

EPISTO kick-off conference

Why not epistocracy? Political legitimacy and 'the fact of expertise'

4–5 April 2013

University of Oslo, Blindern Campus

Plenary sessions: *Georg Sverdrups hus* (GSH) (University library building), ground floor
and *Helga Engs hus* (Faculty of Educational Sciences), ground floor

Parallel sessions: *GSH*, second floor

Thursday 4 April

08:30 Registration (*Lobby, GSH*)

09:00 **Cathrine Holst**

Opening

John Parkinson

Knowledge and power in deliberative systems

Auditorium 2, GSH

10:15 Coffee

Session 1a

Undervisningsrom 1, GSH

Chair: Asimina Michailidou

Discussant: Klemens Kappel

10:30 **Daniel Gaus & Christopher Lord**

*Legitimacy beyond the input-output
scale: democratic legitimacy by
procedural performance*

10:45 **José Luis Martí**

*Why democracy has epistemic value and
why that is not enough to justify it?*

11:00 **Cathrine Holst & Anders Molander**

*From epistemic democracy to
epistocracy? Conditions for the
legitimacy of expert arrangements*

Session 1b

Undervisningsrom 2, GSH

Chair: John Robert Moodie

Discussant: Nils Roll-Hansen

Göran Sundquist

*Formalising and separating:
summarising science for climate policy*

Robert Evans

*Science and democracy in the third
wave: elective modernism not
epistocracy*

Beate Elvebakk

*Philosophers as experts: principles vs.
moral trajectories*

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12:00 Lunch

Frederikke cafeteria, Frederikke building

13:00 *Session chair:* Eli Feiring

Fabienne Peter

The Epistemic Circumstances of Democracy

Auditorium 3, Helga Engs hus

14:15 Coffee

Session 2a

Undervisningsrom 1, GSH

Chair: Silje H. Tørnblad

Discussant: Fabienne Peter

14:30 **Jakob Elster**

What is the nature of the ethical judgements made by medical research ethics committees?

14:45 **David Budtz Pedersen**

Drifts from 'evidence-based policy' to 'policy-biased evidence'?

15:00 **Christian Rostbøll**

The non-instrumental value of democracy: the freedom argument

15:15

Session 2b

Undervisningsrom 2, GSH

Chair: Silje Langvatn

Discussant: Göran Sundquist

Anthony Zito

Expertise and power: environmental agencies operating in complex political and environmental policy environments

Åse Gornitzka (& Ulf Sverdrup co-author)

'Societal inclusion' in expert venues – a note on the participation of interest groups and corporate actors in EU policy making

Alessandra Arcuri (& Marta Simoncini co-author)

L'Aquila and beyond: what role for 'responsibility' in regulatory science?

Marion Dreyer

Moving towards an analytic-deliberative process in EU food safety governance? On the challenges of opening risk assessment to stakeholder and public involvement

16:30 Coffee

16:45 *Session chair:* Jakob Elster

Cristina Lafont

Deliberation, participation and democratic legitimacy: should deliberative polls shape public policy?

Auditorium 2, GSH

18:00 End of day 1

20:00 Dinner at **Tjuvholmen Sjømagasin**

Tjuvholmen Allé 14 / www.sjomagasinet.no/en

Common departure from the hotel at 19:30 (for a 15 minutes walk)

Friday 5 April

09:30 *Session chair:* Anne Elizabeth Stie

Deirdre Curtin

Background Europe. Challenges for an information democracy

Auditorium 2, GSH

10:30 Coffee

Session 3a

Undervisningsrom 1, GSH

Chair: Helena Seibicke

Discussant: Morten Egeberg

10:45

Julia Metz

*Good governance via expert groups?
The European Commission's use of
expert groups in policy formulation*

11:00

Christoph Ossege

*Is expertise the driving force? Explaining
agency autonomy in the EU*

11:15

Cathrine Holst & John R. Moodie

*For the sake of democracy? The
European Commission's justifications for
democratizing expertise*

Session 3b

Undervisningsrom 2, GSH

Chair: Beate Elvebakk

Discussant: Jakob Elster

Marianne Riddervold

*Let's study arguments! Deliberation in
EU decision-making processes*

Hans-Jörg Trezn (& Espen D. H. Olsen co-author)

*The micro-macro link: Deliberative
experiments and democratic legitimacy*

Klemens Kappel

*Factual disagreement and political
legitimacy*

12:15 Lunch

Frederikke cafeteria, Frederikke building

13:15 *Session chair:* Cathrine Holst

Brian Wynne

If Europe is an Epistemic Question, Why is Scientism a Dominant Answer?

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14:30 Coffee

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Session 4a

Undervisningsrom 1, GSH

Chair: Johanna Strikwerda

Discussant: José Luis Marti

- 14:45 **Erik O. Eriksen**
On the interface between expertise and participation – strategies for remedying legitimacy deficits
- 15:00 **Alfred Moore**
Democratic theories of expertise: between competence and consent
- 15:15 **Silje Langvatn**
Public reason and political legitimacy
- 15:30 **Karin Jønch-Clausen & Klemens Kappel**
Scientific standards in public reason

Session 4b

Undervisningsrom 2, GSH

Chair: Daniel Gaus

Discussant: Margareta Bertilsson

- Lucy Hatton**
The role of knowledge and expertise in activating an EU demos: the potential of the European Citizens' Initiative
- Asimina Michailidou**
Effective yet unpopular? Understanding the public legitimacy of Eurocrisis epistocracy
- Ragnvald Kalleberg**
The cultural and democratic obligations of universities
- Johan Karlsson Schaffer (& Henrik Friberg-Fernros co-author)**
The consensus paradox: does deliberative agreement impede rational discourse?

17:00 End of conference

19:30 Dinner at **Grand Café**
Grand Hotel, Karl Johans gate / www.grand.no/en/restaurants--bars/grand-cafe/
Common departure from the hotel at 19:30 (for a 5 minutes walk)

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