Philosopher Nancy Cartwright selected as winner of the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize for her outstanding contributions to philosophical research

The Barcelona Knowledge Hub of Academia Europaea (AE-BKH) is pleased to announce that the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize in its third edition recognises Nancy Cartwright, MAE, philosopher of science, Professor of Philosophy at Durham University and Director of its Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society (CHESS), for her outstanding contributions to philosophical research. These have resulted in a new understanding of the nature of scientific theories and of causation and have held far-reaching consequences for a range of different fields of knowledge, including both natural and the social and human sciences.

Prof. Cartwright, deemed “one of the most influential, if not the most influential, contemporary philosopher of science” by the selection jury, has laid the foundations for an approach combining rigour and realism that aims at evidence-based policy and has had a profound impact on societies and policies across Europe and beyond.

Preparations are underway for a solemn prize ceremony scheduled to take place at 6:00 p.m. CET on Monday, 28 March 2022, in the Saló de Cent, or Barcelona City Council’s main hall. During the ceremony, Prof. Cartwright will deliver a distinguished lecture on her research and career in the company of Barcelona city officials, representatives from Barcelona’s scientific community and Members of Academia Europaea (AE). Live streaming of the event will be made accessible from the AE-BKH website at http://barcelona.acadeuro.org/. More information will be posted soon.

The Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize is awarded by the Barcelona City Council in collaboration with the AE-BKH. Part of the Barcelona Science Plan, it seeks to boost the city of Barcelona as a European capital of science and innovation. The prize, in the amount of 30,000 euros, recognises an outstanding researcher who has conducted her/his career primarily in Europe and at the highest international level, with a strong influence on various fields of knowledge and a positive impact on society.