

# DATA-INFORMED STUDENTS DEBATE ON COVID-19

## Join the online EUTOPIA inter-university debate

This online debate is organised by the EUTOPIA learning community "Data and Critical Thinking"

### WHEN?

March 3rd 2021 afternoon



#### WHICH TOPICS?

- Efficacy of masks, vaccines and treatments (Hydroxychoroquine, Remdesivir)
- Testing policies, and reliability of reported numbers
- Gravity of the pandemic: "Flu kills thousands of people every year too, and we do not make such a fuss about it."
- Are the consequences of the lockdown and social distancing measures worse than the disease itself? What do economic and epidemic data tell us?

### HOW TO SIGN UP?

By February 5th, slgn up with your team (3 people max) or individually (you will be assigned to a team, most likely from your institution). A link to the debating space will be provided to you, as well as a set of documents on COVID-19, and of online resources on argumentation and fallacies.

### WHO?

Students from the **EUTOPIA** alliance, a group of 6 universities

## WHAT?

Students debate on Covid-19, and have to address two out of four possible topics. The topics that you will debate on and the side you will have to defend will be assigned to you in order to allow an even repartition of teams.

It is FREE. As in free beer. But the number of teams allowed to attend is limited (first-come-first-served, limited number of spots per institution).



#### RULES

For each topic, student teams are assigned to a stance. The teams have time to prepare during the weeks between assignment and the day of the event. The debate is organized in two rounds. In each round, each team challenges a team from another institution. To win a round, they must impress with data-informed arguments, and/or point out the fallacies in opponents' discourse. The winners will be given a (mostly symbolic) award.

TO SIGN UP, SCAN THIS QR CODE OR <u>CLICK HERE</u>















