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# TRUST

## EXPERT OPINION AND POLICY

A multidisciplinary conference investigating questions of trust in and the trustworthiness of expert opinion

**August 31 - September 2, 2017**

O'Brien Science Centre, University College Dublin

### Key Note Speakers

Onora O'Neill (University of Cambridge, Philosophy)

Susan Owens (University of Cambridge, Environment and Policy)

Patrick Honohan (Trinity College Dublin, Economics)

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# Thursday August 31

**9.30-10.00** Registration and Welcome  
UCD O'Brien Science Centre

## PARALLEL SESSION 1

### The Nature of Trust

Lynch Theater H1.37

Chair: Elmar Geir Unnsteinsson (UCD and WEXD)

**10.00-10.30** **Aisling Crean** (University of Glasgow)  
*"What do reactive attitudes tell us about trust?"*

**10.30-11.00** **Jaime Edwards** (University of Chicago)  
*"Just Because They Say It Doesn't Make It So: On Group Consensus"*

**11.00-11.30** **Coffee Break**

**11.30-12.00** **Katherine O'Donnell** (UCD)  
*"Trust, Mistrust and Distrust: the Role of the Future in Gaining Trust"*

**12.00-12.30** **Anna Bortolan** (UCD)  
*"Self-trust and Epistemic Experience"*

**12.30-2.00** **Lunch** (registration continues)

## PANEL 1. TRUST IN POLITICS

Lynch Theater H1.37

Chair: Imelda Maher (UCD, School of Law)

**2.00-2.20** **Imelda Maher** (UCD)  
*Trust in Politics: Setting the Scene*

**2.20-3.00** **Attracta Ingram** (University College Dublin)  
*"Political Trust"*

**3.00-3.40** **W.G. van der Meer** (University of Amsterdam)  
*"Going back to the well: Economics, Elections, and Trust in Politics"*

**3.40-4.20** **Gloria Origgi** (CNRS – Institut Nicod – Paris)  
*"Trust in experts, truth and authority: some elements of a political epistemology"*

**4.30-4.55** **Coffee Break**

**5.00** **Award of the Ulysses Medal to Professor Onora O'Neill, Followed by Keynote Address 1.**

Lynch Theater H1.37

**Onora O'Neill** (University of Cambridge)

*"Linking Trust to Trustworthiness"*

Chair: Maria Baghramian (UCD School of Philosophy and WEXD)

**6.30-7.30** Reception, O'Brien Centre for Science

# Friday September 1

## 9.00 – 1.00am PARALLEL SESSION 4. TRUST IN ECONOMICS

Lynch Theater H1.37

Conveners: Don Ross (University College Cork) and Carlo Martini (University of Helsinki)

**9.30** **Carlo Martini** (University of Helsinki)  
*"Measuring public trust in economics"*

**10.00** **Cormac Mac Fhionnlaóich** (UCD)  
*"Lessons from Nobel Prize Winners in Economics"*

**10.30** **Coffee Break**

**11.00** **Ashley Lait & Alvin Birdi** (Economics Network & University of Bristol)  
*"Economic literacy and trust in economics: evidence from a national survey"*

**11.30** **Ben Trubody** (University of Gloucestershire)  
*"Mature and Immature Expertise: How Conceptual Inadequacies Can lead to the Undermining of Public Trust in Economics"*

**12.00** **Don Ross** (University College Cork)  
*"Why economists are most trustworthy when the general public isn't watching?"*

**1.00-2.00** Lunch

## PARALLEL SESSION 2

### Trust, Experts, and Disagreement

Room H 1.51

Chair: Nick Hughes (UCD and WEXD)

**10.00-10.30** **Erin Nash** (Durham University)  
*"Testimony, Trust, and Second-Order Evidence"*

**10.30-11.00** **Shane Ryan** (Nazarbayev University)  
*"Trust, Experts, and the Epistemic Environmentalism"*

**11.00-11.30** **Coffee Break**

**11.30-12.00** **Erich Witte** (University of Hamburg) and **Frank Zenker** (Lund University)  
*"Expert disagreement exceeding measurement uncertainty is unreasonable"*

**12.00-12.30** **Isaac Choi** (Yale)  
*"Trusting Experts: Two Problematic Views and an Escape from Skepticism."*

## PARALLEL SESSION 3

### The Erosion of Trust

Room E. 1.19

Chair: Michael Hannon (Institute of Philosophy, University of London)

**10.00-10.30** **Felix Bräuer** (Humboldt University Berlin)  
*"Testimony, Epistemic Communities, and Practical Risks"*

**10.30-11.00** **Jan-Jonathan Bock** (Cambridge)  
*"Science on Trial: The Politics of Expertise and Social Behaviour after the L'Aquila Earthquake"*

**11.00-11.30** **Coffee Break**

**11.30-12.00** **Paul Giladi** (University of Sheffield/UCD)

*"The War against Experts and the Reification of National Identity"*

**12.00-12.30** **Nikolas Kirby** (Oxford)  
*"The People's Trust: Trust, Distrust and Obligation"*

## PARALLEL SESSION 5. TRUST IN SCIENCE

Room H 1.51

Chair: Mikio Akagi (TCU and WEXD)

**9.00** **Michael Stoeltzner** (University of South Carolina)  
*"Ceteris paribus Laws, Epistemic Reliability and Epistemic Trust in Applied Science"*

**9.30** **Tina Sikka** (Newcastle University)  
*"Feminist Epistemology and Trust in Climate Modelling"*

**10.00** **Jon Leefmann and Steffen Lesle** (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)  
*"Knowledge from scientific expert testimony without epistemic trust"*

**10.30** **Coffee Break**

**11.00** **Haris Shekeris** (University of Grenoble)  
*"Trust in Science, Wicked problems and Democracy"*

**11.30** **David Harker** (East Tennessee State University)  
*"Science isn't a democracy, but consensus is (higher-order) evidence nonetheless"*

**12.00** **Cormac O' Raifeartaigh** (Waterford Institute of Technology)  
*"Trust, Uncertainty and Society: The Public Perception of Scientific Uncertainty in the Climate Science Debate"*

**12.30** **Leah Henderson** (University of Groningen)  
*"Living in Different Worlds: the paradigm-dependence of trust"*

# Friday September 1 (cont.)

## PANEL 2. THE EPISTEMOLOGY OF TRUST

Lynch Theater H1.37

Chair: James O'Shea, (UCD School of Philosophy)

- 2.00-2.40 **Adam Carter** (University of Glasgow)  
*"Trust and Competence"*
- 2.40-3.20 **Ruth Boeker** (UCD)  
*"David Hume and Thomas Reid on fidelity to promises and trust"*
- 3.20-4.00 **Edward Nettle** (UCD and WEXD)  
*"On Agency and Trust in the Epistemology of Testimony"*
- 4.00- 4.20 **Coffee Break**

## PANEL 3. TRUST IN DATA

Lynch Theater H1.37

Chair: Tatjana von Solodkoff (UCD School of Philosophy)

- 4.20-5.00 **Wendy Parker** (University of Durham)  
*"Traceability, Expert Opinion and Trust in Climate Change Assessments"*
- 5.00- 5.40 **Judith Simon** (University of Hamburg)  
*"Trust in Data"*
- 5.45 **Keynote address 2**  
Lynch Theater H1.37  
**Susan Owens** (University of Cambridge)  
*"Trust, Expertise and the Environment"*  
Chair: Anna Davies (Trinity College Dublin)
- 7.00 **Conference Dinner** Ardmore House, UCD

# Saturday September 2

## PARALLEL SESSION 6. BROKEN TRUST AND CREDIBILITY

Lynch Theater H1.37

Chair: Thomas Hodgson (UCD)

- 9.30 **Carrie Figdor** (University of Iowa)  
*"Trust me: News, Credibility Deficits, and Balance"*
- 10.00 **Nick Tebben** (Towson University) & John Waterman (University of New England)  
*"Recognizing Expertise: An Epistemic Collective Action Problem"*
- 10.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 **James Butler** (Boston College)  
*"Broken Trust: A Gadamarian Take on Experts, Choice, and a Return to the Humanities"*
- 11.30 **Patrizia Setola** (UCD)  
*"The use of experts to manipulate consumers' trust: a case study from the animal industry"*
- 12.00 **C. Thi Nguyen** (Utah Valley University)  
*"Echo Chambers and Epistemic Bubbles"*

1.30-2.30 Lunch

## PANEL 4. TRUST IN SCIENCE

Lynch Theater H1.37

Chair: Charlotte Blease (DIAS and WEXD)

- 2.30 **Etienne Parizot** (Paris Diderot University)  
*"Trust and doubt: a subtle balance between two essential driving forces of science"*
- 3.10 **Rafael Alves Batista** (University of Oxford)  
*"Science, scientific consensus, and public perception of science"*
- 3.50 **Shane Bergin** (University College Dublin)  
*"The Scientist as an Advocate"*
- 4.30-5.00 **Coffee Break**
- 5.00-6.30 **Closing Keynote Address**  
Lynch Theater H1.37  
**Patrick Honohan** (Trinity College Dublin)  
*"Taking Credit: Trust and Transactions in Economics"*  
Chair: Luke Drury (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies and WEXD)
- 6.30 **Conference Close**

## PARALLEL SESSION 7. TRUST, PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND ETHICS

Room H 1.51

Chair: Finnur Dellsén (UCD and WEXD)

- 09.00 **Edward E. Spence** (Charles Sturt University)  
*"Trust in Information and its Communication: A Normative Account"*
- 9.30 **Christopher Cowley** (University College Dublin)  
*"Trust in institutions, trust in intimate friends, and the risk of self-deception"*
- 10.00 **Henry Henrysson** (University of Iceland)  
*"Is the Moral Philosopher an Expert? A Recent Icelandic Experience"*
- 10.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 **Oliver Feeney** (University College Galway)  
*"Genuine participation in participant-centred research initiatives: the rhetoric and the potential reality"*
- 11.30 **Katherine Furman** (Durham University)  
*"Policy-Making and the Duty to Gather Evidence"*
- 12.00 **Lily Eva Frank** (Eindhoven University of Technology)  
*"Do as I say, not as I do: What can an obese cardiologist can tell us about trust in ethical expertise?"*
- 12.30-1.30 **Report on the findings by WEXD.** Lynch Theater H1.37  
James Beebe, Maria Baghramian, Luke Drury, Finnur Dellsén  
(When Experts Disagree Research Project)



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