



Invitation

Opening of the Robert Merton Center for Science Studies

September 11, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

Tieranatomisches Theater (Philippstraße 13, 10115 Berlin)

The Robert Merton Center for Science Studies of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin gladly invites you to its opening event on September 11, 2019 at the Tieranatomisches Theater in Berlin.

The Merton Center is proud to welcome three outstanding scientists for the scientific conference „*Quality and Truth – Quo vadis Science?*“:

- Harriet Zuckerman (Columbia University): tba
- John Ioannidis (Stanford University): "Improving biomedical research through openness and reproducibility"
- Steven Shapin (Harvard University): „Is there a Crisis of Truth?“

**Please register for this event** by sending an e-mail with the subject „registration“ to: [rmzkordi@hu-berlin.de](mailto:rmzkordi@hu-berlin.de). (Registration closes September 2, 2019.)

You are warmly invited to join us for a small reception after the talks (7pm).

About the speakers:

**Harriet Zuckerman** is professor emerita of Columbia University and a highly influential sociologist of science. Her comprehensive work includes studies on the scientific elite, gender and age disparities, education and careers in science. She is also a long-time collaborator of Robert K. Merton and the (belated) co-author of „The Matthew Effect in Science“. **John Ioannidis** is professor of medicine and one of the most prominent advocats for the improvement of quality in biomedical research. As Einstein BIH Visiting Fellow, he recently opened the Meta-Research Innovation Center Berlin (Metric-Berlin). **Steven Shapin** is professor for the history of science at Harvard University, was awarded the Erasmus Prize for his book *Leviathan and the Air-Pump: Hobbes, Boyle, and the Experimental Life* in 2005, and received the prestigious George Sarton Medal of the History of Science Society for career contributions to the field in 2014. A recurrent topic in his work has been the role of trust in science and research.

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