

Lay people, experts, democrats: From antagonism to partnership

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The relation between experts and citizens is often portrayed as one of conflict; expertocracy and democracy are seen as mutually exclusive.

In this talk, I suggest a model that moves beyond this antagonism, towards a model of partnership that allows the development of mutual trust, but not blind trust. Key for this model is the basic insight that all citizens are, in some sense, experts, and all are, in many areas, lay people. As lay people and as experts, they have democratic responsibilities to make this partnership functional. I discuss these responsibilities, and also some of the current challenges that stem from the influx of private money on research and from social media communication.

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