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## Thematic Session 6

**How do science and public policy interact in times of crisis?**

# Brief Overview

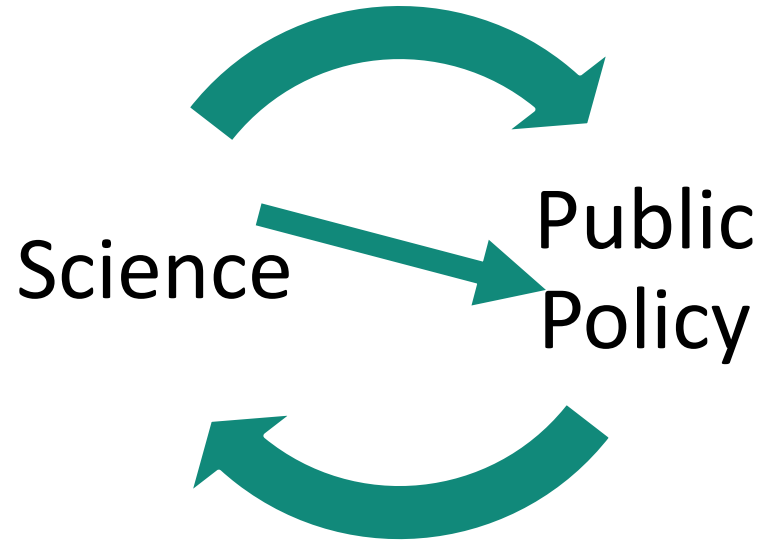
- **Thomas König** – Introduction
- **Claudio Radaelli** (European University Institute) – Regulatory procedures, evidence, and governance outcomes (online)
- **Susanne Forstner** (Institute for Advanced Studies – IHS) – Research and policy advice during the pandemic: experiences in the field of economics
- **Claudia Hahl** (Austrian National Public Health Institute) – Crisis management during the pandemic from the perspective of GÖG as a boundary organization

## Goal of this session

How do science and public policy interact in times of crisis?

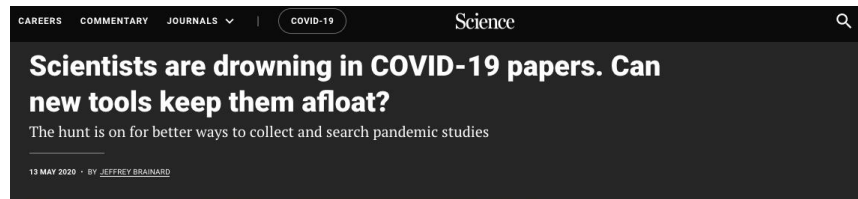
### Science – Policy – Relationship

- “Science for Policy”
  - Science Advise
  - Indirect
- “Policy for Science”
  - Funding for science (research)
  - Governance of scientific organisations
- “Science of Policy”



# A surge in research ...

When it comes to Corona:  
A surge in studies and papers



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## Ranking the effectiveness of worldwide COVID-19 government interventions

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Assessing the effectiveness of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2 is critical to inform future preparedness response plans. Here we quantify the impact of 6,068 hierarchically coded NPIs implemented in 79 territories on the effective reproduction number,  $R_e$ , of COVID-19. We propose a modelling approach that combines four computational techniques merging statistical, inference and artificial intelligence tools. We validate our findings with two external datasets recording 42,151 additional NPIs from 226 countries. Our results indicate that a suitable combination of NPIs is necessary to curb the spread of the virus. Less disruptive and costly NPIs can be as effective as more intrusive, drastic, ones (for example, a national lockdown). Using country-specific ‘what-if’ scenarios, we assess how the effectiveness of NPIs depends on the local context such as timing of their adoption, opening the way for forecasting the effectiveness of future interventions.

## Variation in government responses to COVID-19

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... and questioning scientific policy advice



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<b>Taskforce (C)</b>	BMSGPK	BMSGPK	Medizinisch-virologischer Frame	Transdisziplinär: Interner Beraterstab des BMSGPK (Verwaltung) + externer BS: Wissenschaft (Medizin, Virologie, Mikrobiologie Gesundheitswissenschaften/Bioethik) + Krankenhausmanagement, Intensivmedizin, Einsatzorganisationen, Ärzte- und Apothekerkammer (Multidisz.)
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<b>GECKO (C)</b>	BKA	Kabinett	Interdisziplinär/ politischer Auftrag	Transdisziplinär: Wissenschaft (inkl. nicht-medizinischer/naturwissenschaftlicher Fachgebiete wie Kommunikation oder Modellierung), Operative Expertise, Ländervertreter, Einsatzorganisationen
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<b>SKKM</b>	BMI	Politik/ Verwaltung	entscheidend	Krisenmanagement, Verwaltung
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