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# Avoiding Ethics Dumping in Global Research

## Looking for Equitable Partnerships

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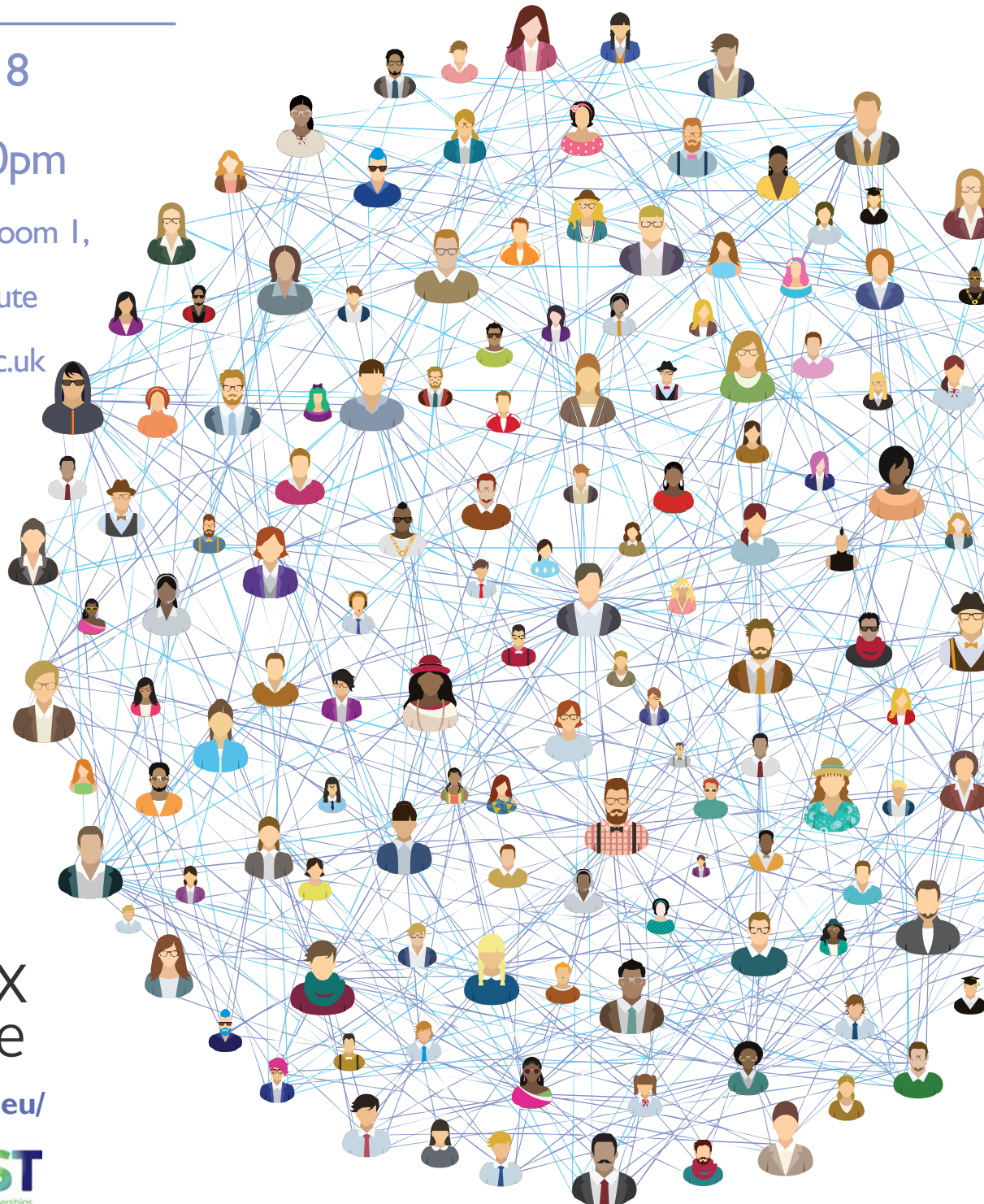
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## Background

Ethics dumping is the practice of exporting unethical research to settings with less stringent regulations or compliance mechanisms. [Ethics dumping](#) includes, amongst others:

- trying to obtain retrospective ethics approval,
- ignoring or side-stepping local approval systems,
- failing to compensate for harm incurred during a study,
- undertaking high-risk research in settings, which may not benefit from the results,
- commercializing samples without benefit sharing,
- avoiding high animal welfare standards,
- misinterpreting existing standards of care.

## New developments

To achieve fair partnerships in research is the aim of the [Global Code of Conduct for Research in Resource-Poor Settings](#) (GCC). The GCC provides guidance to researchers of *all* disciplines and focuses especially on research in resource poor-settings. The GCC has bite through its adoption by both the European Commission and the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP). Those in receipt of research funds have to demonstrate that they abide by the GCC, see recent [NATURE article](#). What is widely regarded as a major achievement of the GCC is that vulnerable research populations in low and middle income countries (LMICs), in particular indigenous peoples from the Kalahari and sex workers from Nairobi, were represented throughout the drafting process.

## Speakers



Prof. Doris Schroeder  
*Director Centre for Professional Ethics, UCLan  
Lead Author of GCC*



Joyce Adhiambo Odhiambo  
*Health Activist, former sex worker*



Leana Snyders  
*Director South African San Council*



Dr Joshua Kimani  
*Clinical Research Director, Nairobi*

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The 2-hour event will have four 10-minute presentations, 3 short videos and 3 interactive sessions.

### Presentations:

- Respect in research (Adhiambo Odhiambo)
- The San Code of Research Ethics (Snyders)
- The GCC (Kimani)
- The four values framework (Schroeder)

### Interactive sessions:

- Ethics dumping cases known to the audience
- Co-design approach to involving vulnerable populations in research
- Moral framework used for GCC

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