

THE HISTORY, USES, AND FUTURE OF THE NOBEL PRIZE

A Symposium

October 4, 2018 | 1-6pm

Harvard Medical School

Organizers

Nils Hansson

David S. Jones

Scott Podolsky

PANEL I: Scientific Credit and the History of the Nobel Prize

Chair: **Allan Brandt** (Harvard Medical School and Harvard University) / **Jacalyn M. Duffin** (Queen's University): Commemorating Excellence: the Nobel Prize and the Historical Sociology of Science / **Nils Hansson, Thorsten Halling**, and **Heiner Fangerau** (Heinrich Heine-University): The First US-American Nobel Prize Nominees in Medicine (and why they failed) / **Jeffrey Flier** (Harvard Medical School): The Past, Present, and Future of Scientific Credit in Biomedicine

PANEL II: The Nobel - and Ig Nobel - Prize in Practice

Chair: **David S. Jones** (Harvard Medical School and Harvard University) / **David Kaiser** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology): But Does it Scale? Awarding Nobel Prizes in Physics amid Exponential Growth / **Marc Abrahams** (Annals of Improbable Research/Ig Nobel Prizes): Ig Nobel: Research that Makes You Laugh, then Makes You Think

PANEL III: The Uses and Future of the Nobel Prize

Chair: **Scott H. Podolsky** (Harvard Medical School) / **Eric Chivian, Michael Christ, Ira Helfand, Bernard Lown, James Muller**, and **John Pastore** (leadership of IPPNW, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, 1985): Decreasing the Nuclear Threat to Humanity - Nobel Peace Prizes to IPPNW in 1985 and ICAN in 2017 / **Torsten Wiesel** (recipient, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1981): Nobel – Excellence Forever / **Jack Szostak** (recipient, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 2009): Opportunities and Responsibilities that Come with Winning the Nobel Prize

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