



RESSH 2026

Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and Humanities

April 22-24 | Firenze

Research evaluation and scientific autonomy under pressure

Conference programme

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Conference dates and venues

Wednesday, April 22

Auditorium of the former monastery of Sant'Apollonia
Via San Gallo, 25

Thursday, April 23

Aula Magna of the Rectorate of the University of Florence
Piazza San Marco, 4

Sala Strozzi of the Natural History Museum of the Department of Earth
Sciences, University of Florence
Via La Pira, 4

Friday, April 24

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Piazza San Marco, 4



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Wednesday, April 22

Auditorium Santa Apollonia

Side event - Open to all (no registration required)

12.00 | 13.00

Book Launch: "The Knowledge of Humanities" (2026) by Andrea Bonaccorsi
First volume of the Brepols' series "Research on Research in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences"

Tim Engels and Emanuel Kulczycki

Introduction to the Brepols' book series RoRAHSS, Research on Research in Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Andrea Bonaccorsi

The Knowledge of Humanities: A Comparative Epistemology of Historiography, Literary Criticism, History of Art, and History of Architecture

Gunnar Sivertsen

Reflections

13.30 | 14.00 Registration

Opening and Keynote

14.00 | 14.15 Welcome

RESSH 2026 Local organizer – Ginevra Peruginelli

President ENRESSH – Michael Ochsner

CNR-IGSG Director – Enrico Francesconi

14.15 | 15.00 Keynote

Gabi Lombardo - *European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH)*

PLENARY SESSIONS

15.00 | 18.00

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Session 1.1 – Artificial Intelligence and Research Evaluation

CHAIR: Jon Holm

Leena Wahlfors, Mikael Laakso and Janne Pölönen

Artificial Intelligence in Scientific Publishing: Possibilities, Threats, and Ethical Boundaries

Josie R. West

Negotiating Institutional, Commercial and Machinic Autonomy: Generative AI, Research Evaluation and the Politics of Digital Infrastructures in the UK

Drahomira Cupar and Nikolina Peša Pavlović

Human Judgement in the Age of AI: Peer Review Practices and Trust Challenges in the SSH: Insights from the University of Zadar, Croatia

Michael Ochsner

Objective vs. Subjective Evaluation in the Context of AI: What is “Objectivity” in Evaluation?

16.30 | 17.00 COFFEE BREAK

17.00 | 18.15

Session 1.2 Research Evaluation Reforms, Governance and Scientific Autonomy

CHAIR: Gabi Lombardo

Mario Pianta

Confronting the Reforms of Italy's Universities. The Experience of the Rete delle Società Scientifiche

Marc Vanholsbeeck, Sharon Lecocq, Eva Gerland, Brigitte Decadt, Judith Biernaux, Nienke Roelants, Jérôme Pourbaix, Madeline Simon and Titouan Teunens

The Impact of Global and European Political, Technological, and Epistemic Transformations on Belgium's Federal SSAH Research Ecosystem

Stephen Wyber and Deborah de Angelis

Research Information by Law?

Nihan Soycan and Zehra Taskin

Research Evaluation as Academic Financialization: How Banking Logics Reshape the Social Sciences and Humanities

18.15 | 18.40

Session 1.3 – Flash Presentation of Posters

CHAIR: Aldis Gedutis

Oral presentation of posters (3 min. for each presenter)

18.40 | 19.30

Poster session – Courtyard Auditorium Santa Apollonia

Joel Alhuay-Quispe, Lourdes Bautista-Ynofuente and Victoria Yance-Yupari
Latin America & Caribbean Retraction Watch: A Proposal Web

Tamara Bueno Doral, Rubén Fuentes-Fernández and Noelia García-Castillo

Inclusive Co-evaluation in Social Innovation and Research: Case study and Methodological Innovation of a Training Program in Entrepreneurial Skills with Refugee

Benedetta Calonaci and Silvia Molteni

The Commitment of the University of Florence Library System to Open Science and Excellence in Research

Monica Di Luca, Paola Galimberti, Giuliana Rubbia and Alessandro Carosi

Towards a Strategic View of Research Assessment: the CoARA National Chapter of Italy 2026-27

Joshua Eykens

Perspecti: A Comprehensive Research and Citation Database for Scholarly Works in the Humanities and the Arts

Miki Kallio and Marika Rauhala

CoARA ExPECT: Videos to Promote Responsible Researcher Assessment

Vilma Lehtinen

Albox – Dashboarding Algorithmic Analysis Tools for Application Processing in a Research Funding Organisation

Gina Pavone, Simone Angioni, Miriam Baglioni, Alessia Bardi and Andrea Mannocci

Diamond Open Access in Italy: Evidence and Implications for Research Evaluation

Emanuela Cilione, Giorgia Migliorelli, Maria Adelaide Ranchino, Sara Santorsa and Isabella Florio

Cultural Heritage as Research Output: GLAM Wikimedia Projects at the CNR Central Library

Ayça Nur Sezen, Esma Bağcı, Ceren Bilge Seferoğlu and Güleda Doğan

Retractions in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Descriptive Evidence from Retraction Watch Notices

Mira Söderman, Janne Pölönen, Laura Niemi and Anne-Mari Järvelin

Finnish Career Assessment Matrix (Fin-Cam): Supporting Responsible Researcher Assessment

20.30 | DINNER

Trattoria Napoleone – Piazza del Carmine 24, Firenze

Thursday, April 23

Aula Magna Rectorate, University of Florence

09.15 | 10.00 **Keynote**

Francesca Di Donato – CNR, Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale (Italy)

PLENARY SESSIONS

10.00 | 11.00

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Session 2.1 – Quality, Values and Conceptual Frameworks

CHAIR: Michael Ochsner

Eiríkur Smári Sigurðarson

Shielding Transformative Niches: From Value Capture to Collective Capabilities

Aldis Gedutis

What We Talk about when We Talk about Quality

Andrew Plume, Jingwen Mu, Silvia Dobre, Alvin Shijie Ding, Christopher Chan, Pragma Singh, Stuart Christie, Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen and Noelle Gracy *Development of a Values-based Approach to Research Evaluation and Impact in the Arts and Humanities*

11.00 | 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

Courtyard Rectorate

PARALLEL SESSIONS
11.30 | 13.00

Aula Magna Rectorate, University of Florence

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Session 2.2A – Research Evaluation Practices Across Institutional and Peripheral Contexts

CHAIR: Emanuela Reale

Lottie Provost, Francesca Di Donato, Andrea Mannocci and Fabrizio Pecoraro
From Commitment to Practice: Implementing ARRA Commitment 2 in Career Progression Procedures at the National Research Council of Italy

Chiara Montagna, Giuliana Rubbia, Marco Anzidei, Rosaria Tondi, Sandro de Vita, Pietro Bonfanti and Gdl CoARA@INGV
Reforming Research Assessment within an Italian National Research Center: Hurdles and Path Forward

Augusto Clemente and André Brasil
The Internationalization of Science in Latin America: A Comparative Assessment among Seven Universities of the Montevideo Group

Oswaldo Lorenzo-Quiles and Lucía Herrera-Torres
Research Activity in Peripheral University Contexts: the Case of a Spanish University Campus Located in North Africa

Marta Martorell Camps and Viviana Perez Clausen
Beyond Traditional Metrics: Key Value Indicators for Value-Based Research and Innovation Evaluation

Sala Strozzi

11.30 | 13.00

Session 2.2B – Co-creation, Collaboration and Open Bibliometric Infrastructure to Account for Diversity

CHAIR: Ginevra Peruginelli

Xiaoting Chen, Isabelle Dorsch and Abdelghani Maddi
Journal Reputation and Scientific Autonomy in Open Access Publishing

Yu Sasaki, Asa Nakano and Hiroshi Hashizume
Co-Creating Narrative Research Assessment: The COMON Experiment at Kyoto University

Luyu Du, Julia Melkers and Nicolas Robinson-Garcia
They Collaborate, But Do They “Co-Produce?” Examining Academic Scientists’ Collaborative Patterns with Government

Benedetta Calonaci, Irene Piergentili and Maria Adelaide Ranchino
Discoverability and Open Access: Library Strategies and Impacts on Research Evaluation

Sara Martinez Cardama, Nuria Bautista Puig and Lisandra Otero Borges
Loneliness as an Evaluative Challenge for Public Institutions: Towards a Framework for Recognising Co-created Research Contributions

13.00 | 14.00 LIGHT LUNCH (Courtyard Rectorate)

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Session 2.3A – Multilingualism Across Disciplines and Research Evaluation

CHAIR: Janne Pölonen

Takayuki Hayashi, Honami Numajiri, Go Yoshizawa and Shohei Okamoto
The Influence of Multilingualism and Output Formats on the Development of Research Topics in the Social Sciences and Humanities

Honami Numajiri and Takayuki Hayashi
Assessing the Visibility of Non-English Scholarly Literatures in Open Research Information Infrastructures: The Case of Japanese-Language SSH Publications

Ginevra Peruginelli, Sebastiano Faro, Tommaso Agnoloni, Virag Vas and Zehra Taskin
Multilingualism in Research Assessment: Insights from Comparative Surveys in Italy and Hungary

Quintin Kreth and Kean Birch
Multilingualism and Metadata: How Minority-Language Protections Influence Metric and Technology Skepticism in Canadian Research Evaluation

Tim Engels, Eugénie Delzenne and Eline Vandewalle
Exploration of the Pasteur's Quadrant in the Social Sciences

Sala Strozzi

14.00 | 15.15

Session 2.3B – Career, Gender and Effects of Evaluation

CHAIR: Alesia Zuccala

Rita Morais
Reimagining Academic Career Assessment: Insights from Global Reform Initiatives to Broaden Evaluation of Academic Talent

Güleda Doğan and Zehra Taskin
Promotion as a Temporal Regulator of Scholarly Work in the Social Sciences and Humanities

Keiichi Oshiumi and Takayuki Hayashi
How Do Humanities Researchers Evaluate the Importance of Research Outputs? Evidence from a Questionnaire Survey in Japan

Massimiliano Mazzanti, Davide Antonioli, Loretta Missiroli and Federico Frattini
Research Inactivity in Social Sciences: An Incomplete and Biased Metric

15.30 | 16.00 COFFEE BREAK (Courtyard Rectorate)

PARALLEL SESSIONS
16.00 | 17.15

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Session 2.4A – Criteria, Excellence and Dynamics in Research Evaluation

CHAIR: Zehra Taskin

Maura Coniglione, Luca Falzea, Giuliana Rubbia Rinaldi, Arianna Montorsi and Helene Schiffbaenker

What is Inclusive Excellence? Reflections on Excellence and Equality in Research Evaluation

Janne Pölönen, Ginevra Peruginelli, Maria Pietilä, Sebastiano Faro and Sakari Melander

See you in Court! Judicial Dynamics in Responsible Research Evaluation

Valentina Carazzolo, Emanuela Reale and Andrea Orazio Spinello

Under Evaluation Pressure: How Research Evaluation Shapes Academics' Community Engagement Practices

Masaru Karube, Yasushi Hara, Lei Yu and Yuki Miyazawa

Stability and Change: Disciplinary Heterogeneity and Regional Dynamics in the Research Evaluation of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Japan

Sala Strozzi

16.00 | 17.15

Session 2.4B – Governance and Politics of Research Systems

CHAIR: Nataša Jermen

Maryna Nazarovets

University Journals in a Stratified Evaluation Regime: Autonomy, Evaluation, and State Control of Scholarly Publishing in Ukraine (as a Case)

Alda Maria Napolitano Sanchez

Strategic Funding Priorities, Scientific Sovereignty, and the Political Economy of Science: The Brazilian Experience in Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy

Emmanuelle Pensec and Geoffrey Williams

From SDGs to ISO Standards: An Opportunity More than a Constraint

Brigida Blasi, Marco Malgarini and Sandra Romagnosi

From Third Mission to Knowledge Valorisation: Societal Impact and SSH Case Studies in the Italian VQR 2020–2024

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Aula Magna Rectorate, University of Florence

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Session 2.5 – Societal Impact and Public Engagement

CHAIR: Andrea Bonaccorsi

Gunnar Sivertsen, Nataša Jermen and Elea Giménez Toledo

Advancing Research on the Knowledge Exchange of the SSH with Society

Emanuela Reale

The Future of Research Societal Impact in Universities and Public Research Organizations: What Changes We Need?

Núria Bautista Puig, Enrique Orduña-Malea and Rodrigo Lozano

Beyond Outputs: Measuring Public Engagement in Social Sciences

Estradivari and Michael Ochsner

Integrating Societal Impacts into Evaluation Frameworks: Introduction to and SSH-Related Comments on the Report from the CoARA WG Transformative Research Assessment

18.45 | 19.20

Meeting of ENRESSH-European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanities

Friday, April 24

Aula Magna Rectorate, University of Florence

PLENARY SESSIONS

09.00 | 13.45

09.00 | 10.30

Session 3.1 – Open Research and Infrastructure

CHAIR: Iva Melinščak Zlodi

Aube Richebourg and Didier Torny

Infrastructural Constraints on the Move towards Open Research Information Systems: Analysing the Invisible Work of Metadata Curators

Lucia Cespedes, Alexandra Michaud, Arilys Jia, Adrien Savard-Arseneault, Anne-Marie Fortier, René Audet, Vanessa Allnutt and Vincent Larivière

Current Practices and Future Challenges in Open Peer Review among Canadian Scholarly Journals

Paola Galimberti, Carolina Manfredini and Margherita Criveller

Open Science and its Role in Research Evaluation: Cultural Change, Open Infrastructures and Scientific Autonomy at the University of Milan

Elena Giglia

Open Science and New Research Assessment Criteria: A Two-Ways Path

Paolo Valente and Roberta Vigni

EU and National Policies on Research Security: Implications for Open Science and Researchers' Freedom

10.30 | 11.00 COFFEE BREAK (Courtyard Rectorate)

11.00 | 12.15

Session 3.2 – Bibliometrics, LLMs and Research Integrity

CHAIR: Tommaso Agnoloni

Alesia A. Zuccala

Topic Concentration in SSH Funding Portfolios: A Large Language Model Assisted Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis

Shir Aviv-Reuven, Lutz Bornmann and Ariel Rosenfeld

Can Large Language Models Validly Identify Comparable Peers for Researcher Benchmarking?

Janne Niemi

Evaluating a Machine-Learning Based Reviewer Matching Tool Across Disciplines: Early Evidence of Field-Sensitive Performance and Implications for SSH

Laura Giovinazzi

Paper Mills: Objects of Fraud and Mirrors of Managerial Research Governance

12.15 | 13.30

Session 3.3 – Rethinking Indicators, Metrics and Evaluation Tools for SSH

CHAIR: Abdelghani Maddi

Andrea Di Renzoni and Costanza Miliani

Counting the Uncountable? Bibliometric Infrastructures, Interdisciplinarity, and Responsible Research Evaluation: The Case of CNR-ISPC

Andrea Bonaccorsi

Bibliographies and the Bibliometrics of Books. New Tools for a Fair Research Assessment in Humanities

Iva Melinščak Zlodi

Points of Friction between CoARA Principles and Current Evaluative Frameworks at the National, Institutional and Individual Level: Preliminary Results from the RIF4HSS Project

Jon Holm

Next Generation SSH-Evaluation: From Indicators to Ontologies

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