

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

The call for science not only to contribute to the existing stock of knowledge but also to finding solutions for societal challenges grows ever louder, not in the least by funders of science and innovation. This leads scientists to rethink their role(s) and identities, in light of which various questions arise regarding problems to work on, methods to use, actors with different (disciplinary) backgrounds and forms of expertise to involve and ways of communicating and collaborating with these.

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.

### First OWL colloquium

We are happy to announce that our first OWL colloquium speaker is

**Prof.Dr. Hans Boutellier.**

Date & time: 26/11, 16:00-17:00

Venue: VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1085, WN M-143

### About our first speaker, Hans Boutellier

Hans Boutellier is professor of Security and citizenship at VU University and research director of the Verwey-Jonker Instituut. He has published widely on social security issues. His books include *The safety utopia* and *Governance in the Wmo* (in Dutch). His latest book is *Local government in an improvisation society* (in Dutch).

### Preliminary program 2015-2016

Prof.Dr. Hans Boutellier 26 Nov. '15

Prof.Dr.Ir. Maria Jansen 11 Dec. '15

Prof.Dr.Ir. Gerard de Vries 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. It is home to experts working from a plethora of backgrounds on making research and innovation responsible and responsive, including science policy and governance, ethical and social aspects of science and participatory methods of research and intervention.

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