

OWL colloquium: new platform for deliberating science-society inter-actions at VU University's Athena Institute

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 pertinent to all questions posed above—and more. Thus, 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.

OWL colloquium

We are happy to announce that our next OWL colloquium speaker is **Dr. Menno van der Veen**

Date & time: 26/2, 15:00-16:00

Venue: VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1085, room TBA

About our speaker: Dr. Menno van der Veen

Menno van der Veen is a scientist, an entrepreneur and a regular contributor to Dutch newspapers. He is one of the three founders of [Tertium](#), a company that collaborates intensely with universities to investigate and strengthen the relationship between science and society.

Abstract: An entrepreneur in participatory science and policy-making

Menno will talk on the work that Tertium does with, amongst others, the VU and the Athena institute.

These projects concern public engagement and science, as well as new ways to combine scientific research, creativity and journalism.

The colloquium touches upon: the micro-society, a new method of focus group research (with Athena), 'de oplossers' a project that involves the Dutch weekly magazine *Vrij Nederland* and the VU (involves Athena interns) and 'deugden' as an example of research on sustainable transitions and positive psychology (with Athena).

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Dr. Teun Zuiderent-Jerak, 14 March '16
Linköping University

Prof. Ellen Moors, UU TBA

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.

The OWL colloquium is organized by Jacqueline Broerse, Pim Klaassen and Michelle Rijnen. For more information, please contact us through m.rijnen@vu.nl