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	Last name	First name	Host Institution name	Host Institution local name	Host country	Project Acronym & Title	Panel
1	COGLIATI DEZZA	Irene	Free University of Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles	BE	WiseSeek - Unravelling the motivations to wisely seek information	SH4
2	JURENAS	Dukas	Free University of Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles	BE	Fun-ContRoll - Function, role, and control of gigantic bacterial roll	LS8
3	MARTENS	Chloe	Free University of Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles	BE	DynamITE - Modulating Drug Transporters Dynamics to Improve Therapeutic Efficacy	LS9
4	PASTUSHENKO	Ievgeniia	Free University of Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles	BE	COMPASS - Deciphering the COMPASS that guides cancer	LS3
5	SCHWAK	Juliette	Free University of Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles	BE	PENEA - Longing for an economic past? Political economic nostalgia in East Asian societies	SH3
6	STAELS	Willem	Free University of Brussels	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	BE	IRON-BETA - Unraveling the iron metabolism of pancreatic β -cells	LS4
7	SWYNGEDOUW	Eva	Free University of Brussels	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	BE	EXPULSE - Urban Expulsion Regimes: Understanding the Lived Experiences of Housing Insecurity in European Cities	SH7
8	BLUWSTEIN	Jevgeniy	University of Bern	Universität Bern	CH	LeGo - Legal Governmentality - governing climate activism through criminal law and human rights in Europe	SH7
9	HUWILER	Simona	University of Bern	Universität Bern	CH	BAC-MUNITY - Unravelling bacterial immunity against predatory bacteria: the last line of defence	LS9
10	PÖPPELMEIER	Frerk	University of Bern	Universität Bern	CH	BGCTip - Unraveling tipping dynamics of marine biogeochemistry from past climate transitions	PE10
11	DRÁPAL	Jakub	Charles University of Prague	Univerzita Karlova V Praze	CZ	RE-CON-SENT - Re-Constructing Sentencing: A Multidimensional Study of Judicial Discretion in Continental Europe	SH2
12	GÁLISOVÁ	Andrea	Charles University of Prague	Univerzita Karlova V Praze	CZ	PROVIDE - Programmable In Vivo Delivery and Monitoring of Proteins by Extracellular Vesicles	LS9
13	FREIRE DE ANDRADE NE	Marcos	Free University of Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin	DE	MORTALMED - Mortal Medicine: The Social Life of a Death-Inducing Pharmaceutical	SH8
14	BRASSART OLSEN	Céline E J L	University of Copenhagen	Københavns Universitet	DK	MaMas - Mapping and Conceptualizing a Legal Framework for Maternal Rights during Pregnancy, Birth, and Early Motherhood	SH2
15	HELTBERG	Mathias Luid	University of Copenhagen	Københavns Universitet	DK	PHOSCIL - Phase Separation and Oscillations in DNA Damage Response	PE3
16	LI	Elizabeth	University of Copenhagen	Københavns Universitet	DK	REEXIST - Existentialism Retold: Women and Existential Philosophy of Religion in Nineteenth Century Scandinavia	SH5
17	NIELSEN	Michael	University of Copenhagen	Københavns Universitet	DK	BEYOND - Beyond UV: Visible-light Photocatalysis in Prebiotic Chemistry	PE5
18	PAESANI	Stefano	University of Copenhagen	Københavns Universitet	DK	ASPEQT - Artificial atoms in Silicon Photonics for Error-corrected Quantum Technologies	PE2
19	LAURI	Triin	Tallinn University	Tallinna Ülikool	EE	EDUMERIT - Solidarity Lost in Implementation? Social Mobility and Belief in Meritocracy Shaped by School Choice Policies.	SH3
20	CUETO GOMEZ	Ana Rosario	Autonomous University of Madrid	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	ES	PLUSPHOTON - Turn the extra light on: enhancing the discovery potential of Higgs production in association with a photon	PE2
21	FERNÁNDEZ RUIZ	M. Rosario	University of Alcalá	Universidad de Alcalá	ES	SENSE - Global Sensing Network enabled by Passive Noiseless Amplification	PE7
22	GIANOLI	Francesco	University Charles III, Madrid	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	ES	ActivEAR - Watts in my ear? Unravelling the power source of mammalian hearing.	LS5
23	MARTINFERNANDEZ	Mario	University Charles III, Madrid	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	ES	ASTROCODE - Unravelling the Astrocytic Code: Investigating the Role of Astrocytes in Information Processing	LS5
24	BUCCHERI	Alessandro	EPHE - PSL	Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE) - PSL	FR	POLYBOTA - Polytheism and Botany: An Experimental Approach to the Environmental Dimensions of Ancient Greek Religion	SH5
25	BENHAM	Graham	University College Dublin	University College Dublin	IE	SurFSUP - Surfing on Free Surfaces by Undulating Propulsion	PE8
26	DALY	Kevin	University College Dublin	University College Dublin	IE	HERDPATH - The genomic consequences of domestication for ruminant pathogen evolution and herd diversity across ten millennia	LS8
27	O'KEEFFE	Mary	University College Dublin	University College Dublin	IE	PainSupportLink - New frontiers in chronic pain management: A personalised support package targeting the mechanistic links between social disadvantage and pain sensitisation	LS7

28	TISCORNIA	Lucia	University College Dublin	University College Dublin	IE	CRIMLATAM - Criminal Governance in Unexpected Contexts: the Role of the Welfare State in Latin America	SH2
29	CIDONIO	Gianluca	Sapienza University of Rome	Sapienza Università di Roma	IT	BRIDGE - Bioprinting with Real-time Imaging and cell-biomaterial Density for Growth Enhancement	PE11
30	MILONIA	Stefano	Sapienza University of Rome	Sapienza Università di Roma	IT	MUSICA FRANCA - Medieval French Lyric Across Linguistic Borders: Music, Imitation, and Intertextuality	SH5
31	GIOVANNINI	Tommaso	University of Rome 'Tor Vergata'	Università degli Studi di Roma 'Tor Vergata'	IT	CHOPIN - atomistic approaches for plasmonic Photo Induced phenomena	PE4
32	KOTIŠOVÁ	Johana	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	BEfacts - Emotions and bodies in factbased media production: Integrating affective and embodied knowledge into journalism and documentary filmmaking	SH3
33	NIKOLIC	Milica	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	EMODEV - The emergence of distinct emotions in human development	SH3
34	PFEILMEIER	Sebastian	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	XANTHORESIST - Cell type-Specific Disease Resistance Against Vascular Xanthomonas Plant Pathogens	LS9
35	PLEUNIS	Ziggy	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	EnviroFlash - Unravelling the nature of fast radio bursts through a multifaceted look at their local environments	PE9
36	SIBGATULLINA	Gulnaz	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	IRInA - Illiberal Religious Internationalism in Africa	SH8
37	STEFANSSON	Gudmundur	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	THOR - Tracing Habitability Of Red dwarfs	PE9
38	TAGIURI	Giacomo	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	GovLoss-EU - The Governance of Loss in the European Union	SH2
39	ZAC	Amit	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	Lex-Luthor - Lex Imperfecta: Leveraging (Un)supervised MachineLearning Tools for Optimizing Digital Markets Regulations	SH2
40	ZHANG	Jianbo	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	NeoGutChip - A Neonatal anaerobic Gutmicrobiome-on-a-Chip to decode bacterial colonization and infant gut T cell maturation	LS4
41	ZUIDDAM	Jeroen	University of Amsterdam	Universiteit van Amsterdam	NL	SPECTRA - Asymptotic spectra: from algebraic complexity theory to graph theory and beyond	PE6
42	NYRUP	Jacob	University of Oslo	Universitetet i Oslo	NO	GETGOV - Governing elites since the dawn of modern democracy	SH2
43	PALUMBO	Alessandro	University of Oslo	Universitetet i Oslo	NO	EpiCentres - Epigraphic centres of medieval Scandinavia: Latinization and revernacularization of the linguistic landscape 1050-1550	SH5
44	SEICA	Alvaro	University of Oslo	Universitetet i Oslo	NO	DESCENSURA - A Comparative Study of Poetry under Censorship in the Iberian Dictatorships (1933-1978)	SH5
45	NABAIS	Paula	NOVA University of Lisbon	Universidade NOVA de Lisboa	PT	SCARLET - Study and interpretation of historical natural dye formulations for the modern textile design	SH8
46	DE BAERDEMAEKER	Siska	Stockholm University	Stockholms universitet	SE	DECIDE - Deciding about Future Science: How Scientists Can Collectively Set Research Priorities in the Era of Big Science	SH5
47	LAHÉN	Natalia	Stockholm University	Stockholms universitet	SE	ILMATAR - Unravelling the Cosmic Dawn: origin of globular clusters and their host galaxies	PE9
48	PERSKI	Olga	Stockholm University	Stockholms universitet	SE	Time Matters - Uncovering dynamic mechanisms and optimising the intervention timing across the addictions	SH4
49	STEPHENSON	Jessica	Stockholm University	Stockholms universitet	SE	EpiSex - The effects of sexual selection on epidemic outcomes	LS8
50	SVALLFORS	Signe	Stockholm University	Stockholms universitet	SE	SeRO - Sexual and Reproductive Outcomes of Violent Crime	SH7
51	KOZJEK	Dominik	University of Ljubljana	Univerza v Ljubljani	SI	MeltingWell - Melting-Process-Condition Variations-Aware Control of the Laser-Powder Bed Fusion of Metals	PE8
52	SEPETA VC	Jasmina	University of Ljubljana	Univerza v Ljubljani	SI	QEAST - Archiving and Curating the Margins: Queer Memory Activism and Infrastructures in Southeastern and Eastern Europe	SH8
53	DENG	Yansha	King's College London	King's College London	UK	REACTION - Real-time Chemical Signal Processing for Microfluidic Molecular Communications: Design, Theory, Prototypes, and Applications	PE7
54	BUSANI	Ofer	University of Edinburgh	University of Edinburgh	UK	UnivKPZ - Universality in the Kardar-Parisi- Zhang class	PE1
55	GOTTFRIES	Axel	University of Edinburgh	University of Edinburgh	UK	COLLABOR - Collusion and Imperfect Competition in Labor Markets: A Unified Approach	SH1

56	KANWAR	Gurtej	University of Edinburgh	University of Edinburgh	UK	FoundLatt - A Foundation Model for Lattice QCD: Learning to Understand the Standard Model and Beyond	PE2
57	PONTI	Edoardo Maria	University of Edinburgh	University of Edinburgh	UK	AToM-FM - Adaptive Tokenization and Memory in Foundation Models for Efficient and Long-Horizon AI	PE6
58	TOLOMEO	Leonardo	University of Edinburgh	University of Edinburgh	UK	CritPDEsRand - Overcoming criticality for PDEs with randomness	PE1