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# PROGRAMME

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- 9:30 - 10:00**      **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 10:00 - 10:05**      **Opening and welcome remarks prof. Edita Sužiedėlienė, Vice-rector, Pro-rector for Research, Vilnius University**
- 10:05 - 10:35**      ***Culture is #1. Prof. Jonathan Craig, Flinders University, College of Medicine and Public Health, Vice President and Executive Dean & Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor***
- 10:35 - 11:00**      ***Mental health in higher education: a 21st century public health approach. Prof. Ronny Bruffaerts, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven Brain Institute***
- 11:00 - 11:30**      ***Promoting research integrity culture: some insights from the A4L project. Prof. Eugenijus Gefenas, Faculty of Medicine, Institute of Health Sciences, Vilnius University***
- 11:30 - 12:00**      ***Building a robust research capacity and ecosystem. Dr. Ana Ferreras, Senior Program Officer, the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine***
- 12:00 - 13:00**      **Coffee break**
- 13:00 - 13:30**      ***From good Scientific practice to lived culture - chances and limits of mediation in science. Dr. Nadja Walter, Leipzig University Faculty of Sport Science, Chair of Sport Psychology***
- 13:30 - 14:00**      ***Octopus - the new primary research record. Dr. Alexandra Freeman, Winton Centre for Risk & Evidence Communication, University of Cambridge***
- 14:00 - 15:00**      **Panel discussion and closing remarks. Moderator: dr. Karolis Ažukaitis, Vice-dean for Research and Innovation, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University**

# SPEAKER

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*Flinders University, College of Medicine and Public Health), Vice President and Executive Dean & Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor*

## PROF. JONATHAN CRAIG

Professor Jonathan Craig is an internationally recognised clinician and scientist and holds the position of Vice President and Executive Dean of the College of Medicine & Public Health.

He has led the formation of state, national and international networks to conduct high-quality, relevant trials in children and has been instrumental to the development and implementation of best-practice methods and guidelines relating to chronic kidney disease in Australia and globally.

Professor Craig's many current advisory roles include member of the National Health and Medical Research Council's Health Translation Advisory Committee, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, Medical Services Advisory Committee and Commonwealth Department of Health Life Savings Drug Program.

He is a past member of the WHO expert review panel for global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, a past chairman of the Steering Group of the Cochrane Collaboration, and a past member of the Expert Advisory Group for the Structural Review of NHMRC's Grant Program.

# SPEAKER

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*Katholieke Universiteit  
Leuven, Leuven Brain  
Institute; Child and Youth  
Institute*

## PROF. RONNY BRUFFAERTS

Ronny Bruffaerts is full professor at the Department of Neurosciences KU Leuven and Head of the Centre for Public Health Psychiatry at University Psychiatric Centre KU Leuven (Belgium). With over 20 years of research experience in the field of mental health determinants at the level of the general and student population, he is the founder and global co-director of WHO's World Mental Health International College Student (WHM-ICS) Initiative, which is designed to generate accurate epidemiological data relevant for policy on mental health in higher education worldwide. At national and international level, he is an acknowledged expert involved in various task forces and advisory committees on public mental health.

# SPEAKER

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*Doctor of Philosophical Sciences, Head of the Department, Lecturer of Medical Ethics at Faculty of Medicine, Institute of Health Sciences, Vilnius University*

## PROF. EUGENIJUS GEFENAS

Dr. Eugenijus Gefenas is a professor and director of the Centre for Health Ethics, Law and History at the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University. He was co-directing the NIH Fogarty International Center funded training program “Advanced Certificate in Research Ethics in Central and Eastern Europe” and visiting Associate Professor of Bioethics at Union Graduate College - Mount Sinai School of Medicine Bioethics Program (USA) in 2005-2018. His recent academic activities include projects related to research integrity and ethics, focusing on research in disaster situations, research with new technologies, biobanking as well as ethical and legal implications of changing regulatory regimes of clinical drug trials and health data research. In addition to academic work, E. Gefenas was a president of Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) of UNESCO in 2015 – 2017 and a member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE) appointed by the President of the European Commission (2016-2021). In 2021 he was elected as a chair of European network of research ethics committees (EUREC).

# SPEAKER

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*Senior Program Officer, the  
U.S. National Academies of  
Sciences, Engineering, and  
Medicine*

## DR. ANA FERRERAS

Dr. Ana Ferreras is a Senior Program Officer at the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) where she manages the U.S. National Committees for mathematics instruction, crystallography, physics, astronomy, theoretical and applied mechanics, and radio science. She is also a consultant, evaluator, speaker, professional developer, researcher, fundraising expert, and advisor for organizational leaders in the private sector, academia, and federal government. She is the leading author of “Company Success in Manufacturing Organizations: A Holistic Systems Approach.” Dr. Ferreras earned a PhD in Industrial Engineering (IE) at the University of Central Florida (UCF). Her doctoral research focused on developing a company success index model to assess and predict organizational performance based on critical success factors such as profit, productivity, efficiency, quality, employee morale, safety and ergonomics. She also holds an MS in Engineering Management from the Florida Institute of Technology and a BS in Electrical Engineering from UCF.

# SPEAKER

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Leipzig University Faculty of Sport Science, Chair of Sport Psychology

## DR. NADJA WALTER

Dr. Nadja Walter works as a post-doctoral researcher at Leipzig University since 2015. She works at Faculty of Sport Science, Chair of Sport Psychology. Her main research focus is on behavior change and developing routines, strategies and habits in exercise and diet as well as mental health in the competitive sport context. She also investigates the ´dark side` of exercise and physical activity (e.g. exercise addiction, eating disorder), digital health management and works as an applied Sport psychologist with young talented athletes. Nadja Walter teaches in every course of study the Faculty is offering: Bachelor, Master and teaching and is the coordinator of the Master program in Sport and Exercise Psychology. In 2020, Nadja Walter was appointed as arbitrator (mediator) for Leipzig University. In this position she is contact person for Phd students or post-doctoral researchers regarding conflicts with their supervisors. Together with one other colleague she is available to all individuals in the scientific qualification phase, as well as their supervisors, mentors, and mentees, as a neutral point of contact for questions related to the qualification phase.

# SPEAKER

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*Winton Centre for Risk & Evidence Communication, University of Cambridge*

## DR. ALEXANDRA FREEMAN

Alex Freeman had a 16 year career at the BBC, working on TV science series such as *Walking with Beasts*, *Life in the Undergrowth*, and *Trust Me, I'm a Doctor*. She then returned to academia to be Executive Director of the Winton Centre for Risk & Evidence Communication at the University of Cambridge, a team that work on communicating to inform and not persuade. As a result of experiencing the research culture, and the pressures to publish, Alex came up with the idea for Octopus.ac - a new scholarly publishing platform, now funded by the UK government's research budget, to change the way research is shared. It concentrates on quality and openness, and is designed to reset the incentive structure within academia.



# MODERATOR

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*Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Vice Dean for Research and Innovation at Vilnius University Faculty of Medicine*

## DR. KAROLIS AŽUKAITIS

Dr. Karolis Ažukaitis's primary research interests encompass pediatric kidney disease and early cardiovascular injury in children with a particular focus on pediatric arterial hypertension. He is strongly involved in initiatives related to promotion of patient centered care and clinical research. In 2022 he has been elected as a member of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Ažukaitis has given numerous open and invited lectures to early career researchers on different aspects related to clinical research methodology and integrity, and academic career development. He has also started an initiative aiming to teach resident doctors the principles of critically appraising clinical research evidence.