



# Scientific persona and its incarnations

- forms and functions of scientific and scholarly identity formation

*Conference announcement & Call For Papers*

**Keynote speakers:**

Ludmilla Jordanova - Durham University, UK.

Herman Paul - University of Leiden, the Netherlands.

Michael Barany - Dartmouth College, USA.

Kirsti Niskanen - Stockholm University, Sweden.

Proposals should be submitted by email to: [kirsti.niskanen@historia.su.se](mailto:kirsti.niskanen@historia.su.se)

No later than **Monday, 1st October 2018**.

Notification of acceptance will be given by **October 15, 2018**.

► **Date: Thursday 23 November - Friday 24 November**

**Venue: Stockholm University**



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# What does it take to be recognised as a respectable and serious scholar?

Over the past fifteen years, research on scientific or scholarly persona has burgeoned, bringing to the fore the interplay between cultural ideals of scholarship, embodied academic practices and scientific institutions. Different approaches have been developed in the area. One has focused on the discipline bound virtues and skills that individual scholars are expected to acquire and demonstrate in order to become regarded as credible scholars. Following Steven Shapin (and inspired by Ervin Goffman, Judith Butler and others), the term has also been developed to investigate how social categories like gender, ethnicity and religious affiliation play into the formation of scientific personae – into the relation between the personal and the social, between the scientist as a person and the content of science.

**The aim of this conference** is to bring these discussions forward with a focus on the embodied and gendered aspects of scientific or scholarly personae: How are scientific personae embodied in (gendered) behaviors and performances, in clothing codes, in appearance, in habits of living and in academic cultures? What kinds of academic femininities and masculinities are associated with the creation of scientific personae in various academic settings and disciplines?

## Proposals

### Individual

20 minute paper proposals should involve a 200-300 word abstract, plus a short biography.

### Panel

If you wish to propose a panel, please take contact with the conference organizers.

## Possible topics might include (but are not limited to):

Bodily expressions of scientific persona; Academic masculinities/academic femininities and persona, Intersectionality and scientific persona; Internalization of science, scientific personae and gender; Artistic expressions of scientific personae; Celebrity and scientific personae; Scientific persona and public intellectuals; Scientific cultures, scientific fraud and persona.

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## Practicalities

**The participants** are exempted from conference fee

**The conference language** will be English,

**Coffee/tea and lunches** will be offered to all participants at no cost.

**Dinner**, see conference registration site

**Costs for travel and lodging** are not imbursed

**A forthcoming publication** is expected from a selection of the papers.

**Registration** for the conference is open from 1st September 2018 on this site:

<https://axacoair.se/go?Pff1fYO6>

## Organization

The conference is organized by the international research project SPICE, Scientific Persona in Cultural Encounters, which is a collaborative project between the University of Stockholm, the University of Groningen and KU Leuven.

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