***As we wrap up EPIC’s inaugural year, our project manager Charlotte Withers reflects on our journey and achievements.***

Project EPIC seeks to catalyse transformative change in how epistemic injustice (EI) is understood and addressed within healthcare. The project addresses four key challenges: the understudied forms of EI in healthcare; the need for detailed empirical study of EI cases in healthcare and for empirical testing and validation of the concept; the lack of research on how EI could be ameliorated; and the need to integrate the conceptual resources of EI into wider discourses about healthcare.

In our first year, we focussed on a range of objectives including:

* Foster meaningful collaborations across institutions and disciplines.
* Appoint key personnel to lead and deliver research strands.
* Build an engaged, inclusive community of scholars, professionals, and stakeholders.
* Establish a strong online presence to share research and resources widely.

Through the dedication of our team these objectives have been achieved, laying strong foundations for EPIC’s future impact.

**Publications**

EPIC’s inaugural year has also been a productive year for publications:

* Bortolotti edited an open-access collection entitled [*Epistemic Justice in Mental Healthcare*](https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-68881-2) (Palgrave), with a preface by Bortolotti and Broome.
* Articles have appeared in leading journals such as Kidd's [article](https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/1/article/937765) in *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology,* Degerman's [article](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09515089.2024.2354447#abstract) in *Philosophical Psychology,*Russell's [article](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10670-024-00908-2) in *Erkenntnis,*and Carel and Kidd's [article](https://doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2024.2400083) in *Social Epistemology.*
* Chapters have been prepared for inclusion in edited collections, such as a chapter co-authored by Broome, McGuinness and Kidd on ‘Epistemic injustice, informed consent, and shared decision-making in mental health care’ and a chapter co-authored by Bortolotti, Murphy-Hollies, and Byrne on 'Epistemic Injustice in Mental Health: new directions'.

Future publications include two anticipated monographs and proceedings from upcoming conferences in Leipzig and Nottingham.

EPIC has also prioritized accessible outputs, publishing in venues such as [*Psychology Today*](https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/the-philosophers-diaries/202410/should-we-stop-talking-about-delusions) and [*The Conversation*](https://theconversation.com/black-women-are-at-greater-risk-of-maternal-death-in-the-uk-heres-what-needs-to-be-done-204709)and producing a number of podcasts and videos for the general public.

**Memorable Events**

EPIC launched with an inspiring [event](https://epistemicinjusticeinhealthcare.org/epic-launch-event) in Bristol featuring a commissioned musical piece by Toby Young. We’ve since hosted workshops for early-career women in philosophy and epistemic injustice scholars, with more exciting events planned through 2025/26.

**Presentations and Outreach**

EPIC members have shared their work globally, presenting at prestigious venues, including International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis (ISPS-US), the Chilean Society for Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (SONEPSYN), and seminars and conferences at the universities of Cambridge, Aarhus, Eindhoven, Tokyo, California Irvine, and Prague - to mention just a few.

Our outreach efforts have made epistemic injustice accessible to broader audiences, including the following:

* Workshops with the [Voice Collective](https://www.voicecollective.co.uk/) resulted in co-produced videos and open-access resources.
* Collaboration with the [Patients Association](https://www.patients-association.org.uk/) and the WHO Behavioural and Cultural Insights Hub are producing impactful briefing papers.

 **Fostering Collaborations**

Collaboration is at the heart of EPIC’s mission. This year, we’ve developed a strong network of partnerships across institutions and countries. Our investigators at Birmingham, Nottingham, Swansea, and Bristol have made significant strides in building internal and cross-institutional connections.

* Institutional Efforts: the Nottingham team developed a research network, and the Birmingham team launched a reading group and this blog to connect scholars and ideas.
* International Partnerships: the Birmingham team are collaborating with the University of Ferrara on a case study addressing depression in cancer patients and with the University of Bologna on dementia research.

These collaborations have created a foundation for innovative, interdisciplinary research in the years to come.

**Building Community**

Creating a thriving community has been central to EPIC’s success.

* Online Engagement: EPIC hosts [monthly seminars](https://epistemicinjusticeinhealthcare.org/epic-seminar-series), with renowned speakers such as Miranda Fricker, and offers a ‘Friends of EPIC’ feature on our website to showcase our engagement with similarly motivated projects and researchers.
* Social Media Presence: Our [website](https://epistemicinjusticeinhealthcare.org/), blog, and [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/EPICproject) share regular updates, alongside impactful campaigns contributing to ‘Women in Philosophy’ and ‘World Mental Health Day.’

**Looking Ahead**

EPIC’s first year has been a resounding success. From fostering meaningful collaborations to publishing innovative research and building a vibrant community, we have laid a strong foundation for the future.