

**12 January 2006**

Leibniz-Saal:

11:00 – 12:30	Opening Addresses Günter Stock, President, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) Peter Weingart, Spokesperson, Interdisciplinary Research Group "Scientific Advice to Policy in Democracy", BBAW
Opening Lecture	Sir David King UK Government's Chief Scientific Adviser
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
Einstein-Saal:	
13:30 – 14:30	Quality Control and Peer Review in Regulatory Science Sheila Jasanoff KSG, Harvard University
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 15:45:	The EU Guidelines on the Collection and Use of Scientific Advice Michael Rogers BEPA, European Commission
15:45 – 16:30	Science Advice for Government Effectiveness: The Canadian Approach Kevin Keough, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
16:30 – 17:00	Teatime
17:00 – 17:45	Scientific Advice for Policy in the United States: Lessons from the National Academy of Sciences and the former Office of Technology Assessment Peter D. Blair, Executive Director, Division for Engineering and Physical Sciences, US National Academy of Sciences
17:45 – 18:30	The Swiss Academy of Sciences as Science Broker Ingrid Kissling-Näf, Secretary General, Swiss Academy of Sciences
18:45	Reception at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science and Humanities

**13 January 2006**

9:00 – 9:30	Welcoming Coffee
9:30 – 10:15	Scientific Advice to Consumer Protection Policy Edda Müller, President, Federation of German Consumer Organisations
10:15 – 11:15	International Risk Governance Council (IRGC) Wolfgang Kröger, President IRGC, ETH Zurich
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:15	International Commission on Radiological Protection: Policy and Worldwide Standards Christian Streffer, ICRP
12:15 – 13:00	Reconciling Representations with Reality: Unitisation as an Example for Science and Public Policy Naomi Oreskes, UCSD
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:45	Science into Policy: with hindsight and foresight? The European Environment Agency David Gee, European Environment Agency
14:45 – 15:30	Greenpeace Research Laboratories Paul Johnston, Greenpeace Research Laboratories, University of Exeter
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 16:30	Quality Control and the Link Between Science and Regulation from a National and EU Administrator's Perspective Geoffrey Podger, Chief Executive of the British Health and Safety Executive (former Executive Director, European Food Safety Authority)
16:30 – 17:15	Knowledge, Advice and Influence: The Role of the UK Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution Susan Owens, University of Cambridge
17:15 – 17:45	Teatime
17:45 – 18:30	The German Institute for Economic Research Gert G. Wagner, DIW, Berlin
18:30 – 19:15	The Industrial Organisation of Economic Policy Preparation in the Netherlands Frank A.G. den Butter, VU Amsterdam
19:15 – 20:00	RMNO and Quality Control of Scientific Advice to Policy Bert de Wit, Programme Manager, RMNO
20:15	Reception at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science and Humanities

**14 January 2006**

9:00 – 9:30	Welcoming Coffee
9:30 – 10:15	The German Federal Research Institutes Manfred Hennecke, BAM, Spokesperson, Working Committee of the German Federal Research Institutes
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:30	Extended Assessment of Policy Related Research Silvio Funtowicz, Head, Knowledge Assessment Methodologies Sector, IPSC, European Commission - Joint Research Centre
11:30 – 12:15	The Management of Uncertainty at the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (formerly associated with RIVM) Arthur Petersen, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
12:15 – 12:30	Comment: Heather Douglas, SRA
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Where Do we Go from Here? Concluding Remarks Chair: Panel:
	Ortwin Renn, BBAW Sheila Jasanoff, KSG Harvard University Reinhard Hüttl, German Science Council, BBAW Reinhard Kurth, Robert Koch Institute, BBAW Peter Weingart, Spokesperson, Interdisciplinary Research Group "Scientific Advice to Policy in Democracy", BBAW Justus Lentsch, Interdisciplinary Research Group "Scientific Advice to Policy in Democrac, BBAW

**All participants are cordially invited to attend the 3rd Berlin Academy Dialogue on Science Policy:***Science and Democracy in the Politics of Biotechnology: Author meets critics*

17:30	Sheila Jasanoff KSG, Harvard University Jens Reich, Max-Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin-Buch, BBAW Thomas Saretzki, Chair, Environmental Politics, University of Lüneburg
19:30	Reception at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science and Humanities

This event presents the German launch of Sheila Jasanoff's new book *Designs on Nature: Science and Democracy in Europe and the US.*

## Quality Control & Assurance in Scientific Policy Advice

Interdisciplinary Research Group  
Scientific Advice to Policy in Democracy

Expert Symposium  
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## Scientific Organisation

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## Background and Objectives

Quality control and assurance is the fundamental commitment of policy oriented science and scientific policy advice. However, controlling and assuring the quality of scientific advice to public policy making is neither a uniform nor even a well-defined procedure.

Therefore, this expert symposium aims at giving an overview over the various dimensions as well as the formal and informal structures and routines of quality control and assurance of scientific policy advice by assembling the perspectives and experiences from different organisations and institutional arrangements putting them into practice.

Participants are representatives of various advisory organisations that serve as "model organisations" for the institutionalisation of scientific policy advice across Europe and the United States. The issue of quality control in scientific policy advice will be addressed along the lines of the following aspects:

- Definitions
- Criteria
- Institutions, procedures and routines
- Political dimensions
- Lessons to be drawn

The symposium is organised by the Interdisciplinary Research Group "Scientific Advice to Policy in Democracy" of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW).

The Academy's research group aims at devising guidelines and criteria for advising policy in a way more accountable to academic science and public concerns alike.

## Conference Venue

Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences & Humanities  
Jägerstr. 22/23, Einsteinsaal  
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