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What is the value of pluralism in science? As the plurality of scientific approaches, methods, and standards becomes increasingly acknowledged, the question is no longer whether pluralism exists, but how it should be understood, managed, and valued. What does pluralism mean for the authority of science in liberal democracies? How can diverse forms of knowledge—including Indigenous and local epistemologies—be integrated without erasure? What challenges arise from the coexistence of multiple expertises, and how can pluralism contribute to both epistemic robustness and democratic legitimacy? Rather than opposing consensus, might pluralism be a condition for more inclusive and adaptable forms of agreement?

All sessions will take place online

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TIPS Discussion Lab

Trust in Philosophy and Science

Tuesday 14 October 2025, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Pluralism and Scientific Authority in Liberal Democracies

Tuesday 28 October 2025, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Consensus, Dissent, and the Epistemic Role of Disagreement

Wednesday 12 November 2025, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Contested Historiographies: Pluralism and the Politics of Historical Narratives

Wednesday 26 November 2025, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

From Epistemic Justice to Epistemic Infrastructure: Inclusion, Access, and the Politics of Knowledge