

PRESS RELEASE

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Université Paris-Saclay reinstates POLÉTHIS, its Research Ethics and Scientific Integrity Council

POLÉTHIS oversees actions in research ethics and scientific integrity at Université Paris-Saclay. Placed under the authority of the President's office, POLÉTHIS has been given new statutes. The council has just renewed its members and elected Nathalie Guichard as its Chairwoman.

The Research Ethics and Scientific Integrity Council (POLÉTHIS) was established in 2017 as part of the Université Paris-Saclay Community of Universities and Institutions (COMUE). In 2022, it was decided that the council's statutes would be reviewed to align them with the university's new governance model. The new POLÉTHIS council will convene on 27 June with its new Chairwoman, Nathalie Guichard, Professor in Management Science at the Sceaux University Technical Institute (IUT) at Université Paris-Saclay, and specialist in young consumer behaviour and sustainable food practices.

The main missions of POLÉTHIS are to:

- coordinate the university's activities in research ethics and scientific integrity (particularly in education, awareness-raising, research, thinking and sharing of viewpoints on the ethics of research projects and scientific integrity), by encouraging the synergies between these activities, which remain the responsibility of the body or person coordinating them,
- lead thinking on research ethics and scientific integrity within Université Paris-Saclay and beyond,
- advise the President's office on research ethics and scientific integrity issues and, upon the request of the President's office, the Governing Board or the Academic Council, provide viewpoints and recommendations on subjects linked to its field of expertise,
- monitor current subjects and debates in research ethics and scientific integrity, remaining attentive to emerging subjects.

The council is made up of fifteen members, appointed by the university's presidential office for a period of four years. These include the university's scientific integrity advisor, the ethics advisor, the chair of the university's Research Ethics Committee and the head of the Department for Legal and Institutional Affairs. Three members were put forward by the university's Academic Council from among its own members, including a PhD candidate; two were proposed by the Governing Board, equally from among its own members, one was put forward by the PhD Policy Committee from among its own members, and five were appointed directly by the university's presidential office from staff members working in the university's constituent faculties and institutes, *Grandes Écoles*, associate institutions and partnering national research organisations.

The members of POLÉTHIS (*in alphabetical order*):

- **Léo Coutellec**, Associate Professor in Epistemology and Ethics in Contemporary Science at the Department for Research Ethics at Université Paris-Saclay
- **Armel Dubois-Nayt**, Associate Professor in British Civilisation and English Language at Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
- **Nathalie Guichard**, Professor in Management Science (consumer behaviour and sustainable practices) at Université Paris-Saclay
- **Cynthia Colmellere**, Associate Professor in Sociology, Head of the Department for Social Sciences and Humanities at CentraleSupélec, Deputy Head for Research at the Graduate School for Humanities and Heritage Sciences at Université Paris-Saclay
- **Julien Sempéré**, Head of Libraries, Information and Open Science at Université Paris-Saclay
- **Jean-Luc Sida**, Deputy Head of the National Institute for Nuclear Science and Technology (INSTN-CEA)
- **Pierre Lambert**, elected student representative on the Université Paris-Saclay Governing Board
- **Christine Duvaux-Ponter**, Professor in Physiology applied to the wellbeing of farmed animals at AgroParisTech
- **Simon Saule**, Professor in Oncology at Université Paris-Saclay and Institut Curie
- **Adrien Levrat**, Head of Legal and Institutional Affairs at Université Paris-Saclay
- **Dominique de Vienne**, Emeritus Professor in Plant and Quantitative Genetics at Université Paris-Saclay
- **Bernadette Martins**, Head of project coordination and regulations in human subject research at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), and President of the Paris-Saclay Research Ethics Committee
- **Luliana Popa**, Associate Professor in Cosmetology at the Faculty of Pharmacy at Université Paris-Saclay

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay was born from the shared ambition of French universities, *grandes écoles* and national research organisations. As a leading university in Europe and the world, it covers the fields of science and engineering, life sciences and health, and humanities and social sciences. The university's science policy closely intertwines research and innovation, incorporating both basic and applied science to tackle major societal challenges. Université Paris-Saclay offers a varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level degrees, including programmes with its *grandes écoles*, all of which are focused on achieving student success and employability. The university prepares students for an ever-changing world where the ability to think critically, remain agile and renew one's skills

are crucial. Université Paris-Saclay also offers a comprehensive range of lifelong learning courses. Located to the south of Paris, the university extends across a vast and rich local area. Its location strengthens both its international visibility and its close ties with its socio-economic partners (major companies, SMEs, start-ups, local authorities, charities).

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