

**Workshop - Ignorance and non-knowledge: what consequences for democratic governance, politics and policy?**

**WORKSHOP PROGRAM**

Venue: The workshop will take place in the Marietta Blau Saal in the main building of the **University of Vienna**, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

November 13

12:30 – 13:00: **Welcome & Introductions**

13.00 -13-15: **Opening:** Katharina T. Paul & Helene Sorgner

NB: Room will be open starting **at 12:00**, with refreshments!

13.15 – 15.00: **Interdisciplinary Perspectives on (Non)Knowledge**

Chair:

Presentations by:

- François Dedieu: “Ignorance : the tacit control of the pesticide risk regulation”
- Yvonne Hegele: “How to deal with contested knowledge in public decision-making? An analytical framework and first answers”
- Kellie Owens: “The Passivists: Managing Risk Through Intentional Ignorance in Medicine and Finance”
- Madeleine Pape: “Institutional Ignorance and Complexity: The Case of Sex and Gender”

COFFEE BREAK

15.00 – 17.00: **Producing and Neglecting Evidence**

Chair:

Presentations by:

- Erik Aarden: “Performing ignorance as postcolonial asymmetry in global health – reflections on the production of mortality statistics in India”
- Ilil Benjamin: “Filling in the Numbers: The Utility of Ignorance about Aid Work in Israel and Palestine”
- Samantha Vanderslott: “From outsider to insider: The inclusion of Neglected Tropical Diseases into the Sustainable Development Goals”

18.00 – 19.30: **Public Panel Discussion**

*‘Was hat Nicht-Wissen in evidenzbasierter Politik zu suchen?’* at Alte Kapelle, Unicampus Alser Straße 2-4, 1090 Vienna

**NB: This event will be held in German.**

Chair: Katharina T. Paul

Key note: Matthias Gross

Participants: Ulrike Felt, Stefan Bösch, Matthias Gross

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19.30: Optional Dinner

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9.30 – 10.30: **Keynote**

Linsey McGoey: *'Ignorance studies, oracular power and the great enlargement of knowledge'*

COFFEE

10.45 – 12.45: **Ignorance and Non-Knowledge in Institutional Practices and Governance**

Chair:

Presentations by:

- Katharina Paul & Christian Haddad: "Beyond 'evidence' vs. 'truthiness': Towards a symmetrical approach to knowledge and ignorance in critical policy studies"
- Jeremy Brice: "Technologies of Ignorance in Supply Chain Governance: Un-known risks, crises of trust and the 2013 horsemeat scandal"
- Adriana Mica: "The context of Ignorance: Waiting and Agency in the EU Relation System of Asylum Seekers"
- Funda Ustek Spilda: "'Give me a guesstimate, just how many refugees are there?': Refugee Crisis and Uncertain Numbers"

12.45 – 14.00: LUNCH

14.00 – 16.00: **Making Futures: The Generative Force of Uncertainty & Non-Knowledge**

Chair:

Presentations by

- Claudia Foltyn: "The Polish shale gas discourse as an example of dealing with specified ignorance? – A press analysis and some theoretical considerations"
- Sophie Ritson & Helene Sorgner: "Non-knowledge and future high-energy physics technologies"
- Birke Otto: "Secrecy and ignorance in pharmaceutical innovation processes. Two vignettes from the field"

16.00 – 17.00: **Wrap Up**

**Matthias Gross & Katharina T. Paul**