

Announcement

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Monday, 23 June 2025, 10.15-11.45am s.t.



Simon Lohse is a philosopher interested in social ontology and epistemic practices in the social and life sciences, also as they relate to policy. His current research focuses on knowledge integration in evidence-based policy and on questions at the intersection of philosophy of biomedicine, ethics and social studies of science.



Philippe van Basshuysen is Professor of Public Health Ethics at CELLS. His research interests include public health, the development and use of novel technologies, and the design and regulation of markets. He investigates urgent ethical issues arising in these fields by integrating perspectives from philosophy, politics and economics.

Three Problems for Predictive Policy Advice

Scientific policy advice offers a systematic method to enhance the rationality, trustworthiness and (societal) responsiveness of policy-making. Today, it can be seen as an integral element in progressive legislation, government work and policy-making in general and is used as a matter of course in almost all policy areas. In this talk, we discuss three problems for predictive policy advice: epistemic pluralism, implicit value influences, and model performativity. We analyse these problems, explore some links between them and indicate possible ways of addressing them.

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