

Publish or be damned: peer review, the public and you



**What does peer review do for science?
Is maverick science rejected?
Does peer review matter to the public?**



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- **Reviewing and being reviewed**

Examining the process of peer review in journal publishing; what does peer review do for science? How can early career researchers engage with the process? **Speaker: Peter Lee, Editor, Cell's *Immunity*.**

- **Reporting science and health stories**

How does the media report the status and quality of research? How do they balance the need for news and entertainment with reporting science? **Speaker: Paul Basken, *Chronicle of Higher Education*.**

- **Peer review and the public**

What is the public perception of peer review? Can it help the public understand the status of scientific claims? **Speaker: Tracey Brown, Managing Director, Sense About Science*.**

- **Peer review, warts and all**

Exploring the criticisms of the peer review process; does it detect fraud and misconduct? Is maverick science rejected? **Facilitated group discussions followed by audience discussion with the panel.**

* Sense About Science is a charity to promote evidence and good science for the public.