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Fake Science – Isolated Cases or a Systemic Problem?

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15.09.2026

Taboo Topics We Can No Longer Avoid: Negligence, Tampering, and Fraud

Ian Hussey (University of Bern)

Research Integrity and the Quest for Treatments for Alzheimer's Disease (online)

Matthew Schrag (Vanderbilt University)

29.09.2026

Protecting Research Integrity – A Practitioner's View

Wolfgang Ernst (University of Zurich)

The Conflict between Agentic AI and Open Data: Protecting Open Science from Exploitation (online)

Matt Spick (University of Surrey)

13.10.2026

Philosophy of Scientific Malpractice

Hanne Andersen (University of Copenhagen)

No Research Integrity without True Scientific Spirit

Benoit Gaultier (University of Zurich)

27.10.2026

Phantastic Images and Where to Find Them (and How to Deal with Them) (online)

Kim Wever (Radboud Medical Center, Nijmegen)

Journals as Curators Rather than Publishers

Meredith Schuman (University of Zurich)

10.11.2026

Healing Science from the Inside Out: Meta-Science as a Vital Path to Public Trust

Ye Sun (University of Georgia)

Studying the Research System: Metaresearch, Incentives, and Research Assessment Reform

Rachel Heyard (University of Zurich)

24.11.2026

Equating Research Integrity with Good Scientific Practice – a Journey with Moving Goal-posts

Edwin Constable (University of Basel)

Understanding the Spectrum of Questionable Research Practices Helps to Promote Research Integrity

Leonhard Held (University of Zurich)

08.12.2026 | KOL-F-104

How Supervision Can Foster Good Research Practice

Tamarinde Haven (Tilburg University)

Panel Discussion: Fighting Scientific Misconduct

Tamarinde Haven (Tilburg University), Leonhard Held (University of Zurich), Rachel Heyard (University of Zurich) and Elisabeth Stark (University of Zurich)

Tuesday, 6.15pm to 8.00pm

University of Zurich, City Campus

Rämistrasse 71

Room: KOL-F-118 (except 8.12.: KOL-F-104)

Admission is free

Program subject to change

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Doctored images, invented data, published studies that never took place – are these unfortunate but inevitable isolated cases? Or do they unveil a systemic problem in how research operates?

In this lecture we investigate the problem of evidently fraudulent science from multiple angles – ranging from specific cases, investigative techniques and the importance of whistleblowing, epistemological considerations, the role of AI, to possible reforms in scientific publishing, institutional responsibility, and avenues for fostering research integrity.

The lecture series brings together perspectives from various fields of empirical research, such as biomedicine and psychology, with those of empirical meta-research, statistics and methodology, as well as philosophy of science and science policy. It is aimed at students and researchers from all disciplines and at a broad public audience.

Each of the biweekly events features two talks and a joint discussion. The lecture series is held in English.

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