

Biographies

Co-Chairs

Tereza Stockelova



Tereza Stöckelová is a researcher at the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, and an associate professor at the Department of Sociocultural Anthropology, Charles University. Her work is situated in-between sociology, social anthropology and science and technology studies (STS), and draws upon actor network theory and related material semiotic methodologies. She investigated academic practices in the context of current policy changes, science and society relations, environmental controversies, and the interfaces between biomedical and alternative therapeutic practices. Her current research is concerned with microbiological citizenship. It maps out how embodied subjectivities,

biosocialities, and state governance are being (re)configured in relation to microbial and fungal agents. Since 2020 she is a member of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology, an advisory body and forum of reflection set up by UNESCO.

Julian Thomas



Julian Thomas is Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society, and a Distinguished Professor in the School of Media and Communication at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. His latest book is *Wi-Fi* (Polity 2021). He has written widely about digital inclusion, automation and other topics relating to the social and cultural aspects of new communications and computing technologies. He was elected to the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 2017.

Session 1: Scientific information, disinformation, and misinformation: perspectives from communication professionals

Lu'chen Foster



Lu'chen Foster leads the Health Partnerships team for Facebook. Over the last eight years she has held leadership positions across multiple organisations focused on Facebook's first-party products, measurement partnerships, and data privacy standard. Prior to Facebook, she had 10+ years of experience leading product and marketing teams in an assortment of startups and larger companies including Walmart and Blue Shield.

Takahiro Kinoshita



Takahiro Kinoshita is a Medical Doctor and a Deputy Chair of COV-NAVI, a social marketing group that distribute information on Covid-19 with supervision of medial experts in Japan. He collaborates with BuzzFeed Medical Japan and has published many fact-checking articles based on scientific evidence.

Gabriela Capurro



Dr. Gabriela Capurro is a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Canada. Her research focuses on health and risk communication, lived experiences of risk, and mediated discourses of health and illness. She has published studies on media discourses of vaccination and vaccine-hesitancy, risk communication during health crises, and on public perceptions of risk and infection prevention behaviour. Dr. Capurro is also an instructor in the School of Journalism and Communication at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Session 2: Managing diverse scientific opinions and uncertainties

Anat Gesser-Edelsburg



Anat Gesser-Edelsburg is associate professor and head of Health Promotion Program, School of Public Health, Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences, and the Founding Director of the Health and Risk Communication Lab at University of Haifa. During 2020 Anat was a visiting scholar at the School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago. Her areas of research include health and risk communication, positive deviance, social marketing, persuasive communication, health-promotion programs, entertainment-education, mixed methods research, and qualitative research. Anat investigate a variety of health-related issues, including emerging infectious disease (EID) communication, vaccination compliance, and health and risk communication surrounding COVID-19.

Jean-Gabriel Ganascia



Engineer and philosopher by training, Jean-Gabriel Ganascia then turned to computer science and artificial intelligence. He obtained a PhD on Knowledge-Based Systems in 1983 then a Thèse d'État on Symbolic Machine Learning in 1987, both at Orsay University. He is presently Professor of Computer Science at Sorbonne University. He pursues his research on artificial intelligence at LIP6 (Laboratory of Computer Science of Sorbonne University), his current research activities focus on the Literary aspects of Digital Humanities, Computational Philosophy and the ethics of the Digital Technologies. He is an EurAI (European Association for Artificial Intelligence) fellow and a member of the board the MURS (Mouvement Universel pour la Responsabilité Scientifique). He has been the chairman of the CNRS ethics committee (COMETS) between 2016 and 2021.

Tracy Vaillancourt



Dr. Tracy Vaillancourt is a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in School-Based Mental Health and Violence Prevention at the University of Ottawa where she is cross-appointed as a full professor in Counselling Psychology, Faculty of Education and the School of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences. Dr. Vaillancourt is also a core member of the Brain and Mind Institute, Faculty of Medicine and the Centre for Health Law, Policy, and Ethics, Faculty of Law, uOttawa. She is the president-elect of the International Society for Research on Aggression and a fellow and Chair of the COVID-19 Task Force for the Royal Society of Canada.

Session 3: Public engagement and mobilisation in science and science advice during crises

Li-Yin Liu



Dr. Li-Yin Liu is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Dayton, U.S.A. She received her B.A. in Public Management and Policy and MPA from Tunghai University in Taiwan. She then received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Northern Illinois University with specializations in public policy and nonprofit management. Liu's research interests are centered around science-intensive public policies, such as environmental sustainability and COVID-19 policies. Her current research focuses on environmental nonprofit organizations' influence in policy-making and citizen engagement in environmental policy implementation. In light of the COVID-19 public health crisis, she also participates in several collaborative research teams, examining the institutional determinants of COVID-19 policy configurations and the Taiwanese government's comprehensive response to COVID-19.

Felicity Callard



Felicity Callard is Professor of Human Geography at the University of Glasgow. She has long practised interdisciplinary research that crosses the social sciences, the life sciences and the medical humanities to address complex issues in health and the human sciences. For example, she directed the first two-year research residency of The Hub at Wellcome Collection in London that addressed rest and its opposites in mental health, neuroscience, the arts and the everyday. She was part of the first cohort of patients to fall ill with COVID in March 2020 and to bring the epistemic contributions of patients concerning long-term symptoms and Long Covid to wider scientific and public attention (see [‘How and why patients made Long Covid’](#), co-authored with Elisa Perego). Her interest in patient-led research and patient knowledge concerning Covid draws from her time as a researcher in the Service User Research Enterprise at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (King's College London); this research unit has been at the forefront of developing methods and conceptual approaches to advance service user-led research.

Barbara Prainsack



Barbara Prainsack is a Professor at the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna, where she directs the Centre for the Study of Contemporary Solidarity (CeSCoS), and the interdisciplinary Research Platform *Governance of Digital Practices*. Her work explores the social, regulatory and ethical dimensions of biomedicine and bioscience, with a focus on personalised and “precision” medicine, citizen participation, and the role of solidarity in medicine and healthcare. Barbara is a member of the Austrian National Bioethics Committee and she is Chair of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies which advises the European Commission.