

## Colloquium lecture by Prof. Mirta Galesic

Networks of beliefs in individual and collective minds

Beliefs about issues from vaccination to climate change do not exist in isolation – they are connected to beliefs about related issues and to perceived beliefs others have about those issues. Studying the networks of beliefs within and between individual minds can help us understand when and why people change their beliefs and how phenomena such as polarization occurs even in stable social networks. Furthermore, I will show how network analysis can shine light on patterns of change in collective minds expressed through reader comments on news sites across the U.S. political spectrum.

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This lecture takes place at Liebiggasse 5, 1010 Vienna, Lecture Hall G 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and will be streamed.

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