

# Trust in Expertise in a Changing Media Landscape

Virtual Scientific Conference | 18-19 March

Over the past decade, the **traditional media landscape has substantially transformed** into a globalized, technologically mediated and commoditized environment – a transformation that coincided with increasingly **volatile levels of trust in institutions**, whether academia, politics, governments, or media.

PERITIA's multidisciplinary conference will bring together outstanding researchers from all over the world to discuss **how best to assess, establish and maintain the credibility and trustworthiness of expertise** in this rapidly changing media environment.

[Conference Website & Registration](#)

## Keynotes

### Old and New Intermediaries

**Onora O'Neill | University of Cambridge**

*18 March, 12:00-12:45 CET*

Would removing the anonymity that currently cloaks and protects clients, who purchase the targeted distribution of content, improve digital communication?

### The Digital Transformation of the Knowledge Order

**Christoph Neuberger | Freie Universität Berlin**

*18 March, 17:00-17:45 CET*

Media outlets are losing their monopoly as gatekeepers who check knowledge before publication. How can they maintain the trust of the public in today's knowledge order?

### In the Digital Service Act we Trust

**Natali Helberger | University of Amsterdam**

*19 March, 12:00-12:45 CET*

In the Digital Service Act we Trust – but will it create the conditions for trusting online platforms with the realisation of public interests and fundamental rights?

## Trust and Faith in Automated Algorithmic Selection

Michael Latzer | University of Zurich

19 March, 17:00-17:45 CET

In a world with a growing reliance on algorithmic selection in online applications, how can algorithms shape trust and faith in the context of social and political decision-making?

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## Insights from PERITIA's Research

### Recognition, Vulnerability and Trust

A new article by **Danielle Petherbridge** (University College Dublin) has been published in the International Journal of Philosophical Studies under the title "Recognition, Vulnerability and Trust". This paper is part of PERITIA's first phase focused on understanding the foundations of trust from social, philosophical, psychological and ethical perspectives.

[Learn more](#)

### PERITIA at the Festival How The Light Gets In

As part of the annual **philosophy and music festival How The Light Gets In**, PERITIA's coordinator Maria Baghramian offered an in-depth interview to the Institute of Arts and Ideas about **trust in a relative world**. [Learn more](#)

### The Value of Empathy

Understanding others' values & emotions is a recurring topic in science for policy debates. **Can empathy play a moral and practical role in political systems and trust relationships?** A new book by Maria Baghramian, Meline Papazian, and Rowland Stout explores this concept. [Learn more](#)

### Each Other's World, Each Other's Fate

**"We are each other's world and each other's fate.** There are, however, many reasons why we usually ignore this fact", said Philosopher K.E. Løgstrup. A new article by Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen and Cecilie Eriksen elaborates on his understanding of the concept of basic trust, vulnerability, and interdependence. [Learn more](#)

## Special Issue on Trust and Vulnerability

Revisit PERITIA's latest Special Issue on Trust and Vulnerability edited by UCD researchers Maria Baghramian, Danielle Petherbridge, and Rowland Stout. You can find now all articles on the International Journal of Philosophical Studies website. [Learn more](#)

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## Events and Calls

### Creating a Climate of Trust in Science

Virtual Panel Discussion at SCI:COM conference

10 March, 16:30 CET

As part of the conference [SCI:COM](#), PERITIA experts will discuss the different strategies used to tackle COVID-19 and their impact on trust in science communication under the motto "Creating a Climate of Trust in Science". The event will take place on 10 March at 16:30 CET. [Learn more](#)

### Call for Essays: Trust and Testimonial (In)Justice

The Call for Essays for the International Journal of Philosophical Studies PERITIA Essay Prize is open until **1 March**. The scholarly competition invites essays from all philosophical approaches to discuss 'Trust and Testimonial (In)Justice' [Learn more](#)

### Call for Proposals: Future of Science Communication

ALLEA, one of PERITIA's partners, has launched a Call for Proposals for the [Future of Science Communication conference](#), to be held on 24-25 June 2021 in Berlin. The event is organised in cooperation with Wissenschaft im Dialog, the organisation for science communication in Germany. [Learn more](#)

### European Survey on Science Advice & Science for Policy

Are you working on science for policy at governments, parliaments, academies, universities, or advisory councils? The **European Commission's Joint Research Centre** has launched a survey on Science for Policy/Science Advice Eco-systems across Europe. Complete it [here](#).

## SAVE THE DATE

PERITIA Public Lecture Series | Part 1: from 6 April to 1 June, 2021

### [Un]Truths: Trust in an Age of Disinformation

Hosted by

UCD Centre for Ethics in Public Life & AUA Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs

Speakers: [Naomi Oreskes](#) (Harvard University), [Quassim Cassam](#) (Warwick University), [Michael Lynch](#) (University of Connecticut), [Heather Douglas](#) (Michigan State University), [Dan Sperber](#) (Institut Jean Nicod)

All lectures will be delivered via Zoom, on Tuesdays, 4-5 PM (Dublin/GMT time)

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## Behind the Scenes

Utrecht University is leading PERITIA's research on trust in a changing media landscape. The work, led by investigator [José van Dijck](#), focuses on the role of digital media in establishing, enhancing or diminishing the levels of trust in experts and the role it has with policy decisions. Her research is part of the [Governing the Digital Society](#) area at the [University of Utrecht](#).

This unit promotes research on the social processes of datafication, algorithmisation and platformisation, thereby helping to develop and apply principles of (good) governance in digital societies.

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## Our Science Communication Corner

### Timing matters when correcting fake news

"Countering misinformation can reduce belief in the moment, but corrective messages quickly fade from memory", states a [new research](#) that tested whether the timing of corrections to fake news impacts discernment one week later. According to the researchers, "the key challenge is making corrections memorable. Debunking was more effective than labeling, emphasizing the power of feedback in boosting memory."

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## Did you know...?

### Why Germans Trust or Distrust Scientists

The German [Science Barometer](#) by Wissenschaft im Dialog reported new findings for 2020. According to this new data, significantly more people in Germany agree that expertise and integrity are reasons to trust scientists (62% in 2020 vs 52% in 2019). 70% of the respondents agree that a reason to trust in scientists is that they are experts in their field while in 2019 this value was 66%.

[Learn more](#)

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