

Expertise in Policy-Making in Times of Crisis: Lessons learned from COVID-19

Thursday 8 December 2022 | 13.30 - 16.30 hours

Hybrid event, Florence and via the Zoom platform

PROGRAMME

13.30 - 13.45

Welcome

David Levine, Professor, Joint Chair RSCAS and Department of Economics & Co-Principal of the EUI Cluster on Crisis of Expert Knowledge and Authority | EUI

Étienne Bassot, Director, Directorate for Members' Research Service | EPRS, EP

13.45 – 14.55

Roundtable 1

Science advice in times of COVID-19

The first roundtable will discuss the impact of COVID on science advice in policy-making. It focuses on successes and challenges related to the generation and use of science advice during the COVID-19 pandemic. Special attention shall be given to the role of social and behavioral science as well as humanities.

Étienne Bassot, Director, Directorate for Members' Research Service | EPRS, EP

Ellen Wayenberg, Professor in Public Policy and Administration, Department of Public Governance and Management, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration | University of Gent

Paul Cairney, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Division of History, Heritage, and Politics | University of Stirling

Followed by Q & A

Moderator: **Gaby Umbach**, Part-time Professor | RSCAS, Co-Principal of the EUI Cluster on Crisis of Expert Knowledge and Authority | EUI & Non-resident Visiting Fellow | EPRS, EP

14.55 - 15.10

Break

15.10 - 16.20

Roundtable 2

Lessons learned from COVID-19 for science advice

The second roundtable will discuss lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic for science advice in policy-making under stress. It touches upon essential elements of how to use science advice for complex political decision-preparation and decision-making under the conditions of uncertainty.

Maru Mormina, PhD, Senior researcher and ethics advisor, Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford

Annette Elisabeth Töller, Professor of Political Science, Institute for Political Science | FernUniversität Hagen

Wolfgang Hiller, Director, Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value | EPRS, EP

Followed by Q & A and discussion with all roundtable speakers

Moderator: **Peter Drahos**, Professor, Department of Law & Co-Principal of the EUI Cluster on Crisis of Expert Knowledge and Authority | EUI

16.20 - 16.30

Concluding remarks

Gaby Umbach, Part-time Professor | RSCAS, Co-Principal of the EUI Cluster on Crisis of Expert Knowledge and Authority | EUI & Non-resident Visiting Fellow | EPRS, EP

