

Sixth International Science Matters Conference

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Bettering Humanity Historic Secular Movements

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Cascais, Portugal

In the long history of humans' development, various efforts to better humanity have been proposed. This conference aims to review the secular movements which are historically significant, to understand how and why they mostly failed and in what ways they succeeded so that we can learn from them and do better with the Scimat approach. Examples of these movements in modern eras include the Enlightenment, the Vienna Circle and the Humanism movement. In this conference, reviews are presented by experts on the main theme of bettering humanity. But like in previous Scimat conferences, papers on all other science matters are welcome. It is also the occasion to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the scimat conference series and the Scimat Program.

Invited Speakers

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| Investment banking (Bank of NY, Deutsche Bank, Lloyds Bank) (Germany) FLORENTIN BOSSE | Letters Matters, Bibliotherapy and Musical Mathematics |
| Emeritus Professor of Faculty of History, University of Oxford (UK) JOHN R. R. CHRISTIE | Science, Secularism and Enlightenment: Then and Now |
| Professor University Paris 7 Diderot (France) CLAUDINE COHEN | Jean-Jacques Rousseau on Bettering Humanity: Music, Politics and Education |
| President of EASAL (UK/France) JEAN-PATRICK CONNERADE | The Contribution of British Atheist Reformers in the XIXth Century |
| General-Secretary of United Nations (Portugal) ANTONIO GUTERRES * | Bettering Humanity through UN: From Chemist to Secretary |
| Journalist & PhD in Communication (Spain) CRISTINA JIMÉNEZ | The Bilderberg Club from 1954 to 2017 |
| San Jose State University professor (USA/China) LUI LAM | Bettering Humanity: The Scimat Approach |
| Evora University Biology Professor (Portugal) MANUEL MOTA | Bettering Humanity through Biology |
| Lisbon School of Arts Professor (Portugal) MIGUEL PAIS | Bettering Humanity through Arts |
| Pantaneto Forum Publisher (UK) NIGEL SANITT | The Eye in Ideas: Culture, Curiosity and Communication in Scientific Discovery |
| Max Planck Institute Berlin Researcher (Germany) ANNETTE VOGT | The Vienna Circle and the Role of Positivism |
| British Humanist Association (UK) DAVID WOOTON * | The Humanism Movement |

*To be confirmed.

Cochairs

Maria Burguete (Portugal), Jean-Patrick Connerade (UK/France) and Lui Lam (USA/China)

International Advisors

Manuel Bicho (Portugal); João Caraça (Portugal); Patrick Hogan (USA); Brigitte Hoppe (Germany); John Onians (UK); David Papineau (UK); Michael Shermer (USA); Edward O. Wilson (USA) and Robin Warren (Australia).

This conference is under the auspices of the International Science Matters Committee; members: Manuel Bicho (Portugal), Peter Broks (UK), Maria Burguete (Portugal), João Caraça (Portugal), Paul Caro (France), Patrick Hogan (USA), Brigitte Hoppe (Germany), Lui Lam (USA), Bing Liu (China), Dun Liu (China), John Onians (UK), David Papineau (UK), Nigel Sanitt (UK), Ivo Schneider (Germany), Michael Shermer (USA), and Robin Warren (Australia).