

# Open Research Working Group Terms of Reference

Open research, sometimes known as open science, is the process of transparently sharing research outputs, methods, and materials throughout the research process under terms that enable reuse and redistribution, where possible (this definition is drawn from a [primer on open research drafted by the UK Reproducibility Network](#) – UKRN)

Open research will look different in different disciplines, and researchers will be motivated to make their research openly available for different reasons, from reproducibility to increasing accessibility.

## Term

These Terms of Reference are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

## Aim

The LSE Open Research Working Group (ORWG) exists to provide strategic direction for open research support at the LSE, and to foster the adoption of best open research practices across the School. This includes overseeing relevant policies and training, identifying future opportunities and initiatives, developing and sharing practical guidelines and checklists for open and transparent research in social sciences.

The Group recognises the rich diversity of different social sciences in the School, and of different views and motivations to adopt open research practices in each discipline in the School. This diversity also means that there is a variety of traditional and non-traditional research outputs that researchers across the School may want to make openly available, and the Group reflects this diversity in training, guidelines, and events.

The Group aims to increase awareness of open research and supports a wider community of interested researchers and staff who may contribute to specific events, initiatives, and training opportunities. The ORWG also looks to embed open research principles in the governance of research at LSE, in particular working with the Research Ethics Committee to align on relevant guidance.

The Group acts as the Local Network for the UK Reproducibility Network (UKRN). The LSE local network of the UKRN was founded by some members of the ORWG in 2019 as a grassroots network at the LSE to discuss reproducibility issues across the social sciences.

## Funding and budget

The events of the working group are being funded by the Library for 2024-25. The group will seek funding opportunities from elsewhere in the School and externally to support our activities.

## Reporting

The ORWG will report to Research Committee on an ad-hoc basis and when major changes to the School's approach to Open Research are proposed.

## Group Membership

The ORWG will be comprised of researchers and professional services staff with an interest in Open Research and a commitment to enact change across LSE. In order to allow for effective discussion and decision-making the group will be limited to 15 members and will aim to include at least one member from each of the 5 groups of departments/research centres: <https://info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/Secretarys-Division/Assets/Documents/Governance/AB-committee-vacancies/AB-Constituency-Groups.pdf>

The Chair's responsibilities are to ensure that the group runs according to these Terms of Reference, meets regularly, and is reflective of the range of research conducted at LSE. The Chair also acts as the Local Network Lead of the UKRN and represents the School appropriately in this network. The Deputy Chair is responsible for substituting for the Chair as appropriate, and managing practical arrangements for the Group's meetings and events. Current members of the group are:

- Chair: [Dr Matteo M Galizzi](#), Associate Professor of Behavioural Science, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science and LSE Behavioural Lab
- Deputy Chair: Rosie Higman, Open Research Services Manager, LSE Library
- [Hannah Boroudjou](#), Research Data Librarian, LSE Library
- Professor Julia [Böttcher](#), Professor in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics [Group 3]
- [Dr Sakshi Ghai](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science [Group 4]
- [Dr Heather Kappes](#), Associate Professor of Management, Department of Management [Group 1]

- [Dr Dario Krpan](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science [Group 4]
- [Lucy Lambe](#), Open Research Librarian, LSE Library
- Dr Peter Mills, PhD Academy Manager
- [Dr Andrea Pia](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
- [Professor Joan Roses](#), Chair of the Research Degrees Sub Committee, Professor in Economic History, Department of Economic History
- [Professor Kai Spiekermann](#), Professor of Political Philosophy, Department of Government
- [Professor Elizabeth Stokoe](#), Academic Director of Impact, Professor, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science
- Michael Taster, Managing Editor LSE Impact Blog
- [Dr Milena Tsvetkova](#), Associate Professor of Computational Social Science, Department of Methodology [Group 3]

## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The Group's approach to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) will be developed in early 2025.