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Workshop
From Science To Society

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Workshop From Science To Society (FS2S)

Translating Today's Research Into Tomorrow's Solutions

From Science to Society (FS2S) is an in-person scientific workshop co-organised by the Club of Scientists of the Rafael del Pino Alumni Association and the Rafael del Pino Foundation. This seminar is jointly organised within the mission of both institutions to develop the values of leadership and entrepreneurship in Spanish society. In the same vein, FS2S shares the identical objectives of the Club of Scientists:

- Promoting and consolidating a global community of Spanish young scientists with interests in interdisciplinary areas such as technological innovation and the academy-industry connection
- Offering a platform for meeting, discussing, and disseminating current, relevant, global, and transcendent topics for the entire scientific community
- Promoting the innovative technological initiative as a fundamental pillar for the Spanish economy

FS2S was launched for the first time in April 2022. Given the success of this initiative, we are delighted to announce that FS2S has been officially established as an annual workshop in scientific entrepreneurship at Cambridge University. The third edition of FS2S will be held at Downing College (University of Cambridge) from September 23rd to September 25th, 2026.

Congratulations to all FS2S participants on being selected through a highly competitive application process!! As a FS2S attendee, you are also recognized as a member of the Club of Scientists, which currently comprises more than 1k young Spanish scientists scattered throughout the best institutions and universities on the globe and specialised in all different areas of scientific knowledge.

We wish you the best as you embark upon an opportunity of a lifetime: discussing and first-hand experiencing the atmosphere of research at Cambridge University. During four days, you will discuss different ways of transferring scientific knowledge to society. Throughout the workshop, researchers at the University of Cambridge who are also scientific entrepreneurs, work on projects together with industrial/pharmaceutical companies or help transform politics using science will accompany us and give us their advice and experiences.

We really hope that you enjoy the workshop and make the most of the interaction opportunities provided with the speakers and other FS2S colleagues whilst reflecting on the change, action, and impact you wish to bring throughout your own careers.

Looking forward to meeting you all next September!

Agenda

Wednesday September 23, 2026

Downing College, Cambridge, CB2 1DQP

12:30 Lunch at Downing College Hall

13:30 Arrival and check-in at Porters Lodge

13:45 Coffee Break

14:00 Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Vicente J. Montes Gan, CEO of the Rafael del Pino Foundation, **Marina Cler** and **Paula Martín**, Directors of the Workshop

14:30 FS2S Session 1: **Florian Markowetz**, Director and co-founder, Tailor Bio, and Group Leader, the Markowetz group, Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute
Tailor Bio: improving the lives of patients by making precision medicine a reality

15:30 FS2S Session 2: **Diego Rodríguez Mejias**, Senior Policy Advisor, Regulation for Innovation
Regulatory Horizons Council

16:30 FS2S Session 3: **Sara Rodrigues**, Senior Research Manager
Alzheimer Research UK

18:00 Free time

19:30 Grand Formal Dinner
Location: St Catherine's College (Trumpington St, Cambridge CB2 1RL)

Thursday September 24, 2026

Downing College, Cambridge, CB2 1DQP

08:00 Breakfast at Downing College Hall

09:30 FS2S Session 4: **Camille Terfve**, associate patent attorney at Mewburn Ellis and PhD graduate from University of Cambridge
Patent regulation and IP

10:30 Coffee Break / Networking

11:00 FS2S Session 5: **Fernando Gomollón Bel**, co-founder of Agata Communications
Agata Communications: making complicated things easy

12:00 Lunch at Downing College Hall

13:00 FS2S Session 6: **Miguel Gancedo-Rodrigo**, Senior Research Investigator
Isomorphic Labs

14:00 FS2S Session 7: **Agata Nyga**, Founder
Mechanome Bio

15:00 Coffee Break and Group Photo

15:30 Walking Tour and free time

18:00 FS2S Session 8: **Tony Kouzarides,** Director and Co-founder
Milner Therapeutics Institute

19:30 Dinner @NOVI (optional)

22:00 Social @The Lab (optional)

Friday September 25, 2026

Downing College, Cambridge, CB2 1DQP

08:00 Check-out at Porters Lodge

08:30 Breakfast at Downing College Hall

09:00 FS2S Session 9: **Leire Escudero-Ibarz**, Associate Director & HBA Cambridge Lead
AstraZeneca

10:00 FS2S Session 10: **Mario de Miguel Ramos**, postdoc researcher, University of Cambridge, and CTO of Sorex Sensors
Sorex Sensors: high sensitive sensors transforming industrial products

11:00 FS2S Session 11: **Paula Martin**, Computational Biologist
Altos Labs

12:00 Discussion & closing remarks
Marina Cler and **Paula Martín**, Directors of the Workshop, **Carlota Taboada,** Director of International Programmes and Research, Rafael del Pino Foundation

12:30 Lunch at Downing College Hall

SPEAKERS

Fernando Gomollón Bel

Fernando is a PhD in chemistry and a science communicator based in Cambridge, UK. In 2022 he co-founded Agata Communications, a start-up focused on delivering science and innovation to the right audiences. Currently, the company is a partner in different Horizon Europe grants funded with over €15 million in total.

Specialised in science writing and storytelling, he's also collaborated with popular science magazines such as Chemistry World, Principia, and C&EN, as well as several media platforms (newspapers, radio and TV) in Spain. Before Agata, he worked in science writing, science communications and public relations, first as an an intern at the Royal Society of Chemistry, then as the Press Coordinator at the Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia (ICIQ), one of the most prestigious chemistry research centres in Europe. After that, he moved to the University of Cambridge to work as the deputy Communications Leader at the Graphene Flagship, one of the largest research projects ever funded by the European Commission with €1 billion over the course of ten years.

Mario de Miguel Ramos

Mario is a MEng in Telecommunications and PhD in Electronic Engineering Systems by the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM). His main field of study is the design, simulation, fabrication, and characterization of piezoelectric sensors based on ZnO and AlN acoustic wave resonators for in liquid and gas sensing applications. He has published 19 scientific papers and presented more than 30 contributions and invited talks at international conferences.

Mario is co-founder and member of the Advisory Board of Sorex Sensors Ltd., a spin out from the University of Cambridge developing highly sensitive gas sensors. He is also College Research Associate and supervisor of Sidney Sussex College, and project manager of UKTIN, the innovation network for the UK telecoms sector that brings together industry, academics, and government to catalyse telecoms R&D investment, cooperation, and commercialisation.

Leire Escudero-Ibarz

Leire is an Associate Director at AstraZeneca, where she leads cross-functional teams in functional genomics and early drug discovery across immunology, respiratory, oncology, and cell therapy - driven by the belief that every novel target is a chance to change a life. Originally from Barcelona, she holds an MSc in Immune Molecular Pathology from Imperial College London and a PhD in Cancer Genetics from the University of Cambridge. Her industry career spans GSK, Horizon Discovery, and AstraZeneca, where she has built and scaled phenotypic and CRISPR-based screening and iPSC capabilities, combining advanced perturbation libraries with physiologically relevant models and AI-driven analysis of large-scale genetic screen datasets to translate complex biology into decisive portfolio moves. An entrepreneurial leader and former co-founder of a Cambridge healthcare venture, she brings a purposeful, inclusive approach to both science and team building. Beyond R&D, she strengthens scientific communities as a founding leader of the HBA Cambridge branch and an active mentor and judge for innovation programmes.

Miguel Gancedo-Rodrigo

Miguel is a Senior Research Investigator at Isomorphic Labs, where he leads the biological strategy for drug discovery programs in oncology and immunology. He holds a Pharmacy degree from the University of Murcia and an MSc in Cancer Pharmacology from London Metropolitan University. After early structural biology research using Cryo-EM at the Francis Crick Institute, he spent several years at AstraZeneca, advancing to Senior Scientist in Protein Science and project leadership in Oncology. He later served as a Biology Project Lead at BenevolentAI, directing AI-driven discovery workflows. At Isomorphic Labs, Miguel work leads the biological strategy of drug discovery programs and collaborates with multidisciplinary teams to harness the power of AlphaFold—recognized with the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry—and develop next-generation technologies to transform modern medicine design.

Tony Kouzarides

Tony is Professor of Cancer Biology at the University of Cambridge, Deputy Director of the Gurdon Institute and Director of the Milner Therapeutics Institute. Tony did his PhD at the University of Cambridge and postdoctoral work at MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology on the cancer inducing potential of human cytomegalovirus. He then went to NYU Medical Center in New York where he worked on the c-Fos onco-protein and the characterization of the leucine zipper. He returned to Cambridge to lead a research group at the Gurdon Institute.

Tony is part of the Executive Board of the Cambridge Cancer Centre and on the Scientific Advisory Board of two Institutes on Spain (CRG in Barcelona and CABIMER in Seville). He is the founder and director of a cancer charity based in Spain called "Vencer el Cancer" (Conquer Cancer), which raises public funds from the Spanish public to fund research on cancer.

Tony is co- founder of Abcam plc, (a publicly trading research reagents company) and co-founder of two UK based cancer drug discovery companies: Chroma Therapeutics (based in Oxford) and STORM Therapeutics (based in Cambridge).

Florian Markowetz

Florian is Professor of Computational Oncology at the University of Cambridge and Senior Group Leader at the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute. He is a Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award holder and received a CRUK Future Leader in Cancer Research prize.

He holds degrees in Mathematics (Dipl. math.) and Philosophy (M.A.) from the University of Heidelberg and a Dr. rer. nat. (PhD equivalent) in Computational Biology from Free University Berlin, for which he was awarded an Otto-Hahn Medal by the Max Planck Society.

Agata Nyga

Agata is CEO and co-founder of Mechanome Bio, a Cambridge-based biotechnology company fusing physics-based models for tissue mechanics with spatial multi-omics to uncover novel biomarkers and targets for complex diseases. Agata holds PhD from Imperial College and spent over decade studying how mechanical forces govern cell and tissue behaviour. She is also active contributor to science policy through Polonium Foundation and ConnectsUK where she served on advisory board.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Anna Fumarola

Anna is Project Manager of the EU-funded project CONNECTS-UK, aimed at fostering scientific collaborations between the EU and the UK, led by the community of EU researchers working in the UK. Previously, as Director of Communication of HISPASAT (Madrid) an aero-space operator, Anna Fumarola was in charge, among others, of the coordination of the different scientific cooperation programs of the R&I department with other national and international research centres within EU policy framework. Later on, as External Relations Advisor and Program Officer for UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) and UN Women in Pakistan, she was specially involved with policy and advocacy for the UN women, peace, and security (WPS) agenda.

Once back in Spain, Anna Fumarola joined the Woman for Africa Foundation as Senior Project Manager, where she passed from policy to practice and implementation with several activities of capacity-building in conflict-resolution in Mali for local women. She set-up and led two major post-doctoral programmes targeting African women researchers while implementing science diplomacy with a strong gender lens with the embassies of Spain in Senegal, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Mozambique, Nigeria and Morocco. Anna Fumarola has consulted in gender policy for several projects and programs of both private, public and international organizations, such as Casa Asia and Council Foundation Spain-India, about design and implementation of gender programs consistent with the objectives of state actors (such as the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and the social corporate responsibility policies of the trustees.

ORGANIZERS

Marina Cler

Marina is a Ph.D. Biomedical Engineer. She holds a B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering (Universidad Carlos III Madrid) and a M.Sc. in Bioinformatics and Big Data (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Karolinska Institutet, and Stockholm University). During her undergraduate and postgraduate studies, Marina performed research in internationally recognized institutions such as the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering (Harvard Medical School), SciLifeLab (Karolinska Institutet), Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas (CNIO), or the Krasnow Institute of Advanced Study (George Mason University), among others.

She completed her Ph.D. studies in Biomedical Engineering at the Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia as a "La Caixa" Fellow. Her research focused on developing therapies to promote in situ cardiac regeneration to alleviate the aftermaths of myocardial infarction. She was also a visiting scholar at Imperial College London and Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR). Marina is a member of the Rafael del Pino Alumni Board as well as the co-President of its Club of Scientists.

Paula Martin-Gonzalez

Paula is a Computational Biologist using AI to understand biology at Altos Labs. She holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge where her work focused on developing predictive models for cancer using medical image analysis. As part of her PhD, she was a visiting researcher at the Alan Turing Institute as well as performed a Data Science industry placement at AstraZeneca.

She received the STEM for Britain award run by the House of Commons Parliamentary Scientific Committee, recognising the impact of her research on predictive modelling applied to healthcare. She is also part of the Board of Directors at the Rafael del Pino Alumni Association as well as the co-President of its Club of Scientists.

RAFAEL DEL PINO FOUNDATION

Vicente J. Montes Gan

Vicente is the Director (CEO) of the Rafael del Pino Foundation, Vicepresident of the Spanish Association of Foundations, member of the Board of Trustees of the NGO AHA Flying Doctors, and member of the Editorial Board of Información Comercial Española. Previous positions include: Vicepresident of the UN Global Compact-Spain; President of the Spanish State Economists & Trade Specialist Association (ATCEE); Economic and Commercial Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in Angola, Namibia, Congo, DR Congo, Sao Tome and Principe and Zambia; Director at ICEX; Deputy Director General of the Spanish Court of Competition; and Founder and President of the NGO Liberdom. He has also been Professor of Economic Analysis (UCIII) and Chairman of the Department of Economics of the Ateneo de Madrid. He is TCEE & holds a Bachelor in Economics (UAM), a Doctorate of Philosophy in Law (UCM), & is Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts in Salzburg, Officer of the Royal Order of Isabel La Católica, Medal of Merit of the Civil Guard & of the ATCEE, Leao de Oro of the Republic of Angola (AIA) & I Essay Prize Casa África.

Carlota Taboada

Carlota is Director of Research and Online Programmes at the Rafael del Pino Foundation, where she designs innovative face-to-face and online seminars, courses and executive programmes that engage audiences in meaningful learning experiences. Previously, she worked as Cultural Manager at Casa del Lector (GSR Foundation) and held positions at the Instituto Cervantes and the University of Mumbai (India). Her career has focused on cultural management, educational innovation and programme development. Interested in digital transformation in cultural and educational institutions, she recently completed the Executive Programme in Digital Competences for Cultural and Creative Professionals (UNED). She holds a BA in English Studies (University of Santiago de Compostela), an MPhil in Cultural Studies (Carlos III University of Madrid) and an MPhil in Modern Languages and Educational Research (University of Murcia). Her interests focus on lifelong learning, digital innovation, cultural leadership and audience engagement.

FS2S PROGRAMME LOGISTICS

FS2S venue

From Science to Society 2026 workshop is held at the Howard Building of Downing College (see map), University of Cambridge (Regent St, Cambridge CB2 1DQ, United Kingdom). All sessions will be taking place here.

FS2S participants will be accommodated in superior single rooms at Downing College.

Directions to Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is located in the East of England, 50 miles north of London. It is well served by road and rail links and is within easy distance of the major London airports.

EU flights

London Stansted Airport is just 30 miles from Cambridge. An hourly 35 min direct train service runs from Stansted to the City. We recommend using London Stansted Airport.

London Gatwick is about 75 miles from Cambridge. You can travel from Gatwick Airport to Cambridge by train. The fastest trains take around 2 hours.

Luton Airport is about 40 miles from Cambridge. There is no direct connection between Luton Airport and Cambridge. You can take a train from London Luton Airport (LTN) to Cambridge via Luton Station Interchange station. The whole journey takes about 2.5 hours.

It is also possible to fly directly into Cambridge by using Cambridge International Airport. However, a very limited number of flights are available to and from Cambridge International Airport.

Intercontinental flights

London Heathrow Airport is situated 2h from Cambridge. It is possible to take a train into London King's Cross and then take another train to Cambridge.

Train

There are regular services to Cambridge from London King's Cross and London Liverpool Street stations. The fastest trains leave from London King's Cross every half an hour and take 50 min.

Car

Cambridge is an hour's ride from London, depending on traffic. Please do note that the centre of Cambridge is mostly free of private cars, especially around the conference venue. Parking at the FS2S venue is not available.

FS2S registration

Registration of participants will take place from 10:00 am to 13:00 pm on 23rd September at the Porter's Lodge of Downing College (see map). Rooms will be accessible from 14.00 pm on the day of arrival. The university staff will store your luggage if arriving before the room check-in time.

The first activity (Introductory session) is scheduled at 14:00 pm on that day, so we encourage all participants to arrive on time to participate in it. We kindly ask you to send us your estimated arrival time and inform us in advance if you need to register outside the proposed hours.

Grand Gala Dinner

All attendees of FS2S are invited to a Grand Formal Dinner at the Senior Combination Room of St Catharine's College, located on Queens' Ln, Cambridge CB2 1RL, a short 15-minute walk from Downing College (see map).

19:30 – 20:00: Drinks reception starts

20:00 – 22:00: Three-course formal dinner at the Senior Combination Room of St Catharine's College

Dress code: business wear

Meeting point: 19:15 pm, St Catharine's College, Cambridge CB2 1RL

Catering

We are delighted to offer full coverage of all meals, snacks, and refreshment throughout the conference daily sessions taking place from the 23rd to the 25th of September. This excludes dinner on the 24th of September. On the Grand Formal Gala Dinner (23rd of September) we will provide a full warm dinner to all participants. Therefore, we kindly ask you to share with us any food restrictions/allergies that you may have. Please note that we can only offer special menus to those who inform us in advance to arrange it.

Dress code

For your stay at Cambridge University, we suggest you use smart casual wear. Comfortable shoes are especially advisable on the second day because the team building activity requires a bit of movement. For the social activities there is not pre-set dress code. Business formal attire is required for the Grand Formal Dinner taking place on Wednesday 23rd September.

Photography and video privacy notice

Please be aware that attendance to this workshop confirms acceptance of this privacy notice: the organisation will be capturing the images of attendees and speakers at its events with photographic and video recording devices to be used for exclusive purposes of the organisation, including being used for marketing, the organisation's websites, social media, or historical records of the society and may be shown to the public at large.

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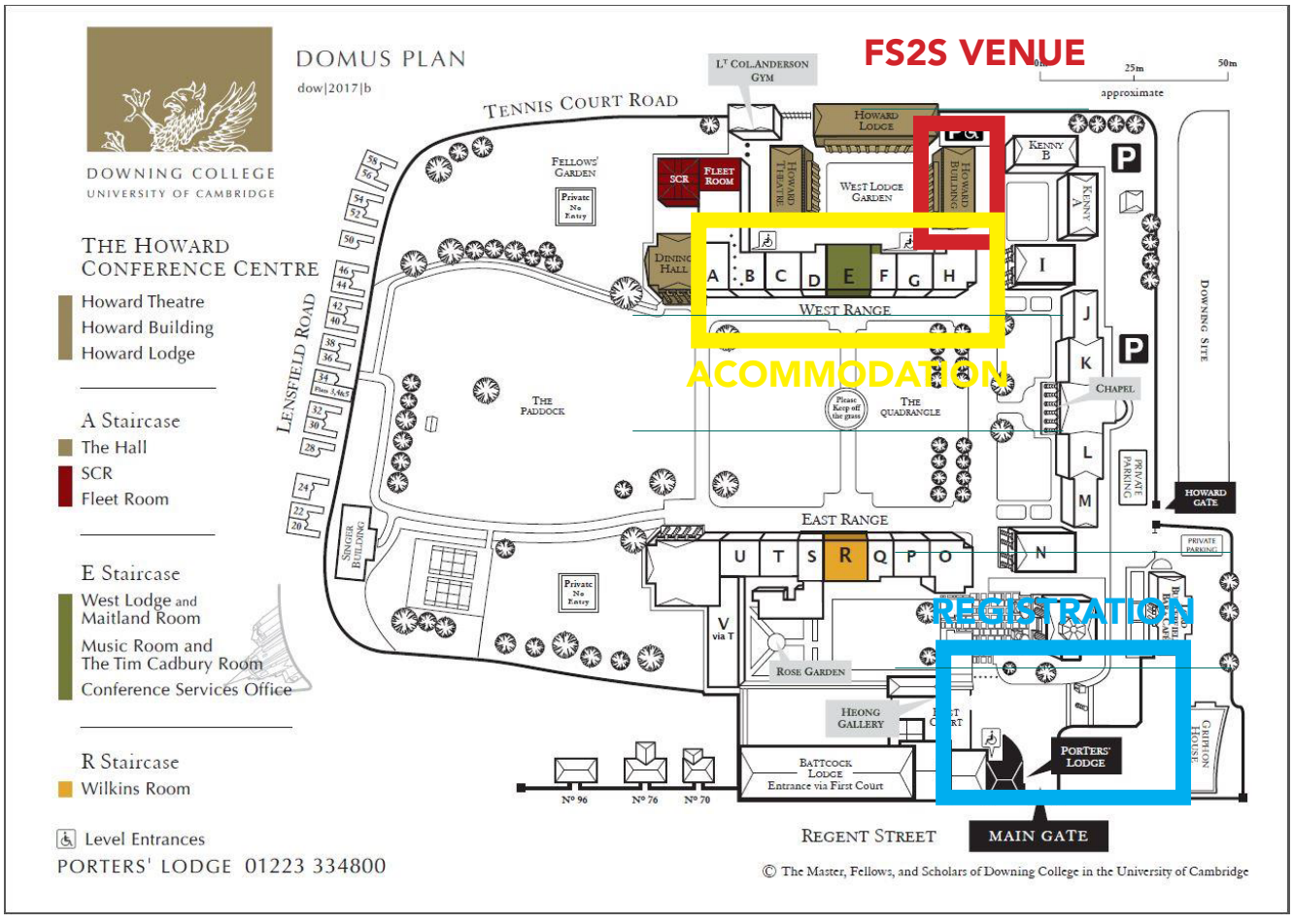
Getting around

Downing College's Map



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