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| **Project Name:** | Science Policy Discussions | |
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| **Project updates** | |  |
| Science Policy Discussions have had a successful first term. The first event that we organized ourselves using funding from the Student Council was a large success, with around 20 participants in attendance, and a great talk on the social structure of science held by Jessica Thompson, PhD. We are holding a second event tonight (01.29) using funding from the Student Council tonight on the peer review system, held by Jan Bauer, which I am sure will also be fascinating. In addition, we have held a number of smaller (unfunded) events, in which we would visit exhibitions or attend lectures together around Oxford, which has helped strengthen the community.  In collaboration with the Postgraduate Society, we continue to operate our Science Policy WhatsApp Group to foster communication between students and discussions, which currently has over 230 members. | | |
| **Future plans** | |  |
| The hope is to keep building the Science Policy Discussions group and community in the future. The format may have to change for the next terms because Kai is leaving for a research stay at EPFL in Switzerland until HT25, but the hope is that it will still be possible to organize a few additional events over the coming terms, if possibly at a lower frequency. We could then pick up the pace again in 2025. Additionally, we will keep operating our WhatsApp group, and hope to extend our online presence by building out a Notion page (in progress) or similar. If there is capacity, we would be eager to keep working with the Student Council/Student Union in building out the group and making the project more systematized. | | |