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PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:10	Welcome address Maryam Hansson Edalat , Coordinator of EURLO & UNICA Research Working Group and Head of Office for Research, Engagement and Innovation Services (REIS), Stockholm University
10:10 – 10:40	Keynote speech <i>Ethics from the perspective of the European Commission</i> , by Isidoros Karatzas , Head of Sector for Ethics and Research Integrity, European Commission
10:40 – 11:15	Panel Discussion Moderators John Pearson , Policy Officer for Ethics and Research Integrity, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Jonas Åkerman , Research Integrity and Ethics Coordinator, Stockholm University Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aliyah Morgernstern, Professor, Sorbonne Nouvelle, France• Antonella Ficorilli, Bioethicist, Società per l'Epidemiologia e la Prevenzione "Giulio A. Maccacaro" Milan, Italy• Aura Kivilaakso, Professor, Helsinki University, Finland
11:15 – 11:30	Q&A session

Biographies of the speakers

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Maryam Hansson Edalat | EURLO and UNICA Research Coordinator



Maryam Hansson Edalat is the Head of Office for Research, Engagement and Innovation Services (REIS) at Stockholm University, which, together with KI and KTH, has recently established a joint Brussels office to improve the outcome of EU funding. Previously, she was Head of the Department of Research Support at the same university and worked as a coordinator for a national inquiry for the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications. She was a Marie Curie fellow, having done her postdoc at ETH Zurich in Switzerland. Through research collaboration, she also worked at UC-Berkeley and Karolinska Institutet as well as biotech and start-up companies.

Isidoros Karatzas | European Commission, DG Research & Innovation



Isidoros Karatzas is a biochemist and psychologist by training. After joining the European Commission, he was responsible for the ex-post evaluation of the Framework Programme. He managed the risk governance research file and was the scientific secretary of the European Research Advisory Board (EURAB), a high-level body that advised the Commission on research policy and research priorities. Currently, he is the head of the Research Ethics and Integrity Sector in DG Research and Innovation. As head of the Sector, he established the Ethics Appraisal process for the research Framework Programmes, initiated advanced training courses on research ethics for Commission staff, ethics experts and the research community and has set up the first European system on ethics checks. In addition, the sector oversees the Research Integrity policy activities, including the relations with relevant stakeholders such as ALLEA, LERU and the business community and the funding of research in research ethics and integrity under the ERA part of Horizon Europe (Reforming and enhancing the EU R&I system).

John Pearson | Vrije Universiteit Brussel



John Pearson is Policy Officer for Ethics and Research Integrity at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. He has a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics. He carried out post-doctoral research at the University of Antwerp and the University of Namur. He has been an Ethics Expert for the European Commission.

 Jonas Åkerman | Stockholm University



Jonas Åkerman is a docent (reader/associate professor) in philosophy. He currently works as Research Integrity and Ethics Coordinator at Stockholm University (Office of Research, Engagement and Innovation Services). He is co-chair of EARMA's Ethics and Research Integrity Officers Network (ERION) and member and secretary of the expert group on ethics within the Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions.

Aliyah Morgenstern | Sorbonne Nouvelle University



Aliyah Morgenstern majored in English studies and linguistics at Ecole Normale Supérieure Fontenay-St Cloud in France. During and after her PhD at Sorbonne Nouvelle University, she taught at Brown, Harvard, Paris Descartes, Sorbonne Nouvelle and Ecole Normale Supérieure in Lyon. She is currently President of the Research Ethics committee and a full Professor at Sorbonne Nouvelle University where she teaches linguistics, multimodal interaction and language acquisition. Her research is focused on language development using ethnographic methods and socio-pragmatic, functionalist perspectives. She has supervised over a dozen research projects, and shared the multimodal data on open-access platforms. She has been the president of the French Association in Cognitive Linguistics, is currently the vice-president of the International Society for Gesture Studies and on the board of the International Association for the Study of Child Language.

 Antonella Ficorilli | Società per l'Epidemiologia e la Prevenzione "Giulio A. Maccacaro" Milan



Antonella Ficorilli is a bioethicist that graduated in Philosophy. She held a PhD in Bioethics at Bologna University in 2009 and a Master's Degree in Practical Ethics and Bioethics at Sapienza University of Rome in 2005 (Italy). She has conducted research activities at Oxford University and other universities and scientific institutions. She is currently participating in the Cities-Health H2020 project as an external collaborator for the non-profit social enterprise Società per l'Epidemiologia e la Prevenzione "Giulio A. Maccacaro", Milan, Italy. Her recent research interests are primarily in the field of research ethics, with a focus on citizen science and participatory epidemiological studies. A specific field of her interest regards the ethical and regulatory issues related to biobanking in biomedical and epidemiological research.

 Aura Kivilaakso | Helsinki University



Aura Kivilaakso works as a Senior Advisor in Research Management at the University of Helsinki. She is the university's research integrity coordinator, and secretary of the Ethical Review Board in the Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Her academic background is in the humanities: she is a Ph.D. in Cultural Heritage Studies and a member of the board of the Finnish Society for Urban Studies.