

# Shared Principles, Regional Realities: Advancing Research Assessment Reform in the Asia-Pacific

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## **Speaker Information (in order of appearance)**



### **Master of Ceremonies**

#### **Giovanna Lima, Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)**

Giovanna Lima is an implementation and change specialist. She currently serves as Program Manager for DORA (Declaration on Research Assessment), where she supports researchers and institutions worldwide to translate reform principles into actionable policies and practices. Dr Lima has led impact, recognition and rewards initiatives at Erasmus University Rotterdam and Trinity College Dublin, and brings extensive experience in public administration and global consulting.



**Cameron Neylon, Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA)**

Cameron Neylon has been involved in advocacy for Research reform for over 20 years. From 2015-2024, he was Professor of Research Communications at Curtin University where he co-founded and co-lead the Curtin Open Knowledge Initiative. He is a member of the Steering Board of CoARA, the Steering Group for the Barcelona Declaration, and the advisory board of Open Citations.

He was a co-author of the Principles for Open Scholarly Infrastructure, the altmetrics manifesto, the books Open Knowledge Institutions, Reading Peer Review, Supporting Research Communications: a guide and Open Scholarship and the Need for Collective Action.



**Ginny Barbour, Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)**

Prof Ginny Barbour is the Editor-in-Chief of the Medical Journal of Australia. She is an Adjunct Professor at Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Brisbane, Australia. She is Co-Chair of the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA).

She trained in clinical and academic haematology in the UK, before becoming an editor. She joined The Lancet in 1999, leaving in 2004 to be one of the three founding editors of PLOS Medicine. She has been involved in many international open access, innovative scholarly communication and publication and research integrity initiatives. She is a member of the Australian NHMRC and MRFF Public Health and Health Systems Committee. She was previously Chair of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).



**John Chodacki, University of California Curation Center & Make Data Count Advisory Group**

John Chodacki is Director of the University of California Curation Center (UC3) at California Digital Library (CDL). As UC3 Director, John works across the UC campuses and the broader community to ensure digital curation services meet the emerging needs of the scholarly community including digital preservation, persistent identifiers, data management, and data publishing. Prior to CDL, John oversaw product development activities at publishing organisations such as O'Reilly Media, Safari Books Online, and PLOS. He has served on the board and/or steering committees of FORCE11, DataCite, Crossref, ROR (Research Organization Registry), COUNTER, Open Citations, Metadata 20/20, Collaborative Metadata Enrichment (COMET), RDA-US, The Carpentries, and Make Data Count (MDC).



**Bianca Kramer, Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information**

Bianca Kramer is Executive Director of the Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information, an initiative she helped organize and coordinate. She has a background in research communication and libraries, having worked as scholarly communication/open science librarian at Utrecht University Library for 15 years, before moving to an independent consulting/research analyst role at Sesame Open Science, with a focus on open science, open metadata and open infrastructure – a role she combines with her activities for the Barcelona Declaration.



**Daniela Perrotta, FOLEC-CLACSO**

Daniela Perrotta is Coordinator of the Latin American Forum on Research Assessment (FOLEC) at CLACSO, where she leads regional efforts to advance responsible research assessment, open science, and non-commercial scholarly communication in the Global South.

She is an independent researcher at CONICET, based at the Institute for Educational Research (IICE), Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, University of Buenos Aires, and serves as Secretary of Development and Institutional Engagement at the Universidad Nacional de las Artes.

Perrotta has held key leadership roles in higher education internationalization and policy, including as National Director of International Cooperation at Argentina's Ministry of Education. She has coordinated major regional initiatives within CLACSO, such as SILEU and FOLEC, and contributed to university networks from the National Interuniversity Council (CIN).

A political scientist trained at UBA, she holds a Master's and PhD in Social Sciences from FLACSO. Her research focuses on internationalisation of higher education, regional integration, and the geopolitics of knowledge.



### **Tina Cockburn, Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**

Professor Tina Cockburn TEP, is Professor School of Law, Faculty of Business and Law at Queensland University of Technology (QUT); Director Australian Centre for Health Law Research (ACHLR); co-lead ACHLR Planning for Healthy Ageing program; sessional member Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT); and a member of the Queensland Law Society Health and Disability Law Committee. Before joining QUT, she was a solicitor at Feez Ruthning (now Allens). Tina's health law research focuses on access to justice and compensation by vulnerable people in three broad contexts: patient safety and compensation law; compensation and redress for institutional abuse of children; and elder, disability, estate planning and succession law. She has over 200 publications, including peer reviewed articles in quality national and international journals and high impact professional journals, four co-authored books and an edited book. Her research has been supported by national and international competitive grants, including Economic & Social Research Council (UK) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), industry funding and not for profits. She is regularly invited to deliver lectures and continuing professional education programs for legal and medical professionals.

Tina was Chair, QUT Reimagining Research Assessment (RRA) Working Group from 2021-2024 (July). She has been a member of the QUT RRA Steering Group since August 2024, and Acting Chair since November 2025.



**Alan Coulson, New Zealand's Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment**

Dr Alan Coulson is the Manager of Contestable Investments at New Zealand's Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). In this capacity he manages New Zealand's largest contestable science investment, the Endeavour Fund, which invests up to \$NZ230 million annually in excellent science with the potential to positively impact New Zealand's economy, environment, and society. As a former researcher and research leader, Alan has had his research proposals assessed, performed assessments as a member of MBIE's College of Assessors, and now manages the College and their assessment processes for the Endeavour Fund.



**Yu Sasaki, Kyoto University**

Yu Sasaki is a Research Administrator at the Kyoto University Office of Research Acceleration. She focuses on advancing research assessment reform that maximises the unique strengths and contexts of diverse academic disciplines. To this end, she actively engages with national and international networks of research managers to explore and adapt responsible research assessment (RRA) practices, as exemplified by her leadership in the DORA-funded "JINSHA" project. Specially appointed as an Associate Member of the Subcommittee on Research Evaluation under the Science Council of Japan, she contributes to national debates on research assessment systems. Beyond RRA, Yu fosters a globally engaged research environment by providing strategic support for international researchers and facilitating academic collaborations, particularly with India. She holds a PhD in Political Science and previously served at the JICA India Office, bringing a deep background in international cooperation to her current role.



### **Francis P Crawley**

Francis P. Crawley, Co-chair and Coordinator of the CoARA Ethics and Research Integrity Policy in Responsible Research Assessment for Data and Artificial Intelligence (ERIP) Working Group. He is also Chairman of the CODATA International Data Policy Committee (IDPC) and Co-chair & Principal Investigator of the EOSC-Future/RDA Artificial Intelligence and Data Visitation Working Group (AIDV-WG). Francis is a philosopher specialised in research ethics, integrity & methodology as well as in data/AI ethics & law. He has expertise in EU, US, international and country-specific ethics, law. He has worked and published in philosophy of education, with a particular focus on the contemporary idea of the European university and the evolution of university education since the 1980's.

He was the Director of the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral programmes in philosophy at the KU Leuven, where he also taught research ethics and research integrity as parts of courses for BA, MA, and doctoral students. He was also responsible for the Erasmus Programme and, in accordance with the Bologna Process, provided the first revised KU Leuven doctoral programme according to legislation from the Flemish government.



### **Tung Tung Chan, Erasmus University Rotterdam**

Tung Tung Chan is a Senior Strategic Advisor at Erasmus University Rotterdam, where she advances policy on societal impact, reward and recognition, and open and responsible science through evidence-based research intelligence. She is also pursuing a PhD on open infrastructure for Dutch universities and is a Visiting Researcher at CWTS Leiden University, focusing on responsible research and innovation (RRI), open science, and fairer approaches to assessing diverse academic contributions. Drawing on her experience as an educator, researcher, and policy advisor across Asia and Europe, Tung Tung is committed to fostering more inclusive, innovative, and responsible academic systems.



### **Moumita Koley, DST-Centre for Policy Research**

Moumita Koley is a researcher and policy analyst specialising in open science, responsible research assessment (RRA), and scholarly communication, with a focus on evidence-based advocacy for reforming the research system. She holds a PhD in organic chemistry from TU Vienna. Over time, her professional trajectory shifted toward examining the structural conditions under which knowledge is produced, evaluated, and disseminated. This transition was informed by first-hand experience of how metric-driven evaluation systems, commercial publishing models, and prestige hierarchies shape research agendas, behaviours, and incentives, often at the expense of societal relevance, equity, and research integrity. Currently, she works as a Senior Research Analyst at DST-Centre for Policy Research, IISc, Bangalore, and a Research Fellow at the Research on Research Institute (RoRI), UK.

Moumita serves on the steering committee for DORA (representing Asia), the IAU Open Science Expert Group, is editor of the Open Knowledge section of *Katina: Librarianship Elevated*, and is also a member of the steering board of OSMI.

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