

Why Trust Experts?

Experts are everywhere since the Covid-19 pandemic started, but why should we trust them? And why not?



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“Why Trust Experts?” invites everyone to reflect on the role of expertise in our daily lives. We have all seen the key role played by experts in advising citizens and politicians during the pandemic. Now may be a good time to ask ourselves some relevant questions around trust in expertise.

How does trust in experts work?

How is trust in science related to trust in media?

Why is trust in expertise important for democracies?

Explore

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Who to Trust on Covid-19?

PERITIA Webinar, 2 November, 14:00 -15:00 CET

Register

Insights from PERITIA's Research

What indicators do citizens consider when trusting experts?

How rational are we when choosing whom to trust? Why do people hesitate on vaccination? In an online workshop organised by Gloria Origgi and Ty Branch (Institut Jean Nicod), leading researchers debated how citizens use informal social indicators in order to evaluate the trustworthiness of experts. The videos are now online! [Learn more](#).

Vulnerability in Social Epistemic Networks

The winning essay of the PERITIA prize on vulnerability is now online. Jointly organised with the journal International Journal of Philosophical Studies (IJPS), the prize was awarded to the article "Vulnerability in Social Epistemic Networks". Read it [here](#).

Routledge Handbook of Trust in Philosophy

The recently published *Routledge Handbook of Trust in Philosophy*, edited by PERITIA Advisory Board member Judith Simon, features several contributions by PERITIA colleagues, namely Onora O'Neill on 'Questioning Trust', Gloria Origgi on 'Trust and Reputation', and a foreword by Maria Baghramian. [Learn more](#).

More on our latest and upcoming research on our [resources page](#), including [PERITIA outputs](#), [team publications](#), [media coverage](#), [multimedia](#), and [Covid-19](#) contributions.

Calls & Events

Expertise and Democracy

University of Oslo, CPS Annual Lecture

Virtual, 29 October 2020

[Learn more](#)

Call for Essays | Trust and Testimonial (In) Justice

IJPS PERITIA Essay Prize | Deadline: 1 March 2021

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Trust in Expertise in a Changing Media Landscape

International Conference | Virtual, 18-19 March 2021

[Learn more](#)

Where we are & Where we go

If you are curious about our work, take some time to explore our [project plan](#). The first phase is now in full swing: new reports and journal articles are in the pipeline; our workshops, webinars and conferences have started, and calls and fresh research are already available.

[Project Design](#)

New Team Members

The PERITIA team is now completed with our PhD and post-doctoral positions filled. Welcome on board: Donya Alinejad, Ty Branch, Michel Croce, Torbjørn Gundersen, Brian Monroe, Folco Panizza and Piero Ronzani!

[Meet the team](#)

Behind the Scenes

[ALLEA](#), the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, is our partner responsible for interaction and public engagement. It assures high quality, coherent and effective communication of PERITIA's ongoing work and outputs.

Jointly with European academies, ALLEA works at the interface of science, policy and society in multiple projects closely related to our work, including [SAPEA](#), [Truth, Trust and Expertise](#), and [Fact or Fake?](#).

Our Science Communication Corner

Humour over Rumour?

How can governments contain the spread of science misinformation during pandemics? Taiwan may have some responses to this. With the help of a group of civic hackers, its government is fighting hoaxes on social media

with memes and jokes in an attempt to control or at least challenge narratives. [Learn more](#)

Did you know...?

Tweeting research helps dissemination

Recent research shows that tweeted articles achieved significantly greater increase in citations. The study evaluates one-year results of a randomized social media trial to determine the effect of tweeting on bibliometrics. [Learn more](#)

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