

PUBLIC LECTURE: Where does Science end and Society begin —and who gets to decide the Future of Innovation?



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Location: Scottish Exhibition Campus, Glasgow, UK
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Who can attend? This event is free to attend and open to the general public

Join us for a special public evening at SynSci26 where science and society come face to face. This interactive event will explore how cutting-edge research, emerging technologies, and public trust shape the world around us.

The evening will feature a live conversation with a **Ardem Patapoutian Nobel Laureate**, offering rare insight into discovery, responsibility, and the human side of breakthrough science. Alongside the panel discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with scientists, ethicists, and AI experts to explore some of today's most pressing questions.

We will also feature interactive board and server-based games, informal discussions, and opportunities for audience participation. Through these activities, we will explore themes such as trust in science, the role of innovation in society, and how ethical thinking can help guide technological progress. A bar will be open throughout the evening.

Whether you're curious about AI, passionate about ethics, or simply interested in how science shapes everyday life, this event offers an open, welcoming space to ask questions, share perspectives, and be part of the conversation.

Science doesn't happen in isolation, come and explore where science and innovation meet society.



Ardem Patapoutian
Scripps Institute, USA

Registration



7:00pm - 7:30pm. Trust, Truth & AI: Puzzles for Curious Minds

Join us for an interactive session exploring thought-provoking puzzles at the intersection of philosophy, science, ethics, trust, and AI. Discuss ideas in small groups and share insights with the wider audience.

7:30pm - 8:15pm. In Conversation with a Nobel Laureate

A live discussion exploring science, innovation, and society. Ardem Patapoutian, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2021.

8:15pm - 9:00pm. Panel Discussion: Science, Society and Public Trust

Featuring the following experts in science, ethics, AI, and innovation, with audience participation. Find out more about each of the panellists by clicking on the names:

Emma C. Gordon, University of Glasgow, UK

J. Adam Carter, University of Glasgow, UK

Lesley Henderson, University of Strathclyde, UK

Laurens Landeweerd, Radboud University, Netherlands

Ardem Patapoutian, Scripps Institute, USA

Timothy Peacock, University of Glasgow, UK

Ciorsdaidh Watts, University of Glasgow, UK

Steph Wright, Our AI Collective, UK

