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**Topic / The Science and Practice of Public Relations**

**Descriptor /** The role and value of public relations in an integrated marketing program is often misunderstood and opaque. With the rise of social media and a new class of influencers, however, public relations has become more valuable, and more central, to marketing communications programs than ever before. This session will explore what public relations is, its role and place in the marketing ecosystem, and some of the science behind effective communication.