

Online Conference Open Science & Societal Impact

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OPEN SCIENCE & SOCIETAL IMPACT SEMINAR

In order to advance the impact of science and address global challenges, timely access to credible information sources is imperative. Concealing knowledge behind subscription paywalls can stand as a roadblock towards advancements in innovation, research quality, integrity, efficiency, social welfare, and public trust and engagement.

While many libraries in the wealthiest universities are able to arm their academics with subscriptions to a wide range of journals and thereby lessening the need for Open Access, certain stakeholder groups continue to lack access such as institutions with limited resources, and those outside of academia such as civil servants looking to construct evidence-based policies, communicators seeking to share the latest scientific findings, businesses looking to drive innovation using academic knowledge.

In the past few years, different initiatives and projects are calling for more and more publicly funded research to be published under an open license, matters of access are steadily being addressed. Moving towards open practices in science has no doubt led to efficiency in information-sharing, the democratisation of access to knowledge, and the involvement of the wider public in scientific discourse. Yet, it must not be overlooked that the priority to make research findings available openly and quickly — such as through preprint servers — may come at the cost of quality, having not undergone stringent peer-review, and potentially (and inadvertently) promote misinformation.

Furthermore, geopolitical elements have exerted a more pronounced influence on open science than previously experienced. Geopolitical tensions or diplomatic conflicts between countries can hinder scientific collaboration with restrictions on travel, trade, or sharing of information, impeding the free flow of knowledge and collaboration among scientists across borders. Concerns about national security, intellectual property rights, or political agendas may also lead to limitations on sharing sensitive research findings or data, affecting the principles of Open Science. Additionally, differing regulations among countries can also create challenges for researchers in adhering to varying ethical standards, legal frameworks, or compliance requirements. However, at the same time, they also stimulate opportunities for collaboration, innovation, resource allocation, and international agreements that contribute positively to scientific progress and knowledge dissemination.

We look forward to welcoming you to this seminar, where experts involved in Open Science initiatives will create insights on responsible practices in Open Science and Research, and explore strategies for open access, data, education, and beyond.

Main topics

- ◇ Open science policies for Societal Good
- ◇ Incentivisation strategies & policies that may be put in place to stimulate Open Science
- ◇ Safe spaces to facilitate open scientific discourse in academia and fostering public trust and understanding between academics and other stakeholder groups
- ◇ Examining geopolitical implications of global policies for access to scholarly publications and research data
- ◇ Open Science & AI
- ◇ Next steps towards effective knowledge exchange in an international open science landscape

ABOUT AESIS

The Network for Advancing and Evaluating the Societal Impact of Science (AESIS) is an international, open community for professionals working on stimulating and demonstrating the impact of science on economy, culture and well-being. Members come from all over the world, where they are involved in the evaluation of impact, research strategy and policy making, science funding, scientometrics, research administration, business creation, public engagement, and many more. We pursue a multi-stakeholder, system-wide approach on an international level, because we believe that stimulating dialogue between different sectors and regions, beyond the project level, will catalyse further development of effective instruments for evaluating and advancing the societal impact of science.

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INTERACTIVE ONLINE EXPERIENCE

After years of dealing with the pandemic, there was a shift in the way we connect and learn, where transitioning to online meetings and events became more than just a necessity; it became a skill we have honed remarkably well. Though we understand there are certain aspects we may miss out on in comparison to in-person events, having a virtual platform has shown to offer numerous advantages, reshaping the way we approach knowledge sharing and collaboration. We therefore believe that having this conference on Open Science & Societal Impact in an online format will provide great benefits to our audience, as it breaks geographical barriers, allowing individuals from across the global to participate without the constraints of travel. You can attend from the comfort of your home, while using features such as breakout video rooms, live polls, and chat functions in order to foster engagement and interactivity.

With many years of experience in organising online events, we have done our best for you to make this format of the conference as valuable as possible. Additionally, we provide reduced-price tickets for participants residing in distant time zones. This means that if you live outside the PDT/EDT time zones, you have the choice to attend live in your own time zone or receive recordings of the sessions post the conference. This ensures that you have the opportunity to participate regardless of the time zone disparity!

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH

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7.30	10.30	16.30	<i>Walk-in</i>
7.45	10.45	16:45	WORDS OF WELCOME
7.45	10.45	16.45	Conference chair: Chair TBC Anika Duut van Goor Chair description Director of the organisation for Advancing and Evaluating Societal Impact of Science (AESIS)
7.55	10.55	16.55	OPENING PLENARY: OPEN SCIENCE POLICIES FOR SOCIETAL GOOD
7.55	10.55	16.55	Britt Holbrook* Associate Professor, Department of Humanities, New Jersey Institute of Technology, U.S.A.
			Robert-Jan Smits* President of the Executive Board, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands
			Dominique Babini* Open Science Advisor at the Latin American Council of Social Sciences, Argentina
8.40	11.40	17.40	Panel Discussion
9.00	12.00	18.00	<i>Break: 30 min</i>



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Incentives for Open Science		Ethical Research	
<i>Room</i>		<i>Room</i>	

Incentivisation strategies & policies that may be put in place to stimulate Open Science

Erika Lilja*

Flagship Manager, Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State Flagship (INVEST), University of Turku, Finland

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Open Science Policy Expert at the Open Science Knowledge Hub of Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), Romania

Safe spaces to facilitate open scientific discourse in academia and fostering public trust and understanding between academics and other stakeholder groups

Britt Holbrook (Chair)*

Associate Professor, Department of Humanities, New Jersey Institute of Technology, U.S.A.

Brian Nosek*

Co-founder and Executive Director, Center for Open Science, United States

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11.15	14.15	20.15	CLOSING PLENARY
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Recommendations

Brian Nosek*

Co-founder and Executive Director, Center for Open Science, United States

Additional Panellists tbc

12.20	15.20	21.20	Closing Remarks from Chair
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<p><i>Examining geopolitical implications of global policies for access to scholarly publications and research data</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jing Liu* Editorial Assistant at Times Higher Education, United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dominique Babini* Open Science Advisor at the Latin American Council of Social Sciences, Argentina</p>			<p><i>Topic Description tbc</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pen-Yuan Hsing* Postdoctoral Research Associate, Open Source & Open Science, University of Bristol</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shinichi Nakagawa* Professor at University of New South Whales, Australia & Canada Excellence Research Chair in Open Science and Synthesis in Ecology and Evolution, University of Alberta</p>
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