**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 Marti**
*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

10:30  **Göran Sundquist**
*Formalising and separating: summarising science for climate policy*

10:45  **Robert Evans**
*Science and democracy in the third wave: elective modernism not epistocracy*

11:00  **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. Tornblad  
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  Coffee

**Session 2b** 
Undervisningsrom 2, GSH  
Chair: Silje Langvatn  
Discussant: Göran Sundquist

14:30  Anthony Zito  
Expertise and power: environmental agencies operating in complex political and environmental policy environments

14:45  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

15:00  Alessandra Arcuri (& Marta Simoncini co-author)  
L’Aquila and beyond: what role for ‘responsibility’ in regulatory science?

15:15  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](http://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

10:45  Marianne Riddervold
Let’s study arguments! Deliberation in EU decision-making processes

11:00  Hans-Jörg Trenz (& Espen D. H. Olsen co-author)
The micro-macro link: Deliberative experiments and democratic legitimacy

11:15  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?
Auditorium 2, GSH

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**17:00** End of conference

**19:30** Dinner at Grand Café
Common departure from the hotel at 19:30 (for a 5 minutes walk)
Confirmed participants

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