

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Andrew Abbott
Sociologist, University of Chicago

Peter Chen
Chemist, ETH Zürich

Roger Cooter
Historian of Medicine,
University College, London

Petra Gehring
Philosopher, Technical University,
Darmstadt

Michael D. Gordin
Historian of Science,
Princeton University

Wilhelm Grissem
Biologist, ETH Zürich

Mordechai Kremnitzer
Jurist, Israel Democracy Institute
and Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Bruno Latour
Sociologist, École des Sciences
Politiques, Paris

Ilana Löwy
Historian of Science,
CERMES, Paris

Robert N. Proctor
Historian of Science,
Stanford University

Nikolas Rose
Sociologist, The London School of
Economics, London

Marianne Sommer
Historian of Science, University of
Zürich

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REGISTRATION

The organisers kindly ask to
register attendance, no conference
fee will be collected:
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ETH Main Building, Semper Aula
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Latsis- Symposium 2011



A Symposium
to Commemorate
the 50th
Anniversary of
Ludwik Fleck's
Death



May 26 - 28

ETH Main Building
Semper Aula
Rämistr. 101
8092 Zurich



Thursday, May 26th

Friday, May 27th

Friday, May 27th

Saturday, May 28th

OPENING EVENT

SESSION 1

SESSION 2

SESSION 3

18:30 **WELCOME**

Roland Siegwart
ETH Vice President
Research and
Corporate Relations

Dusan Sidjanski
Latsis Fondation

Gerd Folkers
Collegium Helveticum

INTRODUCTION
Michael Hagner

19:00 **OPENING LECTURE**
Chair: Johannes Fehr

Bruno Latour
Learning our Political
Epistemology from Fleck

20:00 Apéro

**«SCIENCE AND THE CRISIS
OF DEMOCRACY»**

Chair: Matthias Mahlmann

9:30 **Mordechai Kremnitzer**
Law, Democracy and
the Sciences of Mankind

10:15 **Roger Cooter**
Forfeit Democracy:
Folding the Humanities
into the Natural Sciences

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Robert N. Proctor**
Golden Holocaust:
The Corruption
of Scholarship
by Big Tobacco

12:15–14:00 Lunch Break

«THE USES OF SCIENCE»

Chair: Rivka Feldhay

14:00 **Nikolas Rose**
Truth and Power
in the Contemporary
Sciences of Life:
Biopolitics, Democracy
and Subjectivity

14:45 **Petra Gehring**
Dubious Expertise:
Bioethics and Bioethicists

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Ilana Löwy**
Biocitizenship in Real Life:
Science and Politics of
Prenatal Diagnosis

16:45 **Panel Discussion**
by Michael Hagner (Chair)
with **Peter Chen**
and **Wilhelm Gruissem**
Science in Democratic and
Non-Democratic Countries

**«IS SCIENCE A MODEL
FOR DEMOCRACY?»**

Chair: Gerd Folkers

9:30 **Andrew Abbott**
Knowledge between
Elitism and Democracy

10:15 **Marianne Sommer**
The Biology of Democracy
in Scientific Humanism

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Michael D. Gordin**
Demarcation in a Democracy:
Lysenko and Velikovsky
in Cold War America

12:15–12:45 **Final Discussion**