

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

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Speaker CVs

Étienne Bassot

Étienne Bassot has been a manager in the European Parliament, in the research field, for fourteen years.

Since 2014, he has been Director of the Members' Research Service within EPRS. Prior to taking up this position, Mr Bassot led the Policy Department of the European Parliament's Directorate-General for External Policies (2007-2014). Within the Parliament, he previously held positions in the secretariats of the Committees on Internal Market and on Development. He served as advisor to Nicole Fontaine from 2000 to 2002, in her position as President of the European Parliament. He is a graduate of the Universities of Nancy and Saarbrücken, with master's degrees in law and European studies.

Paul Cairney

Paul Cairney (PhD, FAcSS) is Professor of Politics and Public Policy at the University of Stirling. His research expertise covers the theory, practice, and politics of public policy. It spans comparisons of policy theories and their methods, international policy processes, UK and devolved policymaking, and policy sectors (including health and environment). He has written or co-written 13 books, 90 articles in international peer reviewed journals, and 31 chapters in edited books.

Peter Drahos

Peter Drahos is a Professor of Law and Governance at the European University Institute. He is an emeritus Professor at the Australian National University and a member of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.

He holds degrees in law, politics and philosophy and is admitted as a barrister and solicitor. He has published widely in law and social science journals on a variety of topics including contract, legal philosophy, telecommunications, intellectual property, trade negotiations, international business regulation, and climate change.

His most recent book is *Survival Governance: Energy and Climate in the Chinese Century*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2021.

Wolfgang Hiller

Wolfgang Hiller is Director in the European Parliament's Research Service responsible for Impact Assessment and European Added Value.

Having graduated from Vienna University of Economics, he worked inter alia as speechwriter and specialist in the Economic Coordination Department at the Federal Chancellery in Austria before joining the European Parliament in 1992. Prior to his appointment to his current function on 1 January 2016, he held various positions within Parliament's services and the European Commission, including as Head of the Parliament's office in Vienna, the Secretariat for the Conference of Presidents and as a member of the Secretary-General's private office in charge of inter-institutional relations and relations with national parliaments.

The services he is in charge of helps to enhance the European Parliament's capacity to undertake scrutiny and oversight of the executive, particularly through ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of EU legislation - before and after it is adopted by the Union's institutions - and to analyse the need for, or effectiveness of, action at European level. This work is designed to support parliamentary committees in the successive stages of the policy cycle - whether in respect of forward planning and agenda-setting, in the process of adopting legislation, or in the implementation or evaluation of legislation once adopted. It therefore contributes to the Parliament's influence on policy development, as well as to improving the overall quality of the law-making process.

This responsibility includes the administrative support of the European Parliament's 25 Member Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA), providing scientific advice to the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and parliamentary committees with independent, expert assessment of scientific and technological developments and trends, and resulting policy option, in the service of better informed political decision-making.

David Levine

David Levine joined the European University Institute in September 2013. He is on leave as John H. Biggs Distinguished Professor of Economics at Washington University in St. Louis. He is a fellow of the Econometric Society, an Economic Theory Fellow, a research associate of the NBER, and of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. His scientific research is supported by grants from the National Science Foundation. He is the author of *Is Behavioral Economics Doomed*, with Michele Boldrin of *Against Intellectual Monopoly*, with Drew Fudenberg of *Learning in Games* and the editor of several conference volumes. He has published extensively in professional journals, including *The American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *The Review of Economic Studies*, *The Journal of Political Economy*, *The Journal of Economic Theory*, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and *The American Political Science Review* and the editor of several conference volumes. He has published extensively in professional journals, including and from the University of Rochester where he was Assistant Professor. He has been Assistant Professor at Duke University in 2002-2004, and a Research Officer at London Business School in 2000-2002.

Prof. Levine has published in the *Econometrica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *International Economic Review* and *Review of Economic Dynamics* among others.

Maru Mormina

Maru currently works as a Senior Research Fellow at the Ethox Centre and the Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities at the University of Oxford. She is also a member of the Pandemic Science Institute at Oxford, and a member of the Oxford-Johns Hopkins Global Infectious Disease Ethics Collaborative (GLIDE), a flexible collaborative platform for identifying and analysing ethical issues arising in pandemic, research, response, and preparedness. Maru is also a senior ethics advisor to large collaborative research consortia as well as research and policy organisations, including think tanks, and government departments, and was recently involved in revising the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) ethics policy. She collaborates regularly with the Oxford Policy Engagement Network.

Maru has an interdisciplinary background, with degrees and postgraduate qualifications in both the natural and social sciences. Having started her career as a bench scientist, her interests then moved to the social and ethical dimensions of science. Her work seeks to develop an account of justice in the distribution of knowledge. She has argued that knowledge constitutes a fundamental social good that grounds claims of justice due to its role in human development. This led her to become concerned with asymmetries of power and material resources in knowledge production among countries, and to develop a framework for research capacity strengthening in low and middle-income countries based on decolonial principles of cognitive justice and epistemic pluralism. She has more recently applied these principles to the question of knowledge mobilisation into policy through science advice, particularly in crisis contexts. This recent work connects with Maru's overarching preoccupation with epistemic power: who exercises it and why should it matter? Drawing from various theories, such as epistemic injustice, postnormal science and decoloniality, her work seeks to understand theoretically as well as empirically what epistemic democracy in our political and social institutions can and should look like.

Before joining academia, Maru worked for the non-profit sector in Latin America, and remains close (at least at heart) to various charity causes.

Annette Elisabeth Töller

Annette Elisabeth Töller is a full professor of public policy and environmental politics at FernUniversität in Hagen. She does research on environmental policy in Germany and Europe, for example on air pollution control policies, waste management policies, wind energy expansion policies, etc. She has been serving as a member of the German Advisory Council on the Environment (Sachverständigenrat für Umweltfragen, SRU) since 2020.

Gaby Umbach

Gaby Umbach is Part-time Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute (EUI) where she leads the Global Governance Programme's research area on 'Knowledge, Governance, Transformations'. Moreover, she is Co-Principal of the EUI's Interdisciplinary Research Cluster on 'Crisis of Expert Knowledge and Authority'. She is non-resident Visiting Fellow of the European Parliamentary Research Service, Adjunct Professor at the Universities of Innsbruck and LUISS Guido Carli/CIFE and Visiting External Examiner at the Department for Public Policy of the University of Malta. She is academic advisor and author of the Enlightenment 2.0 programme of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre and involved in the ESPAS Futurium Expert Group on Horizon Scanning.

Since 2022, she is Associate Editor of Cambridge University Press' Data & Policy and Area Lead for 'Policy Frameworks, Governance and Management of Data-driven Innovations' of the Data for Policy Community. She is Book Review Editor of the Journal of Common Market Studies, Editorial Board member of the International Journal Evaluation and Program Planning, and Board member as well as Academic Advisor of the Institute for European Politics in Berlin. Her research focuses on the interaction between knowledge, evidence, data, and governance. She analyses how governance by and of knowledge influence transformations of politics and policies. This includes the analysis of measuring and the use of statistics as governance technique; data-based governance; data and evidence literacy in policy-making; evidence-informed policy-making; multilevel and anticipatory governance: socio-economic as well as eco-social policies: and sustainable development.

Ellen Wayenberg

Ellen Wayenberg is Professor at the Department of Public Governance and Management at Ghent University, Belgium. She specializes in public policy and administration with specific interest for policy analysis and evaluation, local government and multi-level governance. Ellen has published in highly-ranked journals such as *Local Government Studies*, *Policy and Society*, *Policy Design and Practice*, *Public Administration Review*, *Public Policy and Administration* and she has co-edited various international books (including 'The future of local self-government: European trends in autonomy, innovations and central-local relations' (2021)). She is a co-founder and a co-chair of the EGPA Study Group IV on Regional and Local Governance.

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