



Nuclear Policy Storylistening Exercise Workshop Programme Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March 2023

Room RUS (30) 101, Birkbeck, University of London
30 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DT

Project Aim: To demonstrate how storylistening can inform decision-making, and to provide insights for today's decision-makers in nuclear policy. To do so by collaboratively exploring how the interplay of stories and policy with respect to nuclear weapons and nuclear safety informed decision-making in the past, and by drawing out the implications of stories for current and future policy decisions. The findings will be presented in a report for practitioners that should summarise the narrative evidence, the reasons for taking narrative evidence of this type seriously, and the implications for the readers.

Day 1: Wednesday 29th March

09.30-10.00 Arrival with tea and coffee available

10.00-10.40 **Welcome, introductions, purpose and structure of the workshop**
(Claire Craig) & Icebreaker (all)

10.40-11.10 **Storylistening Introduction** (Sarah Dillon)

11.10-11.20 Break (tea and coffee)

11.20-12.50 **Session 1 - Framings and Points of View** Chair: Matthew Jones

Short presentations, plenary discussion and breakout session.

12.50-13.50 Lunch

13.50-15.20 **Session 2 - Identities** Chair: Tom McKane

Short presentations, plenary discussion and breakout session.

15.20-15.30 Break

15.30-17.00 **Session 3 - Modelling and Systems** Chair: Matthew Jones

Short presentations, plenary discussion and breakout session.

17.00-17.30 **Wrap Up** Chairs: Claire Craig and Sarah Dillon



Review of the day, identification of key themes, tasks for overnight and plans for the morning.

18.00 **Workshop Dinner.** Venue: MAL 5th Floor Eatery, Malet Street

Day 2: Thursday 30th March

09.00-09.30 Arrival with tea and coffee available

09.30-09.45 **Plenary** Chair: Claire Craig

Recap on day one, opportunity to add overnight reflections.

09.45-11.15 **Session 4 - Anticipation** Chair: Sarah Dillon

Narrative futures exercise in breakout groups to create anticipatory narrative models to broaden current policy options.

11.15-11.30 Break

11.30-12.00 **Plenary** Chair: Claire Craig

Develop the headlines and structure of the final report.

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.00 **Breakout Session**

Small groups draft the report section assigned to them.

14.00-15.00 **Final Plenary** Chairs: Claire Craig and Sarah Dillon

Feedback to create an outline of the full report.

Confirm the key messages and what makes them persuasive. Rapid check for any significant gaps, uncertainties and differences of view.



LIST OF WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

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