

"Imagining New Ground for Science Diplomacy"

16 June 2026

9:00-9:30: Welcome and Coffee (The AIAS Science Diplomacy ThemeGroup)

9:30-11:00: (Panel 1) The challenges of Science Diplomacy

- Anna-Lena Rüländ (Université Laval), George Salter (Aarhus University), & Henry Bennie (UWE Bristol), "*Niche power or niche exposure? Toward a political economy of the global quantum computing value chain*"
- Kapil Patil (Jawaharlal Nehru University), "*Science Diplomacy as a Tool of the "Powerful": An appraisal from the South*"
- Rachel Fishberg (Aarhus University), "*Research security in the age of Science Diploma*"

Chair: Matteo De Donà (Science Diplomacy Fellow, AIAS)

11:00-11:30: Break

11:30-13:00: (Panel 2) Politics and diplomacy in International scientific collaboration

- Matthias Heynmann (Aarhus University), "*Diplomacy or politics? Writing about the building of the Global Atmospheric Research Program*"
- Lif Jacobsen (Danish Arctic Institute), "*Reframing history of Science Diplomacy in the Arctic*"
- Nicola Vuolo (CNR-IBE Institute of Bio-Economy), "*From Fossils to Networks: science diplomacy and the evolution of international paleontological collaborations in response to global socio, political and economic events*"

Chair: Kristian Hvidtfelt Nielsen (Science Studies, Aarhus University)

13:00-14:00: lunch

14:00-14:45: Roundtable A: Science Diplomacy and geopolitics - perspectives from institutions

Discussants:

- Angela Liberatore (Science Diplomacy Fellow EUI and former Head of the Scientific Department at the ERC)
- Alan Irwin (Copenhagen Business School/Aarhus University and Chair of the Committee on Science in Society in the Danish Royal Academy)
- Robert Feidenhans'l (Copenhagen University and former Chairman of the Management Board for the European XFEL)

Moderators: Casper Andersen and Maria Rentetzi (AIAS Science Diplomacy Group)

14:45-15:00: Break

15:00-16:00: Roundtable B: Science Diplomacy and geopolitics - the role of Institutes of Advanced Studies

Discussants:

- Sophie Halart (IEA Nantes)
- Olivier Bouin (NetIAS)
- Christian Suhm (HIAS)
- Flashlight: Ulrike Dorfmueller (HIAS)

Moderator: Andreas Roepstorff (AIAS)

16:00-16:30: Break

16:30-18:00: (Panel 3) Space Diplomacy

- Alice Naisbitt & Kieron Flanagan (University of Manchester), "*From Grassroots Science to Intergovernmental Organisation: Competition, Science Diplomacy and the Square Kilometre Array (SKA)*"
- Sarah-Jane Pritchard (University of Lancaster) & Beatrice Kioko (European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere (ESO)), "*Telescopes, Treaties, and Transnationalism: The Southern Skies as a tool for Science Diplomacy*"
- Juliana Chediek (University of Coimbra), "*Driving the EU Space Economy: Research, Innovation and Science Diplomacy in Action*"

Chair: Nina Vohnsen (Aarhus University Space Centre)

18:00-20:00: Reception at AIAS

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9:30-11:00: (Panel 4) Science diplomacy and the public

- Simon Fuglsang (CFA, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University), "*Public Opinion of Science in International Relations: Diplomacy hopes and security concerns*"
- Nanna Kaalund (Medical Museion, University of Copenhagen), "*Stakeholder Engagement in Museums as Science Diplomacy*"
- Tine Ravn (CFA, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University), "*What are the Roles of Publics in Science Diplomacy? Intersections and Implications of Bridging Science and Public Diplomacy*"

Chair: Rachel Fishberg (Science Diplomacy Fellow, AIAS)

11:00-11:15: Break

11:15-12:15: Panel 5 and poster presentations: Science diplomacy in policy and practice

- David Biggs (Institute for Security and Development Policy): "*Science Diplomacy: a career diplomat's perspective*"

Poster presentations:

- Amabilly Bonacina (Université de Montréal)
- Niels Josva Balling (Aarhus University)
- Ioannis Batas (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens)
- Rithma Kreie Engelbreth Larsen (Aarhus University)
- Fritz Rudy (Copenhagen Business School)
- Johannes Mattes (German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Centre of Science Studies)

Chair: Maria Rentetzi (Science Diplomacy Fellow, AIAS)

12:15-13:00: Lunch

13:00-14:30: Poster browsing and networking

14:30-15:45: (Panel 6) Science Diplomacy, non-state actors and stakeholders

- Mette Terp Høybye (Aarhus University), "*Cells to Citizens: Public Engagement and the Making of a Biological Commons*"
- Marina Cino Pagliarello (European University Institute & LSE) & Eric Piaget (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), "*Rethinking Science Diplomacy through the lens of European University Alliances: informal diplomatic infrastructures in a multipolar era*"

Chair: Casper Andersen (Science Diplomacy Fellow, AIAS)

15:45-16:15: Closing discussion