



## Multidisciplinary Research Workshop Trust Matters

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### Abstract

Trust matters in the lives of individuals and political communities. It matters whether or not individuals trust one another. It matters that citizens justifiably trust their democratic representatives, if they do trust them. It matters also, both morally and politically, whether an exercise of authority is based on a genuine claim to trustworthiness.

As we witness a revival of an interest in trust in public life, politics, and the media, this is a particularly good moment for a group of scholars from different academic traditions and research fields to discuss the various dimensions of trust. On the one hand, political theorists and legal philosophers can benefit from drawing on the rich literature on trust in the social, cognitive, and economic sciences. On the other, new dimensions can be added to ongoing work of sociologists, historians, and economists by considering philosophical writings on the attitude of trust. There is much we can learn from each other. The workshop aims to contribute to a better understanding of trust and why it matters in personal relationships, social interactions, and political communities.

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### Programme

9:45 am – 10:00 am: Welcome and coffee

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Introduction, Raquel Barradas de Freitas (MWF, LAW)

10:15 am – 11:15 am: Annalise Acorn (Faculty of Law, University of Alberta): 'The language of trust without the attitude of trust: Repairing Relations Between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people in Canada'.

Response by Carolin Schmitz, (MWF, HEC).

Chair: Anna Wallermann (MWF, LAW).

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Federico Brandmayr (Research Fellow, Université Paris-Sorbonne), 'Do Populists Distrust Science? The Political Epistemology of Populism in Italy and France'.

Response by Marta Morvillo (MWF, LAW).

Chair: João Rafael Sousa da Cunha (MWF, RSC).

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Max Harris (All Souls College, Oxford), ‘How Should We Relate to One Another Politically? Love and Trust as Relational Ethics in the Political Realm’.

Response by Richard Bellamy (Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies).

Chair: Tatyana Zhuravleva (MWF, ECO).

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm: Sergio lo Iacono (MWF, SPS), ‘The Perks and The Costs of Living in a Social Bubble. How Homogeneous Ego-Networks Affect Generalised Trust’.

Response by Cristiano Castelfranchi (Universities of Rome and Siena).

Chair: Mario Quaranta (MWF, SPS).

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm: Coffee break

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Roundtable: Raquel Barradas de Freitas (MWF, LAW), Giovanni Sartor (Professor of Law, EUI/Bologna), Giuliano Mori (Harvard Centre for Renaissance Studies, Florence), Birgit Aasa (Researcher in Law, EUI), Matthew Canfield (MWF, LAW), Chiara Destri (MWF, SPS).

5:30 pm – 5:45 pm: Closing remarks