

Welcome to the Women's NeuroNetwork (WNN) kick-off event
'Gender bias in Academia'

January 27th, 16:00 - 17:30pm (CET) | Free online event.



We are delighted to introduce the speakers for the WNN kick-off event: Dr Anaïs Llorens, Ass. Prof. Athina Tzovara, and Dr Sana Suri. Please find their full bios below.

Program:

★ **16:00 - 16:10** | *Introduction to Women's NeuroNetwork*
 - Dr Ann-Marie de Lange and Dr Claudia Barth

★ **16:10 - 16:40** | *Improving gender equity in Neuroscience*
 - Dr Anaïs Llorens and Ass. Prof. Athina Tzovara

★ **16:40 - 17:00** | *One is a lonely number: My personal perspectives as a Brown immigrant woman in STEM* - Dr Sana Suri

★ **17:00 - 17:30** | *Questions and discussion*

*Note that the time is CET, [check timezone here](#)

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Anaïs Llorens is an Assistant Project Scientist in the Knight Lab at the Helen Wills Neuroscience institute, at the University of California, Berkeley. She obtained a PhD in cognitive neuroscience at Aix-Marseille University in 2014 and, after a brief passage in Brisbane (Australia) as a visiting scholar, she did a first postdoc at Oslo University before joining the Knight Lab at University of California, Berkeley in 2019. Her research interest focuses on the cognitive models and brain mechanisms underlying working memory and language, using behavioral and electrophysiological (EEG and intraEEG) experiments conducted with healthy and pathologic populations. She is also actively engaged in promoting equity and diversity in STEM.

Athina Tzovara is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Computer Science at the University of Bern, Switzerland and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California Berkeley, USA. She received a diploma in electrical and computer engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, Greece in 2009, and a PhD in neuroscience from the University Hospital Centre of Lausanne, Switzerland in 2012. She then moved to the University of Zurich as a postdoctoral researcher and the University College London, UK as an honorary research associate. Before joining the University of Bern, she was doing research at the Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, at the University of California Berkeley, USA. Her research combines modeling and machine learning techniques with invasive and non invasive recordings of neural activity in humans, to study the neural mechanisms that support human cognition. In parallel to her research, Athina Tzovara is active in initiatives promoting diversity and inclusivity in academic environments. She has been teaching in summer schools for women in computer science and engineering, organizing mentoring seminars for women in STEM, and she has also been member of the Diversity and Inclusivity committee of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping since 2016, as well as chair of the committee in 2019-2020.

Sana Suri is the Principal Investigator of the Heart and Brain Group at the University of Oxford. She obtained her MSc and DPhil at the University of Oxford in 2016, and currently holds grants from the UK Alzheimers Society and the Academy of Medical Sciences. Her groups research combines multi-modal brain MRI and vascular sonography to study dementia, with a view to informing strategies to prevent or delay dementia onset. Dr Suri is a keen science communicator and has written several articles for The Conversation UK and the University of Oxford Blog. She has won many awards for her scientific outreach, including for presentations to Members of UK Parliament. Dr Suri chairs centre-wide initiatives for patient and public involvement in research and sits on the Athena SWAN board for the Oxford Department of Psychiatry. She also leads Mosaic, a departmental network for promoting and supporting racial and ethnic diversity in academia.

Women's NeuroNetwork (WNN) was established by Dr Ann-Marie de Lange and Dr Claudia Barth to provide a networking platform for researchers at all career stages. The aim is to promote academic independence and support collaboration across labs and countries. All neuroscientists who identify as a woman are welcome to join our community. Please find more information and an overview of all members here: www.womensneuronet.com.

