

# Navigating Implicit Knowledge: Chair & Panel Biographies

## Chair

### **Prof Jen Ross, Associate Dean (Research Cultures), CAHSS**



[Professor Jen Ross](#) is Associate Dean (Research Cultures) in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and co-director of the Centre for Research in Digital Education in the Moray House School of Education and Sport. Her current research includes projects on implicit knowledge and on ethical leadership in conditions of precarity in academia, as well as work on education and cultural heritage futures, emerging technologies (including Generative AI), digital cultural heritage engagement and interpretation, open and online education, and issues of self-presentation, surveillance and trust.

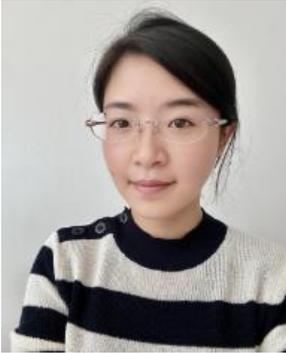
## Panel Members

### **Dr Omar Alfituri, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Regeneration and Repair, CMVM**



[Dr Omar Alfituri](#) is an immunologist with years of research experience in host immunity and infectious diseases. His interests are in investigating host-pathogen interactions and immunity during disease. His research has investigated disease and infection in multiple hosts, including in animals such as livestock, and more recently in humans. He has spent several years at Easter Bush campus, where he was PG student rep and then chair of the Postdoctoral Committee. He was also based part-time at King's Buildings campus as a University Teacher in Immunology from 2024-2025. In 2026 he has moved to the Institute of Regeneration and Repair at Little France campus.

**Dr Nini Kerr, Senior Lecturer, School of Health and Social Sciences, CAHSS**



[Dr Nini Kerr](#) is a Senior Lecturer in Counselling and Psychotherapy and an accredited psychoanalytic practitioner and trainer. Her research expertise intersects critical theory, cultural studies, and psychoanalysis. She has published extensively in the field of psychosocial studies and won the Good Practice Research Award in the 'Positive Disruptor' category in 2022 in recognition of her sustained achievements in innovating and revitalising research practices that promote social justice and equality.

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**Dr Augusto Rocha, Lecturer, Business School, CAHSS**



[Dr Augusto Rocha](#) is a Lecturer in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Edinburgh Business School, where he investigates how social and financial capital shape entrepreneurial ecosystems and regional development. His research explores social networks, entrepreneurial communities and knowledge exchange, drawing on advanced methods such as Social Network Analysis. Prior to academia, he was a (fin)tech entrepreneur, which informs his teaching and research. Augusto's work appears in leading journals and emphasises the relational dynamics that enable entrepreneurial growth.

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**Prof Rob van Glabbeek, Personal Chair in Computer Science, School of Informatics, CSE**



[Professor Rob van Glabbeek](#) has been active in concurrency theory since 1984, with positions at CWI Amsterdam, Stanford University, UNSW Sydney, and now at the University of Edinburgh. He is a foreign member of the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities, winner of the 2020 CONCUR test-of-time award, member of Academia Europaea, and fellow of the Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association. He is known for the invention of branching bi-simulation, the semantic equivalence now used in most verification tools based on equivalence checking, for the assumption of justness as a weakening of fairness necessary to prove liveness properties of distributed systems, and for impossibility results for mutual exclusion with blocking registers.



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