

**SPSP PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP, FRIDAY 1 JULY 2022**

**Methods Matter: Empirical Research in Philosophy of Science in Practice**

Location: KANTL, Koningstraat 18, 9000 Gent

This workshop is designed to be interactive, with all discussions using a panel format with speakers putting forward specific viewpoints or experiences relating to the topic in no more than 5 minutes each, and then opening the floor to questions and comments. Our goals are not only to provide guidance and a space for discussion, but to assist with formulation of the right questions to ask – and the distinctive challenges and opportunities underpinning our research - as we move forward as a community interested in empirical methods for the philosophy of science in practice.

*10:00: Welcome and introduction: Sabina Leonelli & Rachel Ankeny*

**10:10-11:30: Session 1 What to pick? Choosing cases and informants**

This session considers how philosophers choose which parts of research practice to investigate (e.g. which domains, methods, theoretical background, technologies, communities), which specific examples to consider (e.g. specific cases, institutions, historical episodes) and who to pick as main informants (e.g. individual researchers, technicians, administrators, students). We also consider what, if anything, makes PSP different from comparable research in other parts of science studies, such as STS, HPS and other social sciences.

Simon Lohse, Radboud University  
Maria Serban, Technische Universität Berlin  
Julie Mennes, University of Ghent  
Julia Bursten, University of Kentucky

*11:30-11:50: Coffee/tea break*

**11:50-12:50: Session 2 How to interact? Methods and ethics**

This session debates the conditions under which research can and should be carried out, ranging from the methods employed (ethnographic, experimental, participatory) to the ethical considerations underpinning research on research (such as the meaning of informed consent and constructive critique, particularly when part of a collaboration between PSP researchers and scientists).

Carlos Andrés Barragán, University of California at Davis  
Rachel A. Ankeny, University of Adelaide  
Hugh Williamson, University of Exeter  
Abigail Nieves Delgado, Utrecht University  
Manuela Fernández Pinto, Universidad de los Andes

*12:50-14:00: Lunch*

**14:00-15:15: Session 3 What comes of interactions? Part 1: Managing and using data**

This session considers the challenges associated to managing one key output of PSP research, which is research data. We ask what counts as data for PSP; how and where such data are stored, and with which access requirements; what constitutes an acceptable form of data use, and whether data can and should be shared across research projects; and what obligations do we have vis-à-vis our data - and to whom.

Ariane Hanemaayer, Brandon University  
Stephanie Meirmans, University of Amsterdam  
Kirsten Walsh, University of Exeter  
Miles MacLeod, University of Twente

*15:15-15:45: Coffee/tea break*

**15:45-17:00: Session 4 What comes of interactions? Part 2: Diversifying outputs and best practices**

This session considers the variety of outputs that can be generated from PSP research, including not only research articles but also policy briefs, web-based resources, social media engagement, podcasts and so forth. We discuss the advantages and disadvantages of diversifying the type of output emerging from our research, and the challenges posed by different platforms and publics in communicating the results of our work.

Alan Love, University of Minnesota  
James McElvenny, University of Siegen  
Sabina Leonelli, University of Exeter  
Emily Sullivan, Eindhoven University of Technology  
Sophie Veigl, University of Vienna

*17:00-17:10* Wrap up and conclusion of the workshop

*17:15: Walk towards SPSP pre-conference get together*