: Anaid Mouratian, American University of Armenia

14.00 – 14.40 | Technology and Expertise: A Redefinition of the Concept of Expert Through Collective Intelligence
Agnès Díaz Castellano (Università degli Studi di Genova) (online)

14.40 – 15.20 | Can Machines Be Trusted?
Anders Søgaard (University of Copenhagen) (online)

15.20 – 16.00 | Can We Trust AI's Moral Judgements?
Yuhan Fu (University of Sheffield)

2.3 Trust and Medical Expertise |
Room: Akian Gallery, PAB 4th floor

Chair: Melanie Altanian, University of Berne | University College Dublin and PERITIA

14.00 – 14.40 | Trust in Medical Expertise – Exploring the Conceptual Links between Trust and Care
Laura Burkhardt (University of Bonn)

14.40 – 15.20 | The Cure Is Worse Than the Disease: On the Concepts of Health and Disability
Seth Goldwasser (University of Pittsburgh) (online)

15.20 – 16.00 | Lay Expertise. Lay Trust?
Aude Bandini (Universite de Montréal) (online)

19.00-21.00 | Opening Dinner | Venue: Sergey Paradjanov Museum, Dzoragiugh 1 St.
Buses will be waiting at 18:30 near Cascade, Tamanyan statue, 10 Moskovyan St.

9.00 – 9.30 | On-Campus Registration | American University of Armenia (AUA), PAB, 1st floor (near Security Desk)

Parallel Sessions 3

3.1 Moral Dimensions of Expertise |
Room: 133W, PAB 1st Floor

Chair: Arshak Balayan, American University of Armenia and PERITIA

9.30 – 10.10 | Trust in Public Expertise for Public Policy
Pablo Rivas-Robledo (University of Genoa / LMU München)

10.10 – 10.50 | The Ethical Obligations of Expert Advice
Gayane Hovakimyan (Armenian State Pedagogical University)

10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee Break (outside session rooms)

11.10 – 11.50 | Echo Chambers and the Ethics of Communication During the Covid-19 Pandemic
Mirko Farina (Innopolis University), Artur Karimov (Innopolis University) & Andrea Lavazza (Centro Universitario Internazionale)

11.50 – 12.30 | Moral obligation and vaccine hesitancy Teresa Y. Branch-Smith (University of Cologne)

3.2 Building Trust |
Room: PAB 308E

Chair: Meline Papazyan, University College Dublin

9.30 – 10.10 | Deference, Trust and the Expertise of Lived Experience
Joshua Hobbs & Andrew Kirton (University of Leeds)

10.10 – 10.50 | Trust and Reactive Attitudes
Suddha Satwa Guha Roy (University of Manchester) (online)

10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee Break (outside session rooms)

11.10 – 11.50 | The Democratic Value of Electoral Competition for Trust
Attila Mráz (Sciences Po Paris CEVIPOF / ELTE Institute of Philosophy) (online)

11.50 – 12.30 | Expert Testimonial Failures and Trust-building
Zara Anwarzai, Luke Capek, and Annalise Norling (Indiana University)

3.3 Trusting Experts |
Room: Akian Gallery, PAB 4th floor

Chair: Teresa Branch-Smith, University of Cologne and PERITIA

9.30 – 10.10 | Responsibly Distrusting Scientific Experts
Jörn Wiengarn (HLRS, University of Stuttgart)

10.10 – 10.50 | Taking the 'Expert' out of Expert Systems
Annalise Norling & Zara Anwarzai (Indiana University Bloomington)

10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee Break (outside session rooms)

11.10 – 11.50 | Trusting the Wrong Sources: Pseudo-experts & Belief in Conspiracy Theories
Michel Croce (University of Genoa) & Neri Marsili (University of Barcelona)

11.50 – 12.30 | Unboxing the Black Box Problem: the Relationality of AI and Self-Trust in Medicine
Samantha Copeland (TU Delft) & Pei-hua Huang (Erasmus Medical Centre) (online)

12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch Break | American University of Armenian (AUA), Faculty Lounge

Day 2 - 1 June 2022

Parallel Sessions 4

4.1 Dimensions of Trust |
Room: 133W, PAB 1st Floor

Chair: Roland Stout, University College Dublin and PERITIA

13.30 – 14.10 | Trust and Epistemic Coverage
Shane Ryan (Singapore Management University)

14.10 – 14.50 | Epistemic Angst as a Social Problem
Alex Horne (University of Cambridge)

14.50 – 15.30 | Manipulativeness as Covert Non-Cooperation
W. Jared Parmer (RWTH Aachen University)

4.2 Arrogance and Humility |
Room: PAB 308E

Chair: Hayarpi Sahakyan, Yerevan State Medical University

13.30 – 14.10 | Expert Ignorance and the Social Division of Cognitive Arrogance
Melanie Altanian (University of Berne / University College Dublin)

14.10 – 14.50 | Wise Groups and Humble Persons: The Best of Both Worlds
Mattias Skipper (National University of Singapore) (online)

4.3 Moral Expertise |
Room: Akian Gallery, PAB 4th floor

Chair: Melanie Altanian, University of Berne | University College Dublin and PERITIA

13.30 – 14.10 | Against Domain-general Moral Expertise
Federico Bina (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University)

14.10 – 14.50 | Can Moral Understanding be Transferred via Testimony?
Stephen Napier (Villanova University)

14.50 – 15.30 | The Science of Ethics: A Defense of Moral Expertise
Mark Boespflug (Fort Lewis College) & Jonathan Spelman (Ohio Northern University) (online)

15.30 – 15.50 | Coffee Break | American University of Armenian (AUA), Faculty Lounge

16.00 – 17.00 | Youth on Trust Award Ceremony | American University of Armenian (AUA), Large Auditorium, MB

17.00 – 18.00 | Keynote Address | American University of Armenian (AUA), Large Auditorium, MB

Professor Lynne Tirrell, University of Connecticut (online) **Truth, Trust, & Fear of Expertise**

Chair: Alen Amirkhanian, American University of Armenia and PERITIA

9.00 – 9.30 | On-Campus Registration | American University of Armenia (AUA), PAB, 1st floor (near Security Desk)

Parallel Sessions 5

5.1 The Ethics of Trust and Trustworthiness |
Room: 133W, PAB 1st Floor

Chair: Levon Babajanyan, Yerevan State University

9.30 – 10.10 | Trust and the Paths We Don't Go Down
Silvia Caprioglio Panizza (University of Pardubice) (online)

10.10 – 10.50 | The Place of Values in Science and Expertise: Contrasting Goldenberg and Douglas with Wikforss and Kitcher
Steven Donatelle (American University of Armenia)

10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee Break (outside session rooms)

11.10 – 11.50 | Trust and Epistemic Courage
Wout Bisschop (Netherlands Defence Academy) (online)

11.50 – 12.30 | The Explainability-Trust Hypothesis: An Epistemic Analysis of its Limitations
Sara Blanco (University of Tübingen)

5.2 Social and Political Trust |
Room: PAB 308E

Chair: Arshak Balayan, American University of Armenia and PERITIA

9.30 – 10.10 | Revolution, Covid and War in Armenia: Impact on Various Forms of Trust
Yevgenya Jenny Paturyan & Sara Melkonyan (American University of Armenia)

10.10 – 10.50 | Tracking Trust: Exploring Reputation Scores as a Solution to Misinformation on Social Media
Elinor Clark (Leibniz Universität Hannover) (online)

10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee Break (outside session rooms)

11.10 – 11.50 | O'Neill's Idea of Trustworthiness Revisited
William Cullerne Bown (Independent scholar) (online)

11.50 – 12.30 | Deliberative Epistemic Democracy and Public Credibility Dysfunction
Carline Klijnman (University of Genoa / University College Dublin)

5.3 Values in Science |
Room: Akian Gallery, PAB 4th floor

Chair: Silvia Ivani, University College Dublin and PERITIA

9.30 – 10.10 | Trust in Science, Democratically Endorsed Values, and Risk Preferences
Tomasz Żuradzki (Jagiellonian University)

10.10 – 10.50 | Science, Admiration, and Respect
Silvia Ivani, University College Dublin and PERITIA
Alfred Archer (Tilburg University)

10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee Break (outside session rooms)

11.10 – 11.50 | Trust, Science and the Question of Objectivity
Maria Baghramian (University College Dublin and PERITIA)

11.50 – 12.30 | Epistemic Trust in Scientists: A Moral Dimension
George Kwasi Barimah (Leibniz University Hannover)

12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch Break | American University of Armenia (AUA), Faculty Lounge

Day 3 - 2 June 2022

Parallel Sessions 6

6.1 The Ethics of Trust and Trustworthiness |
Room: 133W, PAB 1st Floor

Chair: Maria Baghramian, University College Dublin & PERITIA

13.30 – 14.10 | Permissibility of Moral Trust
Arshak Balayan (American University of Armenia) & PERITIA

14.10 – 14.50 | Trust and Maintenance — from Design Norms to Bergsonian Durée of Technology
Eugenia Stamboliev (University of Vienna) (online)

14.50 – 15.30 | Climates of Trust
Laura Specker (Fordham University) (online)

6.2 Social and Political Trust |
Room: PAB 308E

Chair: Anaid Mouratian, American University of Armenia

13.30 – 14.10 | Social Trust in Criminal Justice
Joshua Seth Kleinfeld (Northwestern University)

14.10 – 14.50 | Think Well, Before You Count On!
Hayarpi Sahakyan (Yerevan State Medical University)

14.50 – 15.30 | Does Expertise Threaten Autonomy?
Jonathan Matheson (University of North Florida) (online)

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Room: Akian Gallery, PAB 4th floor

13.30 – 14.10 | Crisis Investigations, Trust, and Responsibility Attribution
Yafeng Wang (Chinese Academy of Sciences) (online)

15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee Break | AUA Faculty Lounge

16.00 – 17.00 | Closing Keynote Address | Large Auditorium, Main Building

Professor Paul Boghossian (New York University) (online)
How Should We Explain Widespread Seemingly Irrational Beliefs?

Chair: Maria Baghramian, University College Dublin & PERITIA

17.00 – 18.30 | Close of the Conference and Reception | American University of Armenia (AUA), Faculty Lounge

3 How to Join

Participants can register for online and in-person participation.

Go to the Registration Form
https://forms.gle/Lxuaf9U5y1RETXcq5

About PERITIA

PERITIA is an EU-funded project investigating public trust in expertise. Our multi-disciplinary team seeks to help citizens and policymakers understand trust in science and identify trustworthy expertise. By doing so, we aim to enhance trust in a better democratic governance for the future of Europe.

The key hypothesis by PERITIA is that affective and normative factors play a central role in decisions to trust. This applies even in cases where judgements of trustworthiness may seem to be grounded in epistemic considerations, such as professional reputation, reliability and objectivity. Our team explores this hypothesis conceptually and tests it empirically.

The project will use climate change and climate science as a test case. Ultimately, it seeks to design and provide practical tools and indicators which can be applied to measure and establish the trustworthiness of the agents and institutions involved in social and political decision making.

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