

Novelty and Inequalities in Science

International Research Symposium on Recognizing and Rewarding Novelty in Science

October 8-9, 2026 in Prague, Czech Republic

Day 1
Thursday, Oct. 8

Day 2
Friday, Oct. 9

9:00-10:30 **Adilbek Bisenbaev**
Conditional Novelty and the Boundaries of the Scientific Results

Mehmet A. Orhan, Matthijs Bal
How Do Editorial Processes Stifle Novelty and Reward Reproduction of Form: Insights from Management and Organization Research

Jonny Bunning
(Structural Success: The Becker Formula for Academic Novelty)

Welcome / morning session TBC

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:00 **Sotaro Shibayama**
Heterogeneity and Reproduction of Scientific Novelty

11:30-12:30 **Erin Leahey**
Recognizing, Rewarding, and Promoting Novelty

12:00-13:30 *Lunchbreak*

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13:30-15:00 **Sarah Patricia Wendt**
What counts as new and who decides? Editors, expertise, and the evaluation of novelty

14:00-15:30 **Petra Vidnerová, Roman Neruda**
Measuring Scientific Novelty through Conceptual Distance and Knowledge Recombination

Valon Kadriu
Novelty and p-hacking in Economics

Jesper Schneider
Novelty without validity? A critical view of algorithmic novelty indicators in science-of-science research

Pnina Geraldine Abir-Am
Interrogating inequalities in lab standing as leading to epistemic injustice in the discovery of RNA splicing

Jina Lee
Stratified Fact-Making: How Gender and Novelty Claims Stratify the Stabilization of Scientific Facts

15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*

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15:30-16:45 **Panel discussion**
Novelty in Science Policy, Evaluation, and Funding

16:00-17:00 **Sarah Othner**
Metascience Novelty Indicators Challenge

Petr Štěpnička (Commission for the Evaluation of Research Organizations)
Sebastian Winkler (ERC Executive Agency)
TBC
Closing

16:45-17:00

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