Radical Scepticism, Intellectual Courage, and Conspiracy Theory

16-17 September 2026

University of Southampton, Avenue Campus, Lecture Theatre C

Conference Programme

Wednesday 16th September

09:00-10:15 **Quassim Cassam** (Warwick) *Who Needs Intellectual Courage – and why?*
Chair: Genia Schönbaumsfeld

10:15-10:30 (Coffee)

10:30-11:45 **Taylor Matthews** (Southampton) *Rescuing Knowledge*
Chair: Amin Mostajir

11:50-13:05 **Heather Battaly** (UConn) *Relational Close-mindedness*
Chair: Taylor Matthews

13:05-14:05 (Lunch)

14:05-15:20 **Sarah Buss** (Michigan) *What's Wrong with Them?*
Chair: Kyle van Oosterum

15:25-16:40 **Jonathan Ichikawa** (UBC) *Courage, Doubt, and Blame*
Chair: James McIntyre

16:40-16:55 (Coffee)

17:00-18:15 **Duncan Pritchard** (UC Irvine) *Authenticity Risk*
Chair: Genia Schönbaumsfeld

19:00 *Conference Dinner at The Jetty*

Thursday 17th September

10:00-11:15 **Genia Schönbaumsfeld** (Southampton) *Partners in Crime: Radical Scepticism and 'Global' Conspiracy Theorising*
Chair: Anita Avramides

11:15-11:30 (Coffee)

11:30-12:45 **John Greco** (Georgetown) *The Pyrrhonian Problematic Socialized: Conspiracy Theories and Radical Scepticism*
Chair: Anthony Rudd

12:50-14:05 **Miriam Schleifer McCormick** (Richmond) *Commitment and Doubt*
Chair: Fiona Woollard

14:05-15:05 (Lunch)

15:10-16:20 **Joseph Uscinski** (Miami) *The People Who Break Things*
Chair: Kyle van Oosterum

16:25-17:40 **Annalisa Coliva** (UC Irvine) *Conspiracy Theories, Delusions, and Religious Convictions: A Hinge Epistemological Account*
Chair: Genia Schönbaumsfeld