

# How to Address an Infodemic: Experiments on (Dis)Information

PERITIA WORKSHOP  
Online, 28 April 2022

Join us online on 28 April for the PERITIA workshop '**How to Address an Infodemic: Experiments on (Dis)Information**' led by PERITIA members Carlo Martini (UniSR – Milan) as programme organiser and Liam Delaney (LSE, London) and Bobby Duffy (The Policy Institute – King's College London) as local organisers.

The event will bring together international experts working on experiments to understand the best strategies to tackle science disinformation, The programme consists of a total of 10 presentations and a final panel discussion with invited speakers and members of the PERITIA project.

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## Lateral Reading and Monetary Incentives to Spot Disinformation

PERITIA researchers published a new paper in Nature Scientific Reports. The authors are Folco Panizza, Piero Ronzani, Carlo Martini, Simone Mattavelli, Tiffany Morisseau and Matteo Motterlini. Their work examines two techniques used for tackling online disinformation: lateral reading (looking for information on other websites) and click restraint (looking beyond the first results suggested by search engines). [Learn more](#)

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## Gloria Origgi Explores Trust in Science in the UNESCO Podcast 'The Policy Nerd'

PERITIA researcher Gloria Origgi, philosopher and Director of Research at the CNRS in Paris, participated in the latest episode of the podcast 'The Policy Nerd', organised by the UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab and hosted by UNESCO's expert Iulia Sevciuc. [Learn more](#)

## Media, Trust, and Science in the Covid-19 Pandemic

On 7-8 April, Donya Alinejad convened a PERITIA author workshop on the topic of Media, Trust, and Science in the Covid-19 pandemic, hosted by ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, in Berlin. The one-day workshop featured several presentations of papers for a Special Issue in the Journal of Digital Social Research. [Learn more](#)

## New Book by Onora O'Neill on the Ethics of Online Communication

Onora O'Neill, Philosopher and Chair of the PERITIA Advisory Board, has published *A Philosopher Looks at Digital Communication* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). The book advocates for a new ethics framework for online communication that focuses on listeners, readers, browsers and audiences, as well as originators. [Learn more](#)

## PERITIA at Science Advice Under Pressure Conference

PERITIA will be joining the international conference 'Science Advice Under Pressure' to be held in Brussels on 27-28 April organised by the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism. More than 600 participants are expected to join two days of panel discussions and workshops. [Learn more](#)

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## Events

### The Ethics and Epistemology of Ignorance

*University College Dublin (UCD), 26-27 April 2022*

What normative conceptions of ignorance are being employed in the philosophical literature? What does it mean to understand ignorance as a substantive epistemic practice? Is ignorance always constituted by an intellectual vice or can there be virtuous ignorance? What is the relationship between ignorance and epistemic injustice? Can there be a right to ignorance? These are just some of the questions we seek to explore in the upcoming PERITIA workshop organised by the Centre for Ethics in Public Life at UCD. [Learn more](#)

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## The Ethics of Trust and Expertise

Yerevan, 30 May & 1 June 2022

Our partners American University of Armenia and University College Dublin are organising the PERITIA scientific conference 'The Ethics of Trust and Expertise' in Yerevan on 30 May and 1 June 2022. The event 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. [Learn more](#)

## Behind the Scenes

The Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS) is a state scientific institution founded in 1952. It functions as a learned society acting through an elected corporation of top scholars and as a research performing organisation via its numerous scientific establishments. It has also become a major scientific advisory body through its scientific committees. PAS is comprised of 69 research institutes and auxiliary scientific units (archives, libraries, museums, botanical gardens and foreign PAS centres). [Learn more](#)

## Our Science Communication Corner

### "Science Communication Is How Society Talks About Science"

Massimiano Bucchi, Professor of Sociology of Science and Communication, Science and Technology at the University of Trento and one of the leading European scholars on the science of science communication, provides some fresh ideas and new perspectives on the future of science communication in this interview with the ALLEA Digital Salon. [Learn more](#)

## Did You Know...?

### Repeating Falsehoods Gives the Brain a Signal for Truth

"The more a claim is repeated, the more familiar it becomes and the easier it is to process. In other words, the brain uses fluency as a signal for truth", explains Sander van der Linden (University of Cambridge) in the review article 'Misinformation: susceptibility, spread, and interventions to immunize the public'. The paper offers an overview of the latest research on why (some) people are (more) susceptible to misinformation, how misinformation spreads in online social networks, and which interventions can help to boost psychological immunity to misinformation. [Learn more](#)

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