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The assessment of research performance in the academic system. Lessons learnt, open questions.

The assessment of research has become a common practice in many advanced countries. At the same time it raises hot controversies. The seminar reviews the arguments in favour and against research assessment (including issues of epistemic pluralism, cognitive justice, interdisciplinarity, research integrity). It will be based on extensive high level responsibility in the development of the research assessment infrastructure in Italy, with particular emphasis on Social Sciences and Humanities. The seminar will also review the empirical literature on the consequences of research assessment, covering also the heated debate on the Europeam model of "distributed excellence".

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