

Science, Critique and Opinion: Challenges for Scientific Consensus

Provisional programme

Location: Maison Française d'Oxford – Salon (May 28) and Pembroke College – Pichette Auditorium (May 29)

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Date: 28-29 May 2026

Intervention format: in-person only. 30 minutes talk, 15 minutes questions

DAY 1 (MAISON FRANÇAISE D'OXFORD)

10 :00-10 :30 Welcome and introduction (*tea and coffe available*)
Amélie Berger-Soraruff – Maison Française, NOTCOM

10:30- 11: 15 Ashley Woodward (University of Dundee)
Scientific Consensus and the Postmodern Condition

11 :15 – 12 :00 Eve Judah (University of Cambridge)
Derrida, Lyotard, Latour: Epistemic Politics in France in 1979

12 :00 - 13 : 30 *Lunch break (provided by the Maison Française)*

13 : 30- 14 : 15 Joel White (University of Dundee)
Logomachy, or, The Conflict of the Faculties

14 :15 – 15 : 00 Daniele Cavalli (ENS Paris – PSL)
Disrupted Noesis: Information Overload, Epistemic Agency, and Multi-Modal AI Systems.

15 : 00 – 15 : 45 Eric Pardoux (ENS Lyon (IHRIM) & Aix-Marseille Université (ADÉS))
Primum non neglegere: the case for an ethics of idealisation in AI and emerging technologies.

15 : 45 – 16 : 15 *Coffee break*

16 : 15 – 17 : 00 Dominic Smith (University of Dundee)
Educator Without a School: How Walter Benjamin's Radio Work Amplifies Education

17 : 00 - 17: 45 Jodie Williamson (University of Dundee)

Creating Links in the Curriculum: Philosophy Education in Aid of Technological Literacy in the Classroom.

Dinner 19: 00 Cherwell Boathouse (*covered by NOTCOM*)

DAY TWO (PEMBROKE COLLEGE)

10:30 - 11: 15 Sara Franceschelli (ENS Lyon- IHRIM)

Between Performance and Representation : Materiality as a Mediator in a Research-Creation Experience

11: 15 - 12: 00 Ben Turner (Queen Mary University of London)
Consensus as Contribution: Bernard Stiegler on Epistemic Normativity

12: 00 - 13: 30 *Lunch*

13:30 - 14: 15 Ian James (University of Cambridge)
Naturalising the Political Subject

14: 15 - 15: 00 Benoît Dillet (University of Bath)
The Possibility of Epimethean Shame in Transition Politics

15: 00 - 15: 45 Anne Alombert (Université Paris VIII)
Challenges for digital consensus : science and democracy in the age of post-truth and generative AI

15: 45 - 16: 30 *Coffee break*

16: 30- 18: 00 *Keynote.*