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International colloquium on ‘International research ethics and governance: lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic’

The first international colloquium on ‘International research ethics and governance: lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic’ will take place on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 June 2022. The hybrid event is organised by the Research Ethics and Scientific Integrity Council at Université Paris-Saclay (POLÉTHIS), the Espace éthique Île-de-France, the Institute of Public Law Studies (IEDP) and the Research Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (CESP- Inserm/Univ. Paris-Saclay/UVSQ).

The health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic was a singular time which had a direct impact on research and society as a whole. Rarely before has the link between science and society, and the need for science to serve the latter, been so apparent.

Faced with the intrinsic complexity of such a crisis, the ‘International research ethics and governance: lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic’ colloquium aims to unravel and explain the constraints and opportunities triggered by the pandemic. The event also hopes to develop a shared approach to national and international ethical and legal standards, which can, in such contexts, make our world a fairer and more collective place.

From ethics to international research governance, the interdisciplinary study will focus on known developments, as well as the limits and potential and desirable evolutions in the field. Each of the event’s themes will deal with ethics, law, and more generally, governance and regulation, without limiting the plurality of their meanings and fields of application.

Agnès de Leersnyder, CEO of Future4care, who will be hosting the colloquium, will give the opening speech. **Michel Kazatchkine**, panellist of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response and **Gilles Raguin**, president of the Institutional Review Board at Institut Pasteur, will conclude the fruitful two-day event.

The programme is available online [here](#).

If you would like to attend the colloquium, you can register by sending an email to service.presse@universiteparis-saclay.fr, indicating the media you represent.

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Located in the south of Paris on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading university, Université Paris-Saclay is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nested in a protected natural area, at the heart of a dynamic economic hub.



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