



**PERITIA**  
Policy, Expertise and Trust



# Rethinking Policy, Expertise and Trust

UCD O'Brien Centre for Science

**Conference Programme**

PERITIA Conference | **23 – 25 March 2023**

# Programme

Day 1: 23 March 2023

**8.30 – 9.00 | On-Campus Registration | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**9.00 – 9.30 | Welcome & PERITIA Podcast Launch – ‘The Trust Race’**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Maria Baghramian | University College Dublin

Shane Bergin | University College Dublin

Shaun O'Boyle | Podcast Producer

**9.30 – 11.00 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Sessions Day 1**

## **Trust & Expertise**

Room: SCIE 1.19

Chair: Silvia Ivani | University College Dublin

### **9.30 | Jilted Experts and Shifting Standards**

Zara Anwarzai | Indiana University

### **10.00 | Expertise and the Service Conception of Authority**

Armin Mašala | University of Zurich

### **10.30 | Non-Epistemic Values and Expert Testimony**

Jörn Wiengarn | Technical University Darmstadt

## **Distrust**

Room: SCIH 1.12

Chair: Silvia Caprioglio Panizza | University of Pardubice

### **9.30 | Can It Be Rational to Distrust Experts?**

Leon Assaad | LMU Munich

### **10.00 | Hermeneutical Delusions as a Source of Distrust**

Gonçalo Marcelo | CECH, Universidade de Coimbra

### **10.30 | Contagions of Distrust: The Epistemic Vulnerability of Misinformation Groups**

Cayla Clinkenbeard | New School for Social Research

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for a full programme with abstracts.



## Trust & Politics

Room: SCIH 0.12

Chair: Melanie Altanian | University College Dublin

### 9.30 | Epistemic Democracy and Competence

Arshak Balayan | American University of Armenia

### 10.00 | Trustworthiness is Political

Matt Bennett | University of Essex

### 10.30 | The Uneasy Alliance of Populism and Technocracy: The Case of ANO Movement

Giuseppe Ballacci | University of Minho

Jan Bíba | Charles University

## Public Trust

Room: SCIH 2.12

Chair: Tiffany Morisseau | LaPEA University Paris Cité

### 9.30 | Trust as a Cultural Characteristic: The Case of Sweden

Orlaith Rice | University College Dublin

### 10.00 | Legitimate Distrust and Values in Public Health

Elena Popa | Jagiellonian University

### 10.30 | Protecting and Building Public Confidence in Statistics and Evidence

Mary Cowan | Office for Statistics Regulation

**11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee Break | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

## Trust & Climate Change

Room: SCIH 1.51

Chair: Maria Baghramian | University College Dublin

### 9.30 | Youth Activism and the Climate Emergency: The Public Sphere and Vulnerability

Paul Giladi | Manchester Metropolitan University

### 10.00 | Feasible & Neutral Science Advice: The Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change & the 1,5°C Target

Torbjørn Gundersen | University of Oslo

### 10.30 | Integrating Localized Expert Judgment for Climate Change Policy Making in the Face of Extreme Events

Mason Majszak | University of Bern

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**11.30 – 13.00 | Panel A**

**PERITIA Work Packages 8 & 10**  
**The role of Trust and Cultural Change on Climate Action**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Chair: Bobby Duffy | King's College London

James Wright | King's College London

Kirstie Hewlett | King's College London

Liam Delaney | London School of Economics

**13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**14:00 – 15.30 | Panel B**

**PERITIA Work Package 11**  
**Deliberative Mini Publics**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Chair: Suzanne Hall | King's College London

Emma Fletcher-Barnes | University College Dublin

Kirstie Hewlett & Zara Regan | King's College London

Annie Howitt | Sense About Science

Daniel Kaiser | ALLEA

Liana Simonyan | American University of Armenia

**15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee Break | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**





## 16.00 – 17.30 | Panels C-D: Parallel Sessions Day 1

### Panel C

#### ALLEA Open Science Task Force Open Science, Research Integrity and Trustworthiness

Room: Moore Auditorium

Chair: Luke Drury | ALLEA

Siobhán O'Sullivan | Royal Irish Academy

Tony Ross-Hellauer | Technical University Graz

Mara Almeida | Enlightenment 2.0, Joint Research  
Centre (JRC), European Commission

### Panel D

#### Irish Research Council Trust Project Trusting and Distrusting the Work of Literature

Room: SCIH 1.51

Adam Kelly | University College Dublin

Matt Prout | University of Bristol

Katerina Pavlidi | University College Dublin

## 17:45 – 18.00 | Welcome Address | Moore Auditorium

Professor Orla Feely | Vice President for Research, Innovation and Impact | Incoming UCD President

## 18:00 – 19.00 | Roundtable | Moore Auditorium

### SAPEA Science Advice for Policy & Royal Irish Academy 'Why do we need public trust in times of crisis?'

Moderator: Alison O'Connor | Journalist & Broadcaster

Dominika Latusek-Jurczak | SAPEA Working Group

Alberto Melloni | Chief Scientific Advisor to the European Commission

Pete Lunn | Economic and Social Research Institute, Ireland

Denis Naughten | Teachta Dála, Galway/Roscommon

## 19.00 – 20.00 | Reception | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science

Hosted by SAPEA and the Royal Irish Academy



Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann  
Royal Irish Academy

# Programme

Day 2: 24 March 2023 | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science

## 9.00 – 11.00 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Sessions Day 2

### Policy Issues

Room: SCIE 1.19

Chair: Arshak Balayan | American University of Armenia

#### 9.00 | Taking Advice or 'Sticking to Their Guns?': Future Policy Makers' Consideration of Expert Advice in Policy Scenario Exercises

Laura Prokic & Laura Simonyan | American University of Armenia

#### 9.30 | Disagreement and Epistemic Injustice

Melanie Altanian | University College Dublin

#### 10.00 | Trust, Moral Expertise, and Sports Policy

John William Devine | Swansea University

#### 10.30 | Epistemic Gatekeeping for Public Debates: A Dynamic Approach

Maurizio Mascitti & Luca Ausili | University Vita-Salute San Raffaele

### Trust & Expertise

Room: SCIH 0.12

Chair: Torbjørn Gundersen | University of Oslo

#### 9.00 | Relying on the Majority

Paride Del Grosso | Antwerp University

#### 9.30 | In Their Best Interest – Expert-Involvement, Ignorance and Division of Epistemic Labor

Sonja Riegler | University of Vienna

#### 10.00 | On the Conditions of AI-Expertise

W. Jared Parmer, Hendrik Kempt & Nils Freyer | RWTH Aachen University

#### 10.30 | Trust, Trustworthiness, and the Directed Responsibilities of Expert Testifiers

Benjamin Clarke | University of Edinburgh

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## **Distrust**

Room: SCIH 1.51

Chair: Christopher Cowley | University College Dublin

### **9.00 | Conspiracy Theories, Distrust, and One Possibility Too Many**

Silvia Caprioglio Panizza | Univerzita Pardubice

### **9.30 | Distrusting Consensus**

Jaron Harambam | University of Amsterdam

### **10.00 | The Ethics of Expert Communication**

Hugh Desmond | Leibniz University Hannover

### **10.30 | An Analysis of Bias and Distrust in Social Hinge Epistemology**

Anna Pederneschi | University of California Irvine

## **Public Trust**

Room: SCIH 2.12

Chair: Tiffany Morisseau | LaPEA University Paris Cité

### **9.00 | 'Follow the Science': Popular Trust in Scientific Experts during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Ben Seyd | University of Kent

### **9.30 | Deliberative Engagement and Trust(Worthiness): From Vaccines to Genome Editing and Back Again**

Oliver Feeney | University of Tübingen

### **10.00 | How Can Novices Trust Science When Scientific Research Is Conducted in Large Epistemically Distributed Collectives?**

Elinor Clark | Leibniz University

### **10.30 | An Infrastructural Account of Public Trust in Science**

Gabriele Contessa | Carleton University

## **Online Trust**

Room: SCIH 1.12

Chair: Maria Baghramian | University College Dublin

### **9.00 | One Foot in the EULAs: Consent and Trust in Tech Amongst Older Users**

Sara Singleton and Phil J Ryan | TASC & SMARTlab UCD

### **9.30 | Echo Chambers, Empirical Underdetermination, and Epistemic Panic**

Deven Burks | University of Luxembourg

### **10.00 | The Normative Need For Trust in AI**

Sara Blanco | Universität Tübingen



Day 2: 24 March 2023

**11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee Break | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**11.30 – 13.00 | Panels E–F: Parallel Sessions Day 2**

**Panel E**

**Horizon 2020 EU Commission  
Lessons from Citizens'  
Assemblies**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Chair: David Farrell | University College Dublin

Suzanne Hall | King's College London

Jane Suiter | Dublin City University

Diarmuid Torney | Dublin City University

**Panel F**

**Horizon 2020 ISEED Project  
Experts, Citizens, Public Spheres**

Room: SCIH 1.51

Chair: Eleonora Montuschi | University of Venice Ca' Foscari

Roberto Gronda | University of Pisa

Magda Roszczynska | University of Warsaw

Michael O'Grady | University College Dublin

**13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**14:00 – 15.30 | Panels G–H: Parallel Sessions Day 2**

**Panel G**

**PERITIA Work Package 3  
Trust in Science  
or Trust in Government**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Susan Owens | University of Cambridge

Cathrine Holst | University of Oslo

Miranda Schreurs | University of Munich

**Panel H**

**PERITIA Work Package 8  
Trust, Respect, Recognition  
in Scientific Experts, Institutions  
and Laypeople**

Room: SCIH 1.51

Rowland Stout | University College Dublin

Danielle Petherbridge | University College Dublin

Ian James Kidd | University of Nottingham

Silvia Ivani | University College Dublin



**15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee Break | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**16.00 – 17.00 | Panel I**

**SOCRATES Project Institute of Philosophy of Leibniz University Hannover  
Non-Epistemic Interests & the Social Credibility of Science**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Torsten Wilholt | Leibniz University Hannover

Hanna Hillgardt | Leibniz University Hannover

**17.30 | Bar Open | Common Room, UCD Club**

**19:30 – 21.30 | Conference Dinner | UCD Club**

# Programme

Day 3: 25 March 2023

**9.00 – 11.00 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Sessions Day 3 | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

## Conditions of Trust

Room: SCIE 1.19

Chair: Melanie Altanian | University College Dublin

### 9.00 | Trust, Reliability, and Meliorism

Manuel Liz & Margarita Vázquez | University of La Laguna

### 9.30 | Trust and Emotions in Polarized Communicative Contexts

Tiffany Morisseau | LaPEA University Paris Cité

### 10.00 | The Conditions of Trust

Michael Pope | Boston College

### 10.30 | Trustworthiness and Vulnerability

Elizabeth Stewart | Howard University

## Philosophical Approaches

Room: SCIH 1.51

Chair: Torbjørn Gundersen | University of Oslo

### 9.00 | Gatekeeping Knowledge

Ísak Andri Ólafsson | University of Glasgow

### 9.30 | Uncritical Trust and Unconcern for the Truth

Pablo Vera Vega | University of Laguna

### 10.00 | Regulating for Evidence-Based Expert Advice: Which Prescriptions for Non-epistemic Value Judgments?

Silje Aa. Langvatn | University of Bergen

Cathrine Holst | University of Oslo

### 10.30 | Evidentialism and Non-evidentialism for a Rational Trust

Matt Jope | University of Edinburgh

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## Ethical Significance of Trust

Room: SCIH 0.12

Chair: Maria Baghramian | University College Dublin

### 9.00 | How to Feel About Climate Change?

Julia Mosquera & Kirsti Jylhä | Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm | PERITIA Prize Winners 2022

### 9.30 | Expertise and Trespassing on the Ethical Domain

Federico Bina | University of Genova  
Davide Battisti | University of Bergamo

### 10.00 | When Moral Philosophers Are Not Policy Experts

Kian Mintz-Woo | University College Cork

### 10.30 | (Counter)Expertise and Crisis Communication: Doing Trust, (Undone) Science, and Disaster

Cécile Stephanie Stehrenberger | IZWT, University of Wuppertal

## Scientific Trust

Room: SCIH 2.12

Chair: Arshak Balayan | American University of Armenia

### 9.00 | Scientific Disagreements in the Spotlight: How Public Controversies Affect Our Trust in Scientists

Mariangela Zoe Cocchiario | Jagiellonian University

### 9.30 | Gaming the Numbers: Manipulating Trust with Formal Methods

Niël Conradie | RWTH Aachen University

### 10.00 | Public Trust in Climate Science: A Systematic Meta-narrative Review

Antoinette Fage-Butler | (Mis)trust of Scientific Expertise Project Aarhus University  
Loni Ledderer | (Mis)trust of Scientific Expertise Project Aarhus University

### 10.30 | Expert Consensus as Probability Intervals: Transparency, Robustness and Reassurance

Lee Elkin | Erasmus University Rotterdam

## Trust & Expertise

Room: SCIH 1.12

Chair: Silvia Ivani | University College Dublin

### 9.00 | Trust and Expert Disagreement

Joanna Aleksandra Kreft | University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway

### 9.30 | Fake Experts: A Study of Why They Were (Mis)Trusted

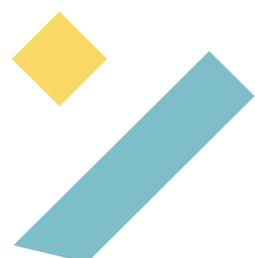
Ammu Joshy | High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart

### 10.00 | Trusting Experts in Spite of Conflicting Testimony: An Epistemic Perspective on Expert Disagreement

Evelina Edfors | Uppsala University

### 10.30 | On What It Takes to Be a Pseudo-Expert

Michel Croce | University of Genoa



Day 3: 25 March 2023

**11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee Break | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**11.30 – 13.00 | Panels J–K: Parallel Sessions Day 3**

**Panel J**  
**Public Trust  
in Economics & Economists**

Room: Moore Auditorium  
Don Ross | University College Cork  
Carlo Martini | Vita-Salute San Raffaele University  
Anna Alexandrova | University of Cambridge

**Panel K**  
**ESRC TrustGov Project  
Causes, Contexts and Conditions  
of Political Trust: Findings From  
the TrustGov Project**

Room: SCIH 1.51  
Viktor Valgarðsson | University of Southampton  
Hannah Bunting | University of Exeter  
Daniel Devine | Oxford University, Nuffield College

**13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**14:00 – 15.30 | Panels L–M: Parallel Sessions Day 3**

**Panel L**  
**PERITIA & COGITO Research Groups**

Room: Moore Auditorium  
Chair: Carlo Martini | Vita-Salute San Raffaele  
University

**Whom to Trust, What to believe?  
Knowledge, Trust & Trustworthiness in  
Pandemic Times**

Judith Simon | University of Hamburg

**'Trust and Vulnerability to Betrayal**

Adam Carter | Cogito Research Group, University of  
Glasgow

**Climate Communication: How  
Researchers Navigate Between Scientific  
Truth and Media Publics**

Donya Alinejad & Jose van Dijck | Utrecht University

**Panel M**  
**PRODEMINFO  
COVID-19 Vaccines: Acceptance,  
Hesitancy, and Countermeasures to  
Misinformation**

Room: SCIH 1.51  
Stephan Lewandowsky | University of Bristol  
Linda Karlsson | University of Turku  
Philipp Schmid | University of Erfurt  
Dawn Holford | University of Bristol



**15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee Break | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

**16.00 – 17.30 | Panel N**

**EnTrust, PERITIA, TiGRE**

## **Perspectives on Trust from Three Horizon 2020 Projects**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Christian Lahusen | University of Siegen | EnTrust (Enlightened Trust in Government)

Martino Maggetti | University of Lausanne | TiGRE (Trust in Governance and Regulation in Europe)

Maria Baghratian | University College Dublin | PERITIA (Policy, Expertise and Trust)

**17.45 | Concluding Remarks | UCD O'Brien Centre for Science**

Room: Moore Auditorium

Chair: Colin Scott | College Principal UCD College of Social Sciences and Law

Professor Onora O'Neill | University of Cambridge

## **Close of Conference**

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**Thank you.**



# About PERITIA

Trust is the glue that binds our social interactions. Trust in the provenance and justification of policy measures are essential for their implementation. Sociotechnological transformations and the rise of populist politics with its anti-elitist mantra have put public trust in expert opinion and their areas of expertise to the test.

In PERITIA, philosophers, social and natural scientists, policy experts, ethicists, psychologists, media specialists and civil society organisations have come together to investigate the nature and conditions of public trust. The project reviews the role of science in policy decision-making and the conditions under which people should trust and rely on expert opinion that shapes public opinion.

The key hypothesis explored conceptually and tested empirically is that affective and normative factors play a central

role in decisions to trust, even in cases where judgements of trustworthiness may seem to be grounded in epistemic considerations, such as professional reputation, reliability and objectivity.

The project employs 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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