PERISCOPE CONFERENCE

LSE COMMISSION FOR PANDEMIC GOVERNANCE AND INEQUALITIES

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Introduction from Professor Laura Bear

I would like to offer you my warmest welcome to the 2023 LSE Commission for Pandemic Governance and Inequalities. This event is part of the EU-wide Horizon-2020 PERISCOPE project. This three-year experiment in multi-country and cross-disciplinary research involves a consortium of 32 European institutions. They are investigating the social, economic, behavioural and mental health-related aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This scale of work has generated many significant comparisons and innovative policy approaches. At the event on 5th June at LSE, we will build on this in an engaged discussion with policymakers, community organisations and academics. We expect this unusual conversation to generate challenges to pandemic management and create new paths for the future.

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Introduction from Professor Tim Allen

It has been fantastic to work with partners across Europe as part of the Periscope project. It has drawn together colleagues from across the LSE and various institutions in Europe in a collaborative, cross-disciplinary way, and we have all learned a huge amount from each other. It has been particularly interesting exploring how the Covid-19 epidemic has been discussed in comparison with work we have been doing at the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa (FLIA), where the Periscope project is based in the LSE. The work on multi-level governance as part of this Commission has had fruitful discussions with the Centre for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID), which is also hosted at FLIA.

It would be great if we could move forward with these networks in future research to continue these fruitful exchanges and to draw from these networks in our future work on these crucially important issues.

Professor Tim Allen
Director of the Periscope Project at LSE
and of the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa (FLIA) at LSE

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LSE Commission for Pandemic Governance and Inequalities

This public panel event hosted at LSE is an opportunity for cross-disciplinary reflection on the experiences, challenges and opportunities of Covid-19 governance, to inform engaged discussion and ideas for future pandemics. This is part of the Europe-wide Horizon-2020 PERISCOPE project, a study on the socioeconomic social, economic, behavioural and mental health impact of aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event consolidates findings from a three-part commission involving key community leaders, policymakers and young people from across the UK and Europe. The commission is focused on inequalities related to Covid-19 governance, with the aim of producing collaborative recommendations on how to ameliorate these inequalities in the present and how to build a new model of pandemic governance in the future.

The event brings together practitioners, policymakers and academics to discuss lessons learned during Covid-19 for pandemic governance and preparedness.

The programme will be structured around key themes related to local, national and global levels of pandemic governance, such as public health responses to Covid-19, evidence and data in decision-making, and the role of carers and social infrastructures. There will be multiple meeting formats within the wider event, including breakout panel discussions, keynote speeches and interactive workshops.

Programme Agenda

TIME	EVENT	CHAIR	LOCATION
9:30	Registration and Coffee		
10:00	LSE Commission for Pandemic Governance and Inequalities	Prof. Laura Bear	MAR.2.10
10:30	**First Panel Sessions** Covid-19, Global Health, and Security Trust Lab	Prof. Tim Allen Dr Elizabeth Storer	MAR.2.10 PAR.1.02
11:45	**Second Panel Sessions** Diaspora Communities and the Covid-19 Pandemic Macro-Data and Evidence During Pandemics	Isaac Stanley Prof. Andrea Renda	MAR.1.08 MAR.2.10
13:00	LUNCH		
13:15	**Brown Bag Session** Data-driven Technologies During Pandemics	Dr. Melis Mevsimler	MAR.1.08
14:00	**Third Panel Sessions** The Power of Community Champions: Lessons from Newham and London Behavioural Aspects of Covid-19 And the Pandemic Response	Anne Bowers Dr. Matteo Galizzi	MAR.1.08 PAR.1.02
15:15	BREAK		
15:30	**Fourth Panel Sessions** EU Institution Building: Science, Accountability and Communication Recognising And Supporting Carers and Social Infrastructures	Dr. Timothy Yu-Cheong Yeung Prof. Laura Bear	MAR.2.10 MAR.1.08
17:00	**Fifth Panel Sessions** Test, Trace and Isolate: The Challenges Faced By Local Authorities In England During The COVID-19 Pandemic Epidemics, One Health, and The Environment	Prof. Anne West Prof. Walter Osika	MAR.2.10 PAR. 1.02
17:30	**Plenary Session: A Future Fit For Young People**	Rose Dowling	MAR.2.10
18:30	DRINKS		

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LSE COMMISSION FOR PANDEMIC GOVERNANCE AND INEQUALITIES

This commission explores the inequalities that have emerged as a result of the intersection of the Covid-19 pandemic with particular governmental and socio-cultural forms. It suggests ways to ameliorate these inequalities in the present and how to build a fairer model of pandemic policy for the future. Overall the commission explores how to make various levels of pandemic governance more responsive to the realities of local situations. It argues that this is best achieved through the building of social infrastructures and communication networks across all levels of governance. The experts who have participated in this research include community leaders, public health practitioners, academic experts, national medical experts, national-level scientific advisors, and EU and global health officials. Research findings are comparative and multidisciplinary as they are based on contributions from partners in the EU-funded Horizon-2020 PERISCOPE project, including the London School of Economics (LSE), the Karolinska Institute (KI), the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM) and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS).

Prof. Laura Bear

Professor Laura Bear (PhD University of Michigan) specialises in the anthropology of the economy, infrastructures and time. Her current research focuses on the unequal effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on vulnerable UK communities and emerging practices of the public good. She has received many ESRC grants, including being on the management team for Rebuilding Macroeconomics. From 2020-2022 she was a participant in SPI-B and the Ethnicity groups under SAGE and advised MHCLG (now DLUC). Her focus in the pandemic response was on mitigating inequalities and using a social calculus or an emphasis on the impact of policies on disadvantaged and minoritized groups.

Dr Charlotte Hawkins

Dr Charlotte Hawkins is an anthropologist based at LSE. She is interested in using ethnographic research to explore issues of health inequality and care provision. Currently, Charlotte is a Postdoctoral Research Officer on the Periscope project, an EU-wide Horizon-2020 project on the social, economic, behavioural and mental health consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. She is managing multi-disciplinary research involving organisations across Europe as part of the LSE Commission on Pandemic Governance and Inequalities with Professor Laura Bear.

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COVID-19, GLOBAL HEALTH AND SECURITY

This panel brings together experts in the securitisation, militarisation and policing of global Covid-19 governance and the impact this has on inequalities. These experts also have extensive experience in informing policy and practice related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid-19 has exposed systemic inequalities and fragilities across contexts. Public health responses such as containment measures have sometimes been experienced as punitive, particularly among historically and economically excluded populations, with enforcement varying across political contexts and positions. In Uganda, where Professors Melissa Parker, Hayley MacGregor, Melissa Leach, and Tim Allen have conducted long-term research on the militarisation of epidemics, the Covid-19 response was politicised, with violence, tensions and inequalities exacerbated by various forms of public authority, including armed forces, humanitarian agencies, and broader geopolitical processes. Dr Clare Wenham brings a perspective on the risks of 'over-securitising' health from her empirical work across the political landscape of global health security and in the context of pandemic preparedness and response. She is also an expert on the gendered impact of Covid-19 policy. This panel will therefore focus discussions on the unequal risks of securitised and militarised public health responses to pandemics.

Prof. Tim Allen – Chair

Tim Allen is the inaugural Director of the Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa. He is a Professor of Development Anthropology in the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). His research has focused on forced migration, reintegration following displacements, war and conflict, aid programs, tropical diseases, HIV/AIDS and health programs. He is currently the Principal Investigator for the five-year ESRC-funded Centre for Public Authority and International Development and several other grants funded by the UK research councils (ESRC, AHRC, GCRF). Prof Allen is the LSE Principal Investigator within the Periscope Consortium.

Dr. Clare Wenham

Clare Wenham is an Assistant Professor of Global Health Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). She specialises in global health security and the politics and policy of pandemic preparedness and outbreak response through analysis of influenza, Ebola, Zika, and Covid-19. She is the Director of the MSc in Global Health Policy and sits on the steering committee of the LSE Global Health Initiative. Her work has been featured in The Lancet, BMJ, Security Dialogue, International Affairs, BMJ Global Health and Third World Quarterly.

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Prof. Melissa Parker

Melissa is a member of the Department of Global Health and Development at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Her research builds on multi-disciplinary training in Human Sciences and a DPhil from the University of Oxford. In 2014, Melissa established the Ebola Response Anthropology Platform with colleagues from Sierra Leone and the UK, which proved a valuable model for enabling expertise across the social sciences to inform the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Prof. Hayley Mcgregor

Haylen is a Medical Anthropology and Global Health Professor at the Institute of Development Studies in Health and Nutrition research. Her research interests include emerging infectious diseases and pandemic preparedness. Hayley trained as a medical doctor at the University of Cape Town in South Africa and pursued further studies in Social Anthropology. She completed a PhD at the University of Cambridge in 2003 on the experience of mental disturbance in a low-income urban settlement in South Africa.

Prof. Melissa Leach

Melissa Leach is the Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS). She co-founded and co-directed the ESRC STEPS (Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability) Centre from 2006 to 2014, with its pioneering pathways approach to innovation, sustainability and development issues. She is a Fellow of the British Academy and was awarded a CBE in 2017 for services to social science. Melissa obtained her MA in Geography from the University of Cambridge and completed her doctoral studies in Social Anthropology at the SOAS University of London.

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TRUST LAB

Over the course of the pandemic, 'trust' ascended as a key term through which state-society relationships were conceptualised in health policymaking. At different junctures of the pandemic, the success of particular UK policies was explained as indicating trust in science and state, whilst non-compliance and resistance to lockdowns and vaccinations were attributed to mistrust.

Despite its ubiquity, there have been little attempts to interrogate how policymakers understand trust, the effects of the discourse, nor to assess the potential of the labelling of particular communities as 'non-compliant' to stigmatise. Drawing on research and research methods established by an interdisciplinary research team (Nikita Simpson, Suad Duale, Iliana Sarafian, Liz Storer, and Wilena Weurth), this lab seeks to interactively explore how trust can be theorised.

Through audience participation, it seeks to validate the findings of a Special Issue; Theorising Trust from Ethnographic Perspective. In all, the panel seeks to contribute to the Commission's emphasis on the potential of social listening approaches to politicize and contextualise 'trust' beyond a 'utopian vision'.

Dr Elizabeth Storer – Chair

Elizabeth Storer is a Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa, LSE Research Fellow. She is a medical geographer whose research focuses on the social lives of various healthcare interventions alongside community appropriations, resistance and reactions to them. Elizabeth coordinates the EU Horizon 2020 PERISCOPE (Pan-European Response to the Impacts of COVID-19 and Future Pandemics and Epidemics). She was also the Principal Investigator of a British Academy COVID-19 Recovery Grant, 'Ethnographies of (Dis)Engagement: Understanding Vaccine Rejection in Chronically Neglected Communities across the G7'.

Dr. Iliana Sarafian

Iliana is a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Public Authority and International Development at FLIA, London School of Economics. She is the Principal Investigator of a British Academy grant exploring resilience and deservingness among Ukrainian Roma refugees in Poland. She is also the Co-investigator of a British Academy grant on COVID-19 Recovery, 'Ethnographies of (Dis)Engagement: Understanding Vaccine Rejection in Chronically Neglected Communities across the G7', with a specific focus on COVID-19 vaccine uptake and orientations among Roma communities in Italy.

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Dr. Nikita Simpson

Nikita researches, develops interventions, and provides policy advisory on mental health and inequality in India, Southern Africa, and the UK. Before joining SOAS, she was a Postdoctoral Research Officer in the Department of Anthropology at LSE, where she was involved in the EU-Horizon-funded Periscope project. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she worked with Prof. Laura Bear to establish the Covid and Care Research Group, an intergenerational collective of researchers who have influenced policy on Covid-19 at the highest levels of government in the UK and the EU.

Dr. Suad Duale

Suad Duale is a Doctor in training in psychology. She is a Researcher, Activist, and Advocate for women's well-being. She is a visiting lecturer, community collaboration consultant , and Poet.

Dr. Milena Wuerth

Milena Wuerth is a researcher at the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa. Her research focuses on the social and economic determinants of health inequalities and strengthening social infrastructures in the post-pandemic period.

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DIASPORA COMMUNITIES AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Diasporas have played an important role in the response to Covid-19. Forming transnational networks which span societies of origin and destination, diaspora communities have been able to respond in distinctive ways to the social, economic and health challenges of the pandemic. This panel aims to open up a conversation between diasporic actors, experts, researchers and policymakers, to explore possibilities and challenges around the role of diasporas in transnational pandemic response. Organisers, researchers and practitioners with expertise in South Asian, Latin American Ugandan and Somali diasporas in the UK will discuss how the varying migratory and post-colonial experiences of these transnational communities inform their engagements with pandemic governance. The discussion will aim to move beyond the tendency of UK public health policymaking to group together all ethnic minority groups under the crude category of "BAME", considering the complex dynamics of class and ethnic inequalities which have shaped the unequal impacts of Covid-19. This panel will also consider emerging innovative practice, and possibilities for alternative forms of pandemic governance and care provision within and in collaboration with diaspora communities.

Isaac Stanley – Chair

Isaac is a PhD fellow in the department of Anthropology at the LSE. His current work focuses on changing imaginaries and practices of solidarity in Senegal. He also has longstanding research interests in the transnational organising practices of diaspora communities. Isaac was a previously a community organiser and a senior policy researcher for organisations including at the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and the Social Guarantee. He has written widely on alternative forms of economic thinking and practice, and notably on care work.

Dr. Kaveri Quereshi

Kaveri is a Senior Lecturer at the Global Health Policy Unit, within Social Policy at the School of Social and Political Science, at the University of Edinburgh. She is also the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships Co-Director. Kaveri's work is threaded by a concern with intersectional inequalities and how gender, race/ethnicity, class, caste, and religion shape experiences of health and intimate/personal life.

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Moses Mulimira

Moses is a Project manager at the NHS Global Health Fellowship. He is a research consultant on Diaspora Communities at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He is also the UK Lead of Uganda UK Health Alliance. Moses completed his postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford and an MSc in Clinical & Public Health Aspects of Addiction at King's College London.

Prof. Joanna Lewis

Joanna is an International History Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). She completed her master's in the History Faculty at the University of Cambridge and focused her doctoral research on colonial Kenya. She is the author of 'The Women of the Somali Diaspora: Refugees, Resilience and Rebuilding After Conflict' and several other publications.

Grace Romero

Grace is Latina and knows the numerous challenges the Spanish-speaking community faces. From 2015 to 2021, she coordinated the Espacio Mama group, which was dedicated to improving parents' well-being by providing a safe space where they could express themselves, belong, and socialize and for children to learn to play and be ready for nursery. She connected parents with various Latin American institutions and services in the community so that families could obtain relevant information to improve their lives. Grace has now taken on a new role at Pact as a Community Organiser because she is passionate about ensuring that Spanish-speaking parents participate in social justice actions and that Latin American parents are integrated.

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MACRO-DATA AND EVIDENCE DURING PANDEMICS

There are global calls for the better use of data and evidence in health policymaking. For complex, multi-dimensional health issues such as Covid-19, there is a need to engage with multiple bodies of evidence and dynamic approaches to data understood in a political context.

This panel brings together experts on various macro-data models used to assess pandemic policy responses and their economic and epidemiological consequences, with experience using data modelling to inform US and UK governments, the European Union, and the World Bank during the pandemic. They will discuss data frameworks for informing best practices in national and regional policy at different stages of the Covid-19 pandemic and across contexts. This includes possibilities of real-time policy monitoring, agent-based and predictive epidemiological models, multivariate statistical approaches to covid data analysis, commercial and digital data governance roles such as AI, mobile phone and social media data, and tools to analyse and visualise pandemic data.

Prof. Andrea Renda - Chair

Andrea is a Senior Research Fellow and Head of the CEPS Unit on Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital Economy (GRID). He is an Adjunct Professor of Digital Policy at the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute, in Florence (Italy), where he teaches courses on "Regulation of Emerging Technologies" and "AI Policy: ethics, policy and governance challenges".

Dr. Tony Curzon Price

Tony is a staff economist at the Competition and Markets Authority, advising the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, at the Cabinet Office and in the Number 10 policy unit. He has a PhD in economics from UCL and an MA from Oxford. His interests include public policy issues related to data, platforms, and market power.

Dr. Enea Parimbelli

Enea is a computer science researcher passionate about applying AI methods to the medical domain. He obtained his PhD in Bioengineering and Bioinformatics from the University of Pavia, Italy. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa, Canada.

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Dr. Maria del Rio Chanona

Maria is a James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF) Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Complexity Science Hub Vienna and the Growth Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School. She did a PhD in Mathematics at the Institute for New Economic Thinking at the Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford. Maria's research draws from network science and agent-based modelling and focuses on labour economics, the future of work, green transition, and the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prof. Gedion Onyango

Gedion Onyango (PhD University of the Western Cape) is a professor of Public Policy and Administration at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He is also a Research Fellow and Co-Investigator/National Investigator with The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa's Centre for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID), LSE.

LUNCH BREAK SESSION: DATA-DRIVEN TECHNOLOGIES DURING PANDEMICS

Contact tracing apps and digital vaccine passports were two of the most widely deployed technologies during the Covid-19 pandemic. For many governments, policymakers and public health experts across the world, these technologies raised hopes through their potential to assist countries in their fight against the Covid-19 virus. At the same time, they provoked concerns around privacy, surveillance, equity and social control, due to the sensitive social and public health surveillance data they use – or are perceived to use.

The Ada Lovelace Institute was one of the first research organisations to investigate these technologies' potential legislative, technical and societal implications. In the first two years of the pandemic, we made a wide range of policy and practice recommendations to mitigate these technologies' potential risks and challenges. In this session, we will revisit those early recommendations, assess available evidence now, and draw out lessons for policymakers, technology developers, civil society and those affected by these technologies.

Dr Melis Mevsimler – Chair

Melis is a Visiting Senior Researcher at the Ada Lovelace Institute. Her research aims to understand short- and long-term implications of Covid-19 technologies on society. She has a PhD in Digital Media and Migration from Utrecht University.

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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS: LESSONS FROM NEWHAM AND LONDON

This panel presentation brings together people from diverse roles in the Newham borough, including community members and advocates, local government and NHS officials, and some senior leaders in the Department for Public Health. This panel will offer a place-based, multi-level discussion of community health and public responses during the Covid-19 pandemic. From the perspective of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and cost-of-living crises in London today, the speakers will take a retrospective look to consider what has worked well and what could be better for future pandemic responses - particularly for addressing inequalities in the borough. This will include a focus on the Community Champions programme, the national roll-out of QR codes piloted in Newham, and the role of WhatsApp in sustaining informal community health networks. This panel will include a number of Community Champions from across Newham.

Anne Bowers – Chair

Anne is the Head of Community Public Health at the London Borough of Newham. She has more than 20 years of experience building sustainable programmes, with a strong track record of end-to-end transformation from strategy design to planning change and successful delivery. Anne has an MSc in Social Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Dr. Jason Strelitz

Jason is a Director of Public Health in the London Borough of Newham. He was previously a public health specialist with the Greater London Authority & the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust. Jason worked as a policy advisor for child poverty at Save the Children. He received his PhD from the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

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John Rooke

John Rooke was the director of Delivery for Newham Health and Care Partnership during COVID. Currently, John is the Managing Director North Place Health and Care Partnership, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Adeola Agbebiyi

Adeola has worked in Newham since April 2019 and is one of two interim Deputy Directors of Public Health, programme lead for the Newham Health Equity programme and strategic lead for improving outcomes around type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer and for Well Newham.

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BEHAVIOURAL ASPECTS OF COVID-19 AND THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE

The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us how crucial human behaviour is for pandemic responses and governance. The effectiveness of policies and adherence to Covid-19 measures relate to individual and population behaviours, and to the opportunities and barriers to changing behaviour, as also influenced by economic and social inequalities, individual and country differences.

Speakers will discuss the role of behavioural sciences in responding to the challenges and opportunities presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. This panel brings together experts who have been studying behaviours related to the Covid-19 responses through various methods, including behavioural experiments and randomised control trials, data analysis, social media analysis, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, and qualitative research. This includes work on public health messaging, vaccine uptake, risk management, medical decision-making, biases and choices, and behavioural interventions. Their work has significant implications for policy responses to global health crises, and for enhancing preparedness for future pandemics.

Prof. Matteo Galizzi - Chair

Matteo is an Associate Professor of Behavioural Science and Co-Director of the LSE Executive MSc in Behavioural Science. He is a behavioural and experimental economist with a PhD in Economics from the University of York (UK). With the LSE Behavioural Lab team and collaborators at the University of Trento and the Technical University of Munich, he is leading projects on the behavioural aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic and related policy responses within the pan-European PERISCOPE consortium funded by the European Commission.

Prof. Marco Brambilla

Marco Brambilla is full professor at Politecnico di Milano. He is active in research and innovation, both at industrial and academic level. His research interests include data science, software modelling languages and design patterns, crowdsourcing, social media monitoring, and big data analysis. He has been visiting researcher at CISCO, San Josè, and the University of California, San Diego. He authorises various international books, including Model Driven Software Development in Practice (II Edizione, Morgan-Claypool, 2017, adopted in 100+ universities worldwide), and Web Information Retrieval (Springer, 2013).

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Prof. Barbara Fasolo

Barbara is an Associate Professor in Behavioural Science in the Department of Management of the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is an expert in behavioural decision science change, specifically interested in digital nudging and choice architecture for improving decision-making processes. Barbara obtained her MSc in Decision sciences from the London School of Economics and completed her PhD in experimental psychology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, USA.

Martha Scherzer

Martha is a Public health professional with over twenty-five years of experience in East and Southern Africa, Asia and the U.S.A., specializing in behaviour change and health communication with a focus on HIV prevention, narrative interventions for key populations and gender transformative solutions. Joined the COVID-19 emergency response in February 2020 with the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen to strengthen risk communication and community engagement; developed and supported behavioural insights survey tools and data collection across multiple countries in the region; currently supporting the response to the war in Ukraine through qualitative research with refugees.

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EU INSTITUTION BUILDING: SCIENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNICATION

The European Union as an institution has been evolving rapidly since the Covid-19 pandemic. During the process of constructing and enhancing the current EU multi-level governance framework, several issues emerged and will be discussed in this panel. To respond to new challenges, the EU envisions a 'Health in All' principle but has not optimally implemented this approach in practice. A large part of EU bodies and agencies with health-relevant competencies are still working in silos, impeding the full exploitation of their power as a block. The proliferation of 'infodemics' is closely linked to the lack of transparency across different levels of the decision-making process. Inadequate transparency, coupled with conflicting opinions and recommendations within the EU, has created an environment conducive to the spread of misinformation and mistrust. The pandemic has also underscored the heightened importance of science - yet there is divided appreciation of evidence and expert advice. The objective of this panel is to initiate discussions on these important issues.

Dr. Timothy Yu-Cheong Yeung - Chair

Dr. Timothy is a Research Fellow in the Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and Digital Economy unit at CEPS. Timothy obtained his PhD in Economics from Toulouse School of Economics in 2016. He has contributed significantly to PERISCOPE as the main researcher in CEPS-leading tasks and the EPRS study on the Lessons for Future Cross-border Health Threats. His research on public health ranges from vaccine and vaccination strategies, to civil society involvement, and the impact of democracy on confinement measures.

Prof Erika Vlieghe

Professor Erika Vlieghe is an infectious disease specialist and advisor to the Belgian government. She holds the position of Head of General Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Tropical Medicine at the University Hospital of Antwerp. Currently, Professor Erika Vlieghe is the president of the Scientific Strategic Committee, consisting of 26 members of multiple disciplines, advising the Risk Management Groups of inter-federal public health authorities.

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Jane Arroyo

Jane Arroyo is a Research Assistant in the Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and Digital Economy (GRID) unit of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). She has been involved in the PERISCOPE project, contributing among other things to research on the role of civil society in pandemic response and the EU actorness in health emergency governance. Jane holds a Master's degree in International Economic Policy from Sciences Po Paris, and a Bachelor's degree in International Economics and Development from Université Paris-Dauphine.

Hien Vu

Hien Vu is Researcher at the Centre for European Policy Study (CEPS). Her research focuses on global health security and the multi-level governance of health crises, particularly in the institutional set-up and the interplay among stakeholders. Hien is one of CEPS's main researchers of the PERISCOPE project, and she is also leading a foresight study on Future Infectious Disease Threats to Europe for the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

Paula Gurtler

Paula Gürtler is a Research Assistant in the 'Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and Digital Economy' unit at CEPS. Her research interest focusses on the interplay between ethics and European policy, as well as the role of scientific advice in policy making. She has published the paper 'Ethical Obligations of Global Justice in the Midst of Global Pandemics' in the journal De Ethica. Paula holds an MA in Applied Ethics from Linköping University (Sweden).

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RECOGNISING AND SUPPORTING CARERS AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURES

This panel on recognising and supporting carers is taking place at the beginning of Carers Week 2023, an annual campaign to celebrate the vital contribution of carers in the UK.

Networks of formal and informal care are often invisible and neglected in health policy planning. The paid and unpaid work of sustaining life and relationships is not viewed holistically nor is it prioritised as essential. These issues are especially significant in pandemic crisis situations when communities, friendship and kinship networks had to take on a greater burden of caring for others to survive the crisis and rebuild after it. This raises the question of how pandemic, health and economic policies might in the future sustain vital social infrastructures outside crisis situations. How can paid care workers and unpaid carers be better 'recognised and supported' to prepare for future crises? During the pandemic, have new demands and possibilities for recognition in relation to elder, child, illness, disability, mental health and social care emerged?

This panel session brings together experts with lived experience of unpaid care and paid care work in the UK, to discuss carers' experiences of covid-19. Participants will suggest measures and governance structures that could better r recognise and support carers in future. Overall it aims to redefine the value of care in the EU and beyond.

Prof. Laura Bear - Chair

Professor Laura Bear (PhD University of Michigan) is a Professor of Anthropology at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her current research examines the unequal effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on disadvantaged communities paying attention to the disruption of caring relations and new forms of the public good. She works on co-produced community policy with government organisations such as SAGE and MHCLG.

Luke Tanner

Luke is Psychotherapist and Trainer and Consultant in culture change and relationship-centred care. He has extensive experience in social care settings, including older people's care, dementia care, residential care, home care, and PA work. Luke is also the author of the book 'Embracing Touch in Dementia Care: A Person-Centred Approach to Touch and Relationships'. Luke is the co-founder of the London Circle of Equal Care Coop and is currently piloting it's Commons-based model of care in Clapton, London.

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Elvis Mendez

Elvis Mendez has worked in the construction industry for over twenty years. For the last three years, he has taken time out to be a full time carer for his 84 year old mother who has COPD and other health issues that affect mobility. To support with the challenges of navigating the complex logistics of this and the NHS and social care system, Elvis and his mother are working with Saint Thomas Church in Clapton Common and Equal Care Co-op, who are a partner in exploring alternative care provision as a pilot.

Tony Collins-Moore

Tony Collins-Moore is the Carers Well-being Academy Manager at Carers Centre Tower Hamlets, a charity that provides services for unpaid carers in the East London borough.

Dr. Iliana Sarafian

Iliana is a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Public Authority and International Development at FLIA, London School of Economics. She is the Principal Investigator of a British Academy grant exploring resilience and deservingness among Ukrainian Roma refugees in Poland. She is also the Co-investigator of a British Academy grant on Covid-19 Recovery, 'Ethnographies of (Dis)Engagement: Understanding Vaccine Rejection in Chronically Neglected Communities across the G7', with a specific focus on Covid-19 vaccine uptake and orientations among Roma communities in Italy.

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TEST, TRACE AND ISOLATE: THE CHALLENGES FACED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The UK government adopted a highly centralised approach to the COVID-19 pandemic in England. However, over time, the role of local government became increasingly prominent. The presentation will address the challenges faced by local authorities during the pandemic, focusing on test/trace/isolate strategies. It will examine the roles played by central and local government; local authorities' relationship with the communities they serve and with service providers; and the cross-cutting themes of trust, communication, funding and planning.

Prof. Anne West

Professor Anne West is based in the Department of Social Policy at the LSE. She has carried out research in a range of different areas of social policy including health, social care, education and early years education and care.

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EPIDEMICS, ONE HEALTH, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the interdependence of human, animal, and environmental health. This human-animal-environmental interface locates some of the most urgent issues of our time, where climate change, ecological extraction, and environmental degradation (processes that also can be conceptualised as creeping crises), meet non-communicable and infectious diseases. Where governance priorities often remain anthropocentric, there is a need for policy attention to non-human factors, including a broad engagement with the needs and rights of non-humans and the environment.

This can be approached through a One Health framework, a transdisciplinary approach to pandemic governance to tackle threats to human and animal health and ecosystems and to support pandemic prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. The WHO and various national governments have taken this up to achieve sustainability and improve public health. We invite participants to together with the panellists explore the limits and opportunities of this governance approach in supporting ecosystem and population health, and the need to address human mindsets as deep leverage points for transformation.

Prof. Walter Osika - Chair

Walter is an associate professor in clinical neuroscience and a physician specialising in internal medicine, cardiology, and psychiatry. He is also the co-founder of the Centre for Social Sustainability at the Karolinska Institute, Sweden, and its current Director.

Phoebe Tickell

Phoebe is a biologist and systems thinker developing methodologies and approaches suited for a better world. She works across multiple societal contexts applying a complexity and systems thinking lens, and has worked in organisational design, advised government, the education sector and the food and farming sector. She has a first-class degree in Biological Natural Sciences from Cambridge University.

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A FUTURE FIT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Plenary session will be led by a group of young leaders from across the UK who have been involved in the LSE Commission for Pandemic Governance with Leaders Unlocked.

Through collaborative workshops, these speakers have designed policy recommendations offering clear principles and guidance for centring young people in future pandemic responses. Their ideas highlight possibilities for policy change, adequate public resourcing and health equality. Their work reimagines funding for all services during health crises, with a focus on education, digital access, housing, community spaces, employment, policing, care institutions, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Support (CAMHs), and third sector organisations. Whilst building from pre-existing policies to create new ones, their report will help to address a lack of trust in political authority and close the gap between people and policy, proposing instead a 'transparent policy implementation network' on the basis of three principles: clarity, consistency, and collectivism.

Rose Dowling – Chair

Rose is the CEO and founder of Leaders Unlocked, a social enterprise that gives young people and underrepresented groups a more vital say on the issues that affect them in education, politics, policing, health, criminal justice and elsewhere. She helps organisations to involve the people who matter and shape decision-making for the better.

Leaders Unlocked

The young leaders are between the ages of 16 and 25 who come from a wide range of areas including Leicester, London, Nottingham, Lancashire and Derbyshire. They have all undertaken one or more project in the past to examine the impacts of the pandemic for young people, and were keen to take this further through the Commission for Pandemic Governance.

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THE PAN-EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 AND FUTURE PANDEMICS AND EPIDEMICS (PERISCOPE)

The European Commission approved PERISCOPE (PAN-EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACTS OF Covid-19 AND FUTURE PANDEMICS AND EPIDEMICS). This large-scale research project brings together 32 European institutions and is coordinated by the University of Pavia. PERISCOPE is a Horizon 2020 research project funded with almost 10 million Euros under the Coronavirus Global Response initiative launched in May 2020 by the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. The goal of PERISCOPE is to shed light on the broader socio-economic and behavioural impacts of Covid-19. A multidisciplinary consortium will bring together experts in all aspects of the current outbreak: clinical and epidemiologic, socio-economic and political, statistical and technological. The consortium's partners will conduct theoretical and experimental research to understand better the pandemic's short- and long-term impacts and the measures adopted to contain it. Such research-intensive activities will allow the consortium to propose measures to prepare Europe for future pandemics and epidemics in a relatively short timeline.

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is a leading partner in delivering PERISCOPE objectives. Hosted by the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa (FLIA), the wider PERISCOPE team includes LSE faculty members across the Department of Economics, Department of Anthropology, Department of Health Policy, Department of Social Policy and the LSE Behavioural Lab.

The primary objectives of PERISCOPE are:
- To collect data on the extensive effects of Covid-19 and create a comprehensive, user-friendly COVID Atlas that will serve as a reference tool for researchers, policymakers, and the general public.
- To analyse the collected data using innovative statistical methods, including machine learning tools.
- To identify effective practices and strategies implemented at the local level that can be expanded across Europe to improve the containment of the pandemic and mitigate its socio-economic consequences.
- To provide guidelines for policymakers at all levels of government to enhance Europe's readiness for similar events in the future and recommend improvements to the multi-level health governance system.

PERISCOPE started on 1 November 2020 and will last until 31 October 2023.

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