

EPNS Masterclass 2022 Programme



Inflamed minds, inflamed people

15 to 17 September 2022, Cambridge, UK

Day 1 – Thursday 15 September 2022

Harley-Mason Room

09:00 – 10:00	Registration and Introductory lecture: Welcome, introduction to themes of Masterclass	Rob Forsyth
10:00 – 10:45	Known processes of neuroinflammation: Review of known/accepted neuroinflammatory entities	Ming Lim
10:45 – 11:10	Break Cambridge Room	

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11:10 -12:10	Randomised controlled trials are supposed to be the gold standard, the most "fair tests" of which intervention works best. But sometimes, through cunning or incompetence, trials can be biased by design: so that they overstate the benefits and hide the side effects. This talk is a greatest hits of bad trial design; in the hands of the enemy, it is a manual for deceit; in the hands of the good, it is vital self-defence. How quacks and charlatans misuse evidence, and the placebo effect, to bamboozle the public.	Ben Goldacre
12:10 – 12:25	Introduction to small groups	Lucia Gerstl & Dewi Bakker
12:25 - 13:25	Lunch in Corpus Christi Dining Hall	
13:25 – 14:25	Small groups session 1	
14:25 – 15:10	Neurological effects of COVID	Rachel Kneen
15:10 – 15:40	Break weather permitting in the Fellows' Garden	
15:40 – 16:25	5 Neuroborreliosis and chronic Lyme disease	Hans Jürgen Christen
Social Programme: FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ONLY.		5:00pm Punting (or guided walk if raining) 6:15pm Organ recital at Magdalene College 7:30pm Dinner at the Eagle

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Day 2 - Friday – 16 September 2022

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09:00 – 09:45	Inflamed minds: What is the evidence for a wider role for neuroinflammation in psychiatric disease, particularly depression and OCD	Ed Bullmore
09:45 – 10:30	Wisdom of crowds: How do social media and other processes encourage polarisation (“fake news”)? Are people as gullible as this model suggests? How do individuals decide who to believe?	Manon Beriche
10:30 – 11:00	Break in Cambridge Room	
11:00 – 11:45	Embodied minds: What is the evidence for psychiatric and psychological treatments when treating the features of neuroinflammatory conditions? Why are we reticent to acknowledge the role for psychiatric or psychological treatments over “medical” treatments like immunomodulation?	Ashley Liew
11:45 – 12:45	Small group session 2	
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch in Corpus Christi Dining Hall	
13:45 – 14:30	‘Being Heard – the power of patient stories’ Ex BBC journalist Georgie Bevan talks through the benefits of case studies, listening projects and how to maximise the impact of gathering mass testimony of those with lived experience.	Georgie Bevan
14:30 – 15:15	5 Interpreting disease, framing disease – public understanding of feeling sick: Why are some diseases more attractive than others and why does the perception of illness changes à la mode? How should journalists deal with the dilemma and balance minority views, personal experience and “dry data”? Is a good story more important than good evidence?	Werner Bartens
15:15 – 15:45	Break in Cambridge Room	
15:45 – 16:45	Small group session 3	
16:45 – 18:15	Artists way of seeing	Chris Fraser Smith.

New and Old Combination Rooms

19:00 – 21:00	Dinner in New Combination Room
21:00 – 22:00	Fireplace Discussion in New Combination Room

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Day 3 - Saturday 17 September 2022

Harley-Mason Room

09:00 – 09:45	Reasoning with "unreasonable people"	Manon Beriche
09:45 – 10:30	The dark side of clarity	Rob Forsyth
10:30 - 11:00	Break in Cambridge Room	
11:00 – 11:45	DEBATE: This house believes those who deny inflammatory contributions to psychological disease will be eating their words in a decade	
11:45 – 12:35	Mentor walk	
12:45	Buffet lunch in Cambridge Room and depart	