

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 **Prof. dr. Arie Rip**.

Date & time: **24 November, 16:00-17:00**

Venue: Room **S-655** in VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1085

Abstract: Challenges to RRI®

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) is open-ended, and there are various (contending) characterizations. It is also a fashion, in and around Brussels (European Commission, its Framework Programme Horizon 2020). So it may pass? In Brussels, it may have passed already, with Commissioner Moedas insisting on 3Os (Open Innovation, Open Science, Openness to the World). While the secondary academic industry of RRI will continue for some time. But there will be residues, because RRI has been taken up at other levels, in institutions, and behavioural patterns.

The fashion resonates with longer-term developments/changes. So decompose the umbrella term RRI into its resonances.

(1) In terms of processes and outcomes: replace RRI by inclusive (research and) innovation

(2) In terms of actors, behaviours: replace RRI by 'due diligence'.

Also, RRI is a site where ongoing developments and the struggles involved are played out. It is an occasion to reflect on, and possibly modify evolving divisions of moral labour.

About our speaker: Arie Rip is Professor of Philosophy of Science and Technology in the School of Management and Governance of the University of Twente. He is a key figure in the Centre for Studies of Science, Technology and Society. The Centre comprises studies of new technology and users, long-term developments of technology and the consumer

society, technology assessment, in particular constructive technology assessment of nanotechnology, foresight as a science and technology policy instrument, national systems of research and innovation and their evolution.

Arie Rip is involved in evaluation studies, as of the Norwegian Research Council, and the research management of Flemish Universities, and international comparative science policy studies. He was a member of the EU High-Level Expert Group on Foresighting the New Technology Wave, and is actively promoting international collaboration in issues of nanotechnology and society. He is also Visiting Professor at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

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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