



WHAT SCIENCE FOR WHAT SOCIETY

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Aula Valent, Palazzo Malcanton Marcorà

A ROUNDTABLE WITH

Jason Alexander (London School of Economics) and **Crysostomos Mantzavinos** (University of Athens)

in conversation with

Eleonora Montuschi (Ca' Foscari University of Venice - chair), **Pierluigi Barrotta** (University of Pisa),
Matteo Vagelli (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), **Matteo Collodel** (University of Vienna)

In a world that increasingly challenges the values of an 'open society' how should we look at science as an institution that can renew at least some key democratic values? And in the light of this reflection, how can we identify what practice of science and what kind of society best meet the needs and

expectations of our controversial times? The participants in this roundtable will discuss these issues with the authors of two 2024 insightful books: **J.C.Alexander's *The Open Society as its Enemy*** and **C.Mantzavinos' *The Constitution of Science***.