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WTMC Annual Meetings – past and future

During the 2015 annual meeting, we had a lively discussion about the Dutch Science Agenda (NWA). Two of the contributions, by Trudy Dehue and Willem Halffman, have recently been published by 'De Omslag', edited by Sjang ten Hagen and Jorrit Smit, WTMC PhD member. Links to the articles can be found on the WTMC website - <http://www.wtmc.eu/>

The 2017 annual meeting will take 'regime change in a post-truth world' as its theme. The year started with the inauguration of a new American president, and by November, Brexit will have been triggered and there will have been important elections elsewhere in Europe. By November, we'll also have almost completed the handover of responsibility for WTMC from Maastricht to somewhere else. The latter will certainly be a peaceful and cooperative process.

'Regime change' is a theme that resonates with much work in science, technology and innovation studies – including Kuhnian paradigm shifts in science and technology, energy transitions, evaluation regimes in healthcare, education and other public services, and the transfer of power in WTMC. An open call for presentations will appear later this month, and the meeting will be held at De Balie in Amsterdam on **24 November 2017**. You can already start considering what might make for a good presentation. Preference will be given to presentations that cut across institutions and theoretical approaches. In this seventh and last meeting organized by Sally Wyatt (current WTMC director), discussion of two books will also be on the programme: *Bruno Latour (Polity)* by Gerard de Vries, and *Mapping Israel, Mapping Palestine* (MIT Press) by Jess Bier.

Evaluation of WTMC – update on the preparations

WTMC is being evaluated this year. Many thanks to everyone who submitted the information requested about publications and other activities. The self-evaluation report has now been completed and sent to

the committee (Alan Irwin, Martina Merz & Pierre-Benoît Joly). They will come to Utrecht on 22-23 March to talk with various officers of WTMC, and to meet with past and present PhD members. We'll keep you posted.

As part of the self-evaluation, an extensive and fascinating list of the publications of WTMC members has been produced, running to about 40 pages. This will be made public after the site visit.

Completed dissertations

Congratulations to the following 'young doctors', all of whom followed the full WTMC training programme:

- Franke van der Molen. *Governing knowledge: Understanding the interplay between knowledge and coastal governance*, University of Groningen. 13 January 2017 (supervisors: Menno Gerkema, Sjaak Swart and Henny van der Windt)

Plus (news of which reached us too late for the December 2016 Field Notes):

- Alejandro Balanzo Guzman. *Unfolding capacity. Strategies of farmers' organisations as change agents*, Twente University. 24 November 2016 (supervisor: Stefan Kuhlmann)

Congratulations are also due to the following for recent achievements (some of which will lead to new PhD members):

Jess Bier, WTMC alumna and now assistant professor of urban sociology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, was awarded the Maastricht University 2016 Best PhD Dissertation Prize during the 'Dies' ceremony on 7 February. Her PhD is called 'Mapping Israel, Mapping Palestine. How Segregated Landscapes Shape Scientific Knowledge'. Read more about it here:

<http://www.observantonline.nl/Home/Artikelen/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/11889/Dissertation-Award-Even-maps-are-political> The book of her PhD will be published by The MIT Press later this year, and will be discussed during the annual meeting.

Anna Harris (Maastricht) has been selected as a new member of the Global Young Academy (GYA). The Global Young Academy 'aims to become the voice of young scientists around the world'. More details on the WTMC website.

Annemarie Mol (UvA) has received a grant from the NWO 'responsible innovation programme' for a project about purifying water with algae. Details here: <http://www.nwo.nl/onderzoek-en-resultaten/programmas/maatschappelijk+verantwoord+innoveren/onderzoeksprojecten>

Peter Peters (Maastricht) & Ruth Benschop (Hogeschool Zuyd) have received funding from NWO's 'Smart Culture - Kunst & Cultuur' programme for a project called 'Artful Participation: Doing Artistic Research with Symphonic Music Audiences'. They will work together with the philharmonie zuidnederland. More details here: <http://www.nwo.nl/onderzoek-en-resultaten/programmas/smart+culture/onderzoeksprojecten>

Jenny Slatman, Professor of Medical Humanities at the University of Tilburg, received a VICI award for her project, 'Mind the Body in Healthcare'. More details here: <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/current/news/press-release-vici-grant-for-jenny-slatman/>

And last but not least - congratulations to **Barend van der Meulen**, head of research at the Rathenau Institute, WTMC Board member, and also 'bijzonder hoogleraar' at CWTS, Leiden University. He will give his inaugural lecture on **27 March**, 16.00-17.00. The title of his lecture is 'Evidence for Science Policy'. Registration for the lecture can be done here: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/agenda/2017/03/evidence-for-science-policy>