

Speakers

Laura Airoidi, University of Bologna, Italy

Yvonne Buckley, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Sanne Holmgaard, Norwegian Institute of Cultural Heritage Research

Sue Kidd, University of Liverpool, UK

Marisa Ronan, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Format Workshop

ProustTime: thinking time with Marcel Proust

17:10-18:25
Charter 3



In order to facilitate understanding between the human sciences and the hard sciences, transdisciplinarity requires a common language. This common language, based on the heuristic value of metaphor, is to be found in literature - notably the work of Marcel Proust. Derived from research which aims at confronting different conceptions of time and memory, our goal is to build a model of time based on different disciplines. We will focus on the confrontation between time in literature and philosophy, on the one hand, and time in astrophysics and paleoclimatology on the other.

Organiser Isabelle Serça, University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, France

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Gaël Le Roux, School of Agricultural and Life Sciences of Toulouse, France

Marie-Paule Pery-Woodley, University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, France

Isabelle Serça, University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, France

Sylvie Vauclair, Paul Sabatier University, France

Colette Zytynicki, University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, France

Format Interactive round table

// WEDNESDAY 27 JULY

Britain's biggest experiment: the prospects for scientific collaboration post Brexit

08:30 – 09:45
Exchange Auditorium



The economic and political implications of the UK's EU referendum on 23 June are still emerging and will continue to do so for some time. But even if we narrow the focus to scientific collaboration, is the future any clearer?

During the pre-referendum campaign, much attention was paid to the UK's financial contribution to the EU budget: overall it has been a net contributor but, in terms of EU funding for research, development and innovation activities, it has been a net beneficiary - to the tune of some €4.4 billion between 2007 and 2013. However, these activities have not been the isolated efforts of scientists or research groups in single member states; the funding has supported an enormously diverse and rich array of collaborative activities. The real value of this collaboration, to those involved and to the wider European economy and society, cannot be captured by such simplistic input-output metrics.

Although much scientific collaboration – even within Europe - takes place outside the EU framework, depending on political decisions taken over the coming months, UK researchers, particularly those in its universities, face uncertainty over their future access to an enormous source of research funding whilst their erstwhile European research colleagues face similar concerns over the future prospects for collaboration. This panel will consider the prospects of scientific collaboration in Europe, and the potential implications of 'Brexit' for university researchers, businesses and for European society more widely.

Organiser Paul Cunningham, Alliance Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester, UK

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Stephen Curry, Imperial College London, UK

Lauritz Holm-Nielsen, EuroScience, France

Jürgen Maier, Siemens plc, UK

Moderator Gail Cardew, Royal Institution, UK

Format Panel discussion