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Take the opportunity to meet your peers as well as renowned researchers from the Aurora partner universities. Expand your network and maybe even start new collaborations in your research area!

# Societal Challenges

## Virtual Lecture Series & Early Career Networking Hour Academic Year 2023

The Societal Challenges Lecture Series is aimed at early career researchers with a two-fold objective: delivering cutting-edge academic analysis on the diverse problems of our times, and providing international networking opportunities for doctoral researchers and postdocs.

The lecture series aims at providing an antidote to impulsive disaster talk through perceptive academic analysis. Outstanding researchers within the Aurora University Alliance will give engaging online lectures during the academic year 2023 within two of the Aurora priority domains:

- Digital Society & Global Citizenship
- Health & Well-being

Delivered online via Zoom, each event begins with a 30–45 minute lecture by an outstanding researcher. Following the talk, you will have the opportunity to discuss the lecture, formulate questions for the speaker, and network in breakout rooms for 20 minutes. Finally, audience and speaker reconvene for a well-prepared, stimulating Q&A.

Participation will be certified upon request.

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# Program for the Academic Year 2023

## January 2023

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**24 January 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Science Fundamentalism

Katherine Dormandy, Dept. of Christian Philosophy, University of Innsbruck

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**25 January 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Immuno-psychiatry: towards precision medicine

Marion Leboyer, Dept. of Psychiatry, Université Paris-Est Créteil

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## February 2023

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**01 February 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Diet in the primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases: PREDIMED STUDIES

Jordi Salas-Salvadó, Dept. of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Universitat Rovira i Virgili

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**09 February 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

To feed or not to feed – How tumor cells adapt to their nutrient environment

Kathrin Thedieck, Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Innsbruck

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## March 2023

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**07 March 2023 14:00–15:30 CET**

Complex systems approaches to social sciences illustrated with an analysis of judicial decisions

Marta Sales-Pardo & Lluç Font Pomarol, Dept. Of Chemical Engineering, Univ. Rovira i Virgili

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**09 March 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Mendelian disorders of the Epigenetic Machinery: discovery to possible treatments

Hans Tómas Björnsson, Biomedical Center; University of Iceland

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**23 March 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Preparing the Next Generation to Fulfil SDGs: Teaching for Social Innovation

Maxim Tomoszek, Centre for International Humanitarian and Operational Law, Palacký University

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**30 March 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Illegal content on digital platforms – a legal perspective

Clara Rauchegger, Dept. of Legal Theory and Future of Law, University of Innsbruck

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## April 2023

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**13 April 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Ecosystem Health: From single cells to solar system scale

Alexander Probst, Research Center One Health Ruhr, University of Duisburg-Essen

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**27 April 2023, 14:00–15:30 CET**

Cloud Culture: Cinema, Digital Modernity and the Archive

Björn Þór Vilhjálmsson, Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Iceland

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