

OWL colloquium: Athena's platform for deliberating science-society interactions

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We are happy to announce that our next OWL colloquium speaker is **Dr. Arjen Bos**, who will enter into academic debate with **Dr. Ruth Peters**.

Date & time:

Friday 15th of December, 16:00-17:00

Venue:

WN-M639, VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1085

Title:

To tell or not to tell? The dilemma of disclosure of concealable stigmas

Abstract:

This presentation focuses on the dilemma of disclosure for individuals who have a concealable stigma. On the one hand disclosure might lead to stigmatization, on the other hand disclosure might also lead to social support. In this presentation an overview of the stigma concept and various types of stigma will be given. Furthermore, current theoretical insights on disclosure and concealment of stigmas are discussed and empirical research on the (dis)advantages of stigma disclosure is presented. Finally, new directions for future research on stigma disclosure and concealment are outlined.

About our speaker:

Arjen Bos is psychologist and associate professor at the Open University. He's an expert in the field of social stigma. He has published numerous scientific articles on stigmatization of different social groups (e.g., persons living with hiv, persons with a mental illness). A couple of years ago he has co-edited a special issue of Basic and Applied Social Psychology on stigma . Dr. Bos' main

research interests concern self-stigma, stigma disclosure and stigma reduction.

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About the Athena Institute

The Athena Institute at VU University Amsterdam is part of the science faculty. From its early days in the 1990s onwards, it has developed tools and methodologies to successfully deal with science-society interactions at all stages of research and innovation.

About the OWL colloquium

With its monthly OWL colloquium the Athena Institute aspires to stimulate an inter-, multi-, cross and trans-disciplinary process of deliberation about topics relating to the interface between science and society. Speakers from all corners both within and without academia (CSOs, policy, business and industry...) are invited to present on empirical, theoretical and methodological developments topical to bridging the variety of gaps that complicate science and society interactions.

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